Godly Mothers

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Text: Proverbs 6:20-22

# **Intro**

1. Each Lord’s Day we gather together to remember the death of Jesus, the greatest sacrifice of all, and learn how we can be better fathers, mothers and children and how better to serve Him!
2. As it is Mother’s Day, let us look at mothers through the lens of God’s word and the godly influence they can have on their families!
	1. Though Mother’s Day is a special one-time event each year, we should all honor our mothers on a daily basis – especially those who are faithful to God! (READ STORY!)
3. Proverbs 6:20-22 tells us that fathers and mothers both have a role in training up faithful children.
4. The takeaway here is that Mother’s Wisdom is Priceless!
5. **Counsel of Godly Mothers**
6. Proverbs 6:20: “My son, observe the commandment of your father And do not forsake the teaching of your mother;”
	1. Children are instructed to listen to and obey the counsel of godly parents – Ephesians 6:1-3 (“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.”)
	2. Children who are blessed with faithful mothers will be advised based on the word of God and should listen and obey!
	3. II Timothy 1:5: Timothy’s mother Eunice and her mother Lois (his grandmother) trained him in the Scriptures (I Timothy 4:6) and instilled in him a “sincere faith.”
	4. Be a mother like Eunice that taught Timothy from childhood to have assuring faith in the word of God, which is “able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus” (II Timothy 3:14-15).
		1. Read the scriptures to your children, talk about God and what he has done to bless your home, let them see you study for classes and study with them!
7. Godly Mothers counsel from the wisdom of the word of God!

### **Connection to Godly Mothers**

1. Proverbs 6:21: “Bind them continually on your heart; Tie them around your neck.”
	1. Proverbs 1:8-9: “Hear, my son, your father's instruction And do not forsake your mother's teaching; Indeed, they are a graceful wreath to your head And ornaments about your neck.”
	2. Binding godly wisdom and counsel on one’s heart means to meditate on them and to put them into action in our lives!
	3. We must weave (“tie”) godly counsel into our character and into our lives.
	4. Be a mother like Jochebed who put her faith in God into action and saved the life of Moses because she didn’t fear Pharoah’s edict (Hebrews 11:23; Exodus 2:1-4, 8-10).
		1. Teach your children to put their trust in God, no matter the circumstances!
	5. Be a mother like Hannah who fervently prayed to God (I Samuel 1:9-28) and offered her requests to God.
		1. Teach your children to pray and place their burdens in God’s care (Philippians 4:6; I Peter 5:6-7)
2. Godly Mothers trust and pray to God and should train their children to also!

### **Course of Godly Mothers**

1. Proverbs 6:22: “When you walk about, they will guide you; When you sleep, they will watch over you; And when you awake, they will talk to you.”
	1. Deuteronomy 11:18-21:
		1. Deu 11:18  “You shall therefore impress these words of mine on your heart and on your soul; and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontals on your forehead.
		2. Deu 11:19  “You shall teach them to your sons, talking of them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road and when you lie down and when you rise up.
		3. Deu 11:20  “You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates,
		4. Deu 11:21  so that your days and the days of your sons may be multiplied on the land which the LORD swore to your fathers to give them, as long as the heavens remain above the earth.”
2. Godly Mothers…
	1. Lead (Proverbs 6:22): by wisdom and example
		1. Psalm 119:105: We don’t know where to step without godly guidance from God’s word (Jeremiah 10:23).
		2. Let your children see you study, pray, and trust in God through all things.
		3. Let your children see your faithfulness in practice at home, by keeping your word, by thanking God for all His blessings. Let your faith be seen in action (James 2:17, 26)!
	2. Keep (Proverbs 6:22): watch and guard your children
		1. Philippians 4:6-9: The peace of God guards and guides us!
		2. Be aware of your children’s hobbies, interests and friends, and how and where they spend their time.
		3. I Corinthians 15:33: Do not be deceived: “Bad company corrupts good morals.”
	3. Teach (Proverbs 6:22): God’s word to your children so that they may walk in them!
		1. Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Mark 12:30: God’s word should be central to a Christian family that they talk about God while engaged in all kinds of family activity.
		2. Teach your children God’s word by reading it and studying together, by talking about God and His word daily.
3. Be a mother like Sarah who hoped in God’s promises (Genesis 21:1-3)
	1. Teach your children to desire Heaven, to be patient and wait on the Lord!
4. Be a mother like Mary who had unwavering dedication to God (Luke 1:38).
	1. Teach your children to look for ways to serve God and fit His will into their lives!
5. Godly Mothers can set their children on a godly course of faithfulness by their example!

# **Conclusion**

1. What if you didn’t grow up with a godly mother, or didn’t know your mother?
	1. We don’t know anything about Paul’s biological mother.
	2. But he gave a shoutout to his “mother in the faith” at the end of his letter to the Roman saints. He mentioned 22 names and 6 of those names were women.
	3. Romans 16:13: “Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother who was also a mother to me” (NET).
	4. Jesus promised His disciples and all who followed Him that if they were to be without family in the world, in Jesus they would have “homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children…” (Mark 10:30).
	5. It is possible that this Rufus mentioned at the end of Romans is the son of Simon of Cyrene, who carried the cross beam of Jesus to Calvary (Mark 15:21).
	6. If that’s the case, then Simon’s wife became a “mother” to Paul.
	7. Just as older women are instructed to teach younger women in Titus 2:3-5, women, you can become a saint’s “mother in the faith,” thereby following after the example of Rufus’ mother and fulfilling the promise made by Jesus! (Mark 10:30; Luke 8:21)
2. Godly mothers, be an example to your children of making God and His people a priority in your life! Attend services and classes as often as you are able. *Let them see your dedication to God!*
3. Godly mothers, be a godly role model to not only your own children but to other saints!
4. Let us thank God for godly mothers & “mothers in the faith,” for those who have helped shape and guide us to God!
5. If you are not a Christian, you are not serving God but yourself. Repent and be baptized!
6. If a Christian in error, repent and be renewed!

**“...JUST A MOM” (Author Unknown)**

A woman, renewing her driver’s license at the County Clerk ‘s office was asked by the woman recorder to state her occupation. She hesitated, uncertain how to classify herself.

“What I mean is,” explained the recorder, “do you have a job or are you just a......?”

“Of course I have a job,” snapped the woman. “I’m a Mom.”

“We don’t list ‘Mom’ as an occupation; ‘housewife’ covers it,” said the recorder emphatically.

I forgot all about her story until one day I found myself in the same situation, this time at our own Town Hall.

The Clerk was obviously a career woman, poised, efficient and possessed of a high sounding title like, “Official Interrogator” or “Town Registrar.”

“What is your occupation?” she probed.

What made me say it? I do not know. The words simply popped out. “I’m a Research Associate in the field of Child Development and Human Relations.”

The clerk paused, ball-point pen frozen in midair and looked up as though she had not heard right.
I repeated the title slowly emphasizing the most significant words. Then I stared with wonder as my pronouncement was written, in bold, black ink on the official questionnaire.

“Might I ask,” said the clerk with new interest, “just what you do in your field?”

Coolly, without any trace of fluster in my voice, I heard myself reply, “I have a continuing program of research, (what mother doesn’t) in the laboratory and in the field, (normally I would have said indoors and out). I’m working for my Masters, (first the Lord and then the whole family) and already have four credits (all daughters). Of course, the job is one of the most demanding in the humanities, (any mother care to disagree?) and I often work 14 hours a day, (24 is more like it). But the job is more challenging than most run-of-the-mill careers and the rewards are more of a satisfaction rather than just money.”

There was an increasing note of respect in the clerk’s voice as she completed the form, stood up and personally ushered me to the door.

As I drove into our driveway, buoyed up by my glamorous new career, I was greeted by my lab assistants –  ages 13, 7, and 3.

Upstairs I could hear our new experimental model (a 6 month old baby) in the child development program, testing out a new vocal pattern. I felt I had scored a beat on bureaucracy! And I had gone on the official records as someone more distinguished and indispensable to mankind than “just another Mom.

“Motherhood”
What a glorious career! Especially when there’s a title on the door.