

“What the World Needs is Mothers who Please God”

1 Samuel 1:1-27

“The greatest of my teachers was my mother.”

(Sir Winston Churchill)

Mothers who please God...

1. Give children their _____. (vv. 10-16)

- 1) Do they _____ what you believe and why?
- 2) Do they _____ what you believe in _____?

I dare you...ask your children what they believe about God.

2. Give children their _____. (vv.23-24)

- 1) _____ AND _____.
- 2) Beware of the _____ of _____.
- 3) Be _____ always.

How much time do you spend each day focused on your children?
_____ (not doing for but focused on!!)

3. Give children their _____. (vv. 17-20)

- 1) Less _____.
- 2) More _____.
- 3) Even more _____.

How would your children describe your communication style?

4. Give children their _____. (1 Cor. 13:4-8a)

- 1) _____ them in their language.
- 2) _____ them for who they are.
- 3) _____ them often.
- 4) _____ them freely.

Do you children feel loved by you? _____...Don't guess;
ask them!!

“There's no way to be a perfect mother and a million ways to
be a good one.” (Jill Churchill, born Janice Young Brooks)

Mothers are a significant part of a child's life. **The Bible sees them as someone to be honored, a valuable vessel that brings life into the world, and someone worthy of being blessed.** A mother is a teacher, a caregiver, and the one who typically shows a child their first expression of what God's love is.

Specifically, the book of Proverbs, which is also the book in the Bible that talks all about wisdom, has the most to say about mothers. **Fathers/husbands, why not share these verses with your children and honor your wife/the mother of your children!**

1. EXODUS 20:12 – "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land your Lord is giving you."

Honoring your mother is one of the ten commandments that Moses gave to the Israelites from the Lord. To honor means we must respect, love, and take care of our mother no matter what.

2. PROVERBS 31:28 – "Her children arise and call her blessed, her husband also, and he praises her." A part of honoring our mother is recognizing when she is doing what is right and good for her children. Another way to honor a mother is to pray for her, prayers of thankfulness, and blessing for all that she has done for her child. Even if all she could do was give birth to her child, she has done something incredibly beautiful for that child.

3. PROVERBS 6:20 – "My son, keep your father's command and do not forsake your mother's teaching." Forsake is a word that is not typically used in the language of children or one that is common in society today. Another word to use in place of "forsake" is "ignore." So essentially, this verse is telling a child not to ignore what their mother has taught them.

4. PROVERBS 17:6 – "Children's children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children." This verse can get a little confusing, BUT "children's children" may also be known as grandchildren! Talk to them about how excited our grandparents can get to see us and how sometimes our grandparents hang our names or pictures on their walls. Also, have them think about a time where someone was "proud" of them. Then have them share that time/story, then they will understand the meaning better and have the context to know what they are saying when they are reciting the verse to their mother.

5. PSALM 139:13 – "For you created my inmost being, you knit me together in my mother's womb." While this verse describes God and the work He did of creating each one of us, it acknowledges the part their mother played in creating them. Explain to them that God created each of them, and He created them long before they were in their mommy's belly, and he picked their mommy especially for them.

6. EPHESIANS 6:1 – "Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right."

This is a great Bible verse to teach children. It is a specific instruction given specifically to children to obey their parents. This verse is easy to teach to even the younger children, as it is short and does not have any big or foreign words to them. Discuss with them different ways to obey their parents, have suggestions for them, and talk with them about what obeying our parents looks like.

7. ISAIAH 66:13 – "As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem." Talk with the children about how their mother has comforted them. Explain that God gave us our mothers and that He wants us to know that He will comfort us just like that too. Mothers are a great reminder to us of the love and comfort of God.

8. PROVERBS 23:25 – "May your father and mother rejoice; may she who gave you birth be joyful!" REJOICE! When explaining rejoice, use your voice, your arms, your legs, all your being to show them that "rejoice" is kind of like the word we use today, EXCITED! Talk to them about what makes them excited. Explain to them how our parents love us and that having each one of us as a part of their lives makes them "joyful" or full of joy!