

A GODLY WOMAN AND MOTHER

MOTHER'S DAY 2015

Acts 16:1 II Timothy 1:5 II Timothy 3:14-15

God came to Adam and said to Adam that He had been observing how things were in the garden. And God stated that everything had a companion except him. God then said that He had decided to make a companion especially for Adam and that He would call this companion "*woman.*" Adam responded by asking God "*What is woman?*" God said...

- That she is *beautifully formed* to be *pleasing to your sight*.
- She is *wonderfully soft* to be *pleasing to your touch*.
- When you *arrive home from your work* in the garden, she will be *waiting for you at the door* of your house *dressed in beautiful garments* and *scented with exquisite fragrances of perfume*.
- She will *embrace you* and *tell you how much she loves you* and she will *take you by the hand* and *lead you to your favorite over-stuffed chair*...placing the *newspaper* and the *remote control* in your hand.
- Then she will *go into the kitchen* and *finish the gourmet meal* that she has been preparing for you all day.
- And finally she will *escort you to a candle lit table* where you will *dine together* in a most *romantic setting*.

And Adam said, "*O Lord God, how much is this going to cost me?*"

And God answered, "*It will cost you an arm and a leg!*"

And Adam replied, "*Lord, what do you think I could get for a rib?*"

A little girl was asked in Sunday School one day what she had observed about the relationship between her mom and her dad. And she replied that when her mom was mad at her dad, she didn't want her mom brushing her hair.

As we honor all women today...but especially mothers...**five points of grace** need to be given from the beginning...

- *Not everyone is blessed to have the right kind of mother in their life.*
- *Some women are not married...and faithfully serve the Lord as single.*
- *And not everyone who wants to be a mother is...for different reasons.*

- *Some of our mothers are deceased...and we miss them dearly.*
- *Because of different circumstances, some mothers do work outside of the home...some by their own choice, other having been abandoned or pressured by their husbands.*

For many women, today is a reminder of those reasons and so we ought to be mindful that it's not only mothers that are God's great gifts to us...women are. In **Ukraine**, they don't have **Mother's Day**...they have **Women's Day**.

There is a Jewish proverb that says, "*God couldn't be everywhere, so He made mothers.*" As we honor all women, but especially our mothers on their special day, I am reminded of the tremendous influence mothers have on the lives of their children. It's been said that behind every great man is a woman, but it could also be said that behind every great person is often a great mom.

Women have always had a major role in development of our nation...ever since its founding. But the past *seventy-five years* have brought the most changes to the role of women and the family...and most have proven to be more destructive than strengthening. Since World War II when women entered the work force in mass, we have seen a society become dependent on two household incomes. As a result, the traditional way of raising a family has changed dramatically.

It has been roughly *fifty years* since the women's liberation movement began in earnest in the late 1960's, and today as a result, women excel in all areas of life that society calls success. Unfortunately, many women have bought into the deception that if they don't excel in the business world, they have no worth or influence. But as this generation draws to a close, we may yet discover that God has entrusted the greater power...not to women who run countries and corporations...but to those who rock the cradle.

I. A MOTHER'S INFLUENCE:

Mothers have a tremendous impact on their children, but the most valuable thing that a mother can pass on to her child is a *godly legacy*...a legacy of *faith, love, and heart*. **Paul** mentions the importance of such a legacy in his second letter to **Timothy**.

Timothy...the name means "*one who fears God.*"

...Grandmother, **Lois** (**II Timothy 1:5**)

...Mother, **Eunice** (**II Timothy 1:5**)

...Son of a **Greek Gentile father** and a devout **Jewish mother** (**Acts 16:1-3**).

- Her **FAITH**

“Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith.”

~Hebrews 13:7

Alluding specifically to **Timothy’s genuine faith**, **Paul** remarks about the formation and foundation of his faith...

“For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that it is in you as well.”

~II Timothy 1:5

The word *sincere* comes from the Greek **anupokritos**, meaning *“genuine or without hypocrisy.”*

- Her **LOVE**

Nowhere in the Bible is a mother told to love...it’s natural for them to love their family. But when it comes to the Bible’s most well-known passage on love, mothers are beautiful examples of the high calling of love that is described.

“Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.”

~I Corinthians 13:4-7

- Her **HEART**

Moms are a source of *honor, goodness, and loveliness*. As in all things *pure* and *virtuous*, we are encouraged to *think* and *dwell* upon such things.

“Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.”

~Philippians 4:8

The result of rebelling...*grief* and the *broken heart* of a mother.

“...A foolish son is a grief to his mother.”

~Proverbs 10:1

II. A MOTHER’S **INSTRUCTIONS**:

“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.”

~Proverbs 1:8-9

- **WORD** of God

Teach Scripture to your children at a young age...to *Hear* it, *Read* it, *Study* it, *Memorize* it, and *Meditate* on it.

“My son, observe the commandment of your father and do not forsake the teaching of your mother; bind them continually on your heart; tie them around your neck. 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.”

~Proverbs 6:20-22

“You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.”

~II Timothy 3:14-15

- **WAYS** of God

Sow seeds of *righteousness*...teaching her children how to *know* God...how to *hear* God...and how to *experience* God.

“How blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in His ways...you will be happy and it will be well with you.”

~Psalm 128:1-2b

- **WILL** of God

Capable of understanding the Gospel unto salvation...

“From childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.”

~II Timothy 3:15

Knowing that...

“All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”

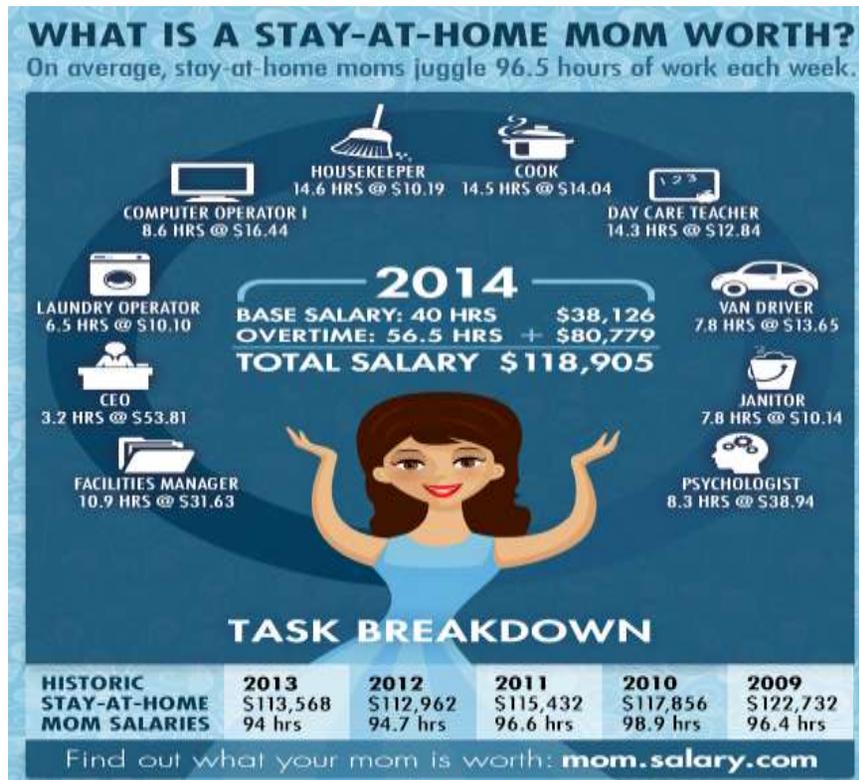
~II Timothy 3:16-17

III. A MOTHER'S INVESTMENT:

- Her PRESENSE

A recent article said that *“a recent study shows that families of faith (meaning a strong spiritual foundation) are stronger and have stronger youth-parent bonds, and their personal enjoyment rises.”*

For the 14th consecutive year, Salary.com surveyed more than *15,000 moms* to find out what their top *10 most time-consuming jobs* are and how much time per week they spend on each. Then they applied their extensive salary data to each job, factored in the number of hours worked including overtime, crunched all the numbers and the result...they give an estimate of what mothers would make if they were paid an annual salary.



- Her NURTURING

Direction...An opportunity to teach their children spiritual truths ...how to handle conflicts, sharing, relating to others, etc.

“Can a woman forget her nursing child and have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, but I will not forget you.”

~Isaiah 49:15

Discipline...

“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother (which is the first commandment with a promise), so that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth.”

~Ephesians 6:1-3

“Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; the rod of discipline will remove it far from him.”

~Proverbs 22:15

Dedication...to the Lord ([Hannah](#) and [Samuel](#))

“For this boy I prayed, and the Lord has given me my petition which I asked of Him, so I have also dedicated him to the Lord; as long as he lives he is dedicated to the Lord. And he worshipped the Lord there.”

~I Samuel 1:27-28

- Her PRAYERS

When a mother or grandmother *prays*...give up!