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1 Thessalonians 1:8

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“What God Said About Mothers”

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The word *mother* is found over 290 times in the Bible. Obviously God had much to say about the women who love, care for and cherish us. We find as we search the Scriptures that mothers are gentle (1 Thess. 2.7), guardians, loving and much more. Further, many mothers were instrumental in the lives of their children as they are today. If the reader is a mother, we thank you.

It is the mother's duty to raise her children in a loving home. Paul instructed the older women to “train the young women to love their husbands and children” and He commanded that these women were to “manage their households” (Titus 2.4-5; 1 Tim. 5.14).

Part of working at home includes a child's teaching and upbringing. How he interacts with others, his personality, his character, etc. will be strongly determined by the influence of his mother. Thus God has instructed her to teach and guide her children in the ways of the Lord. Since Paul taught that children were to obey, respect and honor their mother it is concluded that mothers ought to demand obedience, respect and honor (Eph. 6.1-2, etc.). This is evidently accomplished through training their little ones according to the biblical principles provided to her by God.

Timothy was one who was taught and raised in a godly home by his grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice. His faith was sincere because their focus was to bring him up in the admonition of the Lord (2 Tim. 1.5). No wonder God has directed children to learn from their mothers. Solomon said, “...forsake not your mother's teaching, for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck” (Prov. 1.8-9) and “Bind them [her teaching] on your heart always; tie them around your neck. When you walk, they will lead you; when you lie down, they will watch over you; and when you awake, they will talk with you” (6.20-22).

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Announcements

- Remember the shut in's.
- Pray for the church and one another.
- Men's Bible cancelled
- Kid's drill next week!
- Remember the spiritual sick among us
- Call or email me to add announcements, thanks.

Chronological Bible Reading Plan

May 10 Ps 50, 53, 60, 75
May 11 2 Sam 10, 1 Chr 19, Ps 20
May 12 Ps 65-67, Ps 69-70
May 13 2 Sam 11-12, 1 Chr 20
May 14 Ps 32, 51, 86, 122
May 15 2 Sam 13-15
May 16 Ps 3-4, 12-13, 28, 55

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As children, our duty is to honor God's wishes with regard to our mothers.

Through Moses God instructed, "Honor your ... mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you" (Exo. 20.12).

Included in this directive were commands not to curse her (21.25), strike her (21.17), uncover her nakedness (Lev. 18.7), act stubborn and rebellious towards her (Deut. 21.18), bring her sorrow (Prov. 10.1), despise her (15.20), etc. Instead, her children were to revere her (Lev. 19.3), make her glad (Prov. 23.25), bless her (Prov. 30.11; 31.28), obey her (Prov. 30.17), etc

We are formed in our mother's womb (Psalm 139.13); nursed, taught and guided by them. However, eventually, we will leave our mothers. God said, "Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh" (Gen. 2.24). This point will be the first opportunity in a child's life when his mother's teaching will truly be tested. Further, a faithful-in-all-things mother will strive to leave an example to her children. To her daughter, what to look for in a man and how to be a godly mother and a wife. To her son, what to look for in a woman and how to treat her. This is why mothers are so important to the development of a child's future, both spiritually and physically.

There are too many passages to adequately describe the wonderful role of the mother in this article. God, speaking to His people who were disobedient, in hopes that they would repent and return to Him said, "...that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious abundance.' For thus says the Lord: 'Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse, you shall be carried upon her hip, and bounced upon her knees. As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you...'" (Isaiah 66.11-13). God wanted to comfort His people much like our mothers comfort us. They strive so diligently to carry us upon their hips, bounce us upon their knees, guide and direct us as we grow and comfort us as only a mother can do. Be sure to thank God for our mothers! BG