

Biblical Womanhood as a Mother

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"What is a godly mother?

A godly mother is one who loves the Lord her God with all her heart, soul, mind, and strength and then passionately, consistently, and unrelentingly teaches her child to do the same."

~ Elizabeth George

"Every wife and every mother is very aware of her spiritual failures."

~ Pastor Minnick

Scriptural Encouragements for Mothers

1.	Love	your	children	

Older woman likewise . . . that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored. Titus 2:3-5

• Why we need to be encouraged to love

- How we display love
 - 1) Time
 - 2) Energy
 - 3) Thought
 - 4) Sacrifice

Fill in the blank: My child knows that I love him	
because I	

2.	Teach your children to honor and obey their
	parents.

<u>Children, obey your parents in the Lord</u>, for this is right. <u>Honor your Father and Mother</u> (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 6:1-2

• Discipline according to the Scriptures and with the Scriptures.

My son, observe the <u>commandment of your father</u> and do not forsake the <u>teaching of your mother</u>; Proverbs 6:20

• Discipline at the right time, right place, and with the right attitude—love them with your tone of voice.

•	Be willing and vulnerable enough to confront.
	For I have told him [Eli] that I am about to judge his house forever for the iniquity which he knew, because his sons brought a curse on themselves and he did not rebuke them. 1 Samuel 3:13

• Not disciplining is not loving your children.

• Make it your ambition in child training to always esteem God's Words above any person's words.

The fear of man brings a snare, but he who trusts in the LORD will be exalted. Proverbs 29:25

3. Train your children with Scriptures.

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.

2 Timothy 1:5

And that <u>from childhood you have known</u> the sacred writings which are able to <u>give you the wisdom that leads to salvation</u> through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 2 Timothy 3:15

"Your mission, dear mother
is not to make
your children happy,
but to prepare them for eternity."
~ Mark Chanski

Listen, O my people, to my instruction; Incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old, which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. We will **not conceal** them from their children, but **tell** to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and His strength and His wondrous works that He has done. For He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers that they should **teach** them to their children, that the generation to come might know, even the children yet to be born, that they may arise and tell them to their children, That they should put their confidence in God and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments. Psalm 78:1-7

• Scripture gives the wisdom that leads to salvation.

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ. Romans 10:17

"The greatest mission field in the United States exists in the families of Christians."

~ Pastor Minnick

Don't become discouraged if your children have doubts about their salvation or question your teachings—they are beginning to think as adults. They are thinking and they need Scripture to think clearly.

• Scripture gives wisdom for godly Christian living.

Teach your children . . .

- 1) Bible facts
- 2) Bible doctrines
- 3) Biblical views regarding current issues in our culture
- 4) To reason Biblically (think God's thoughts)
- 5) The "why" behind the choices your family has made

• Scripture teaches us to pray.

Pray for your children, pray Scripture for your children, and pray with your children

But if any of <u>you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God</u>, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. James 1:5

He (a true Christian) must train with an eye to his children's souls. He must not be ashamed to hear his training called singular and strange. What if it is? The time is short, the fashion of this world passeth away. He that has trained his children for heaven, rather than for earth, for God, rather than for man, —he is the parent that will be called wise at last. ~ J. C. Ryle