



young mothers

Lesson 9

Biblical Relationships Built on Love

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Make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; Do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others
Philippians 2:2-4

*“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*

I. My Role: Loving My Children

*Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior . . . teaching what is good, so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to **love their children**.* Titus 2:3-4

- A. Obeying and honoring scriptures' admonitions to me as a wife

B. Obeying and honoring scriptures' admonitions to me as a parent

- By example

“The example of parents, for good or ill, is an influence far more profound than can be measured.”

Elisabeth Elliot

Give me your heart, my son, and let your eyes delight in my ways. Proverbs 23:26

“The attitudes you display [as parents] teach either biblical submission or unbiblical independence and rebellion.”

Ted Tripp

- By disciplining

Do not hold back discipline from the child, although you strike him with the rod, he will not die. You shall strike him with the rod and rescue his soul from Sheol. Proverbs 23:13-14

All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness. Hebrews 12:11

- C. Communicating my love to them
 - talking to them
 - listening to them
 - displaying in deeds

II. *My Children's Role: Loving Others*

A. Learning to love God

And He said to him . . . "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and will all your mind." Matthew 22:37

*If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.
John 14:15*

B. Learning to honor their parents

Honor your father and mother (which is the first commandment with a promise). Ephesians 6:2

Honor: to revere, value

"The right attitude behind the right act of obedience is honor, which means to value highly, to hold in the highest regard and respect."

John McArthur

C. Learning to love their siblings

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, **peace**,
patience, **kindness**, goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness, self-control. . . . Galatians 5:22-23*

- praying for their siblings
- treat siblings with respect



D. Learning to love others

1. Church family

- Serve as a family
- Serve humbly and joyfully

2. Friends

- Teach them what the Bible says about friends
- Encourage them to be friendly
- Be alert to their friendships

3. Unbelievers

- Endeavor to create a burden for lost acquaintances
- Endeavor to create a burden for the lost worldwide

*“O my God, . . .
fill my own soul,
I pray Thee,
with such honor
and reverence for
Thy holy majesty
that both I and my child
may learn what honor is.
Teach me to claim honor
from my child with the holy
aim of leading him to honor
Thee above all.
May honoring his parents
and honoring his God
work in him the spirit of
humility, which gladly
render to all their due.”
Andrew Murray*