



Mothers of Teens

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Assignment:

Beginning Lessons from
2007, 2011, 2015

Spirit-Filled Moms

*Understand what the will of the Lord is...
be filled with the Spirit.
Ephesians 5:17b, 18b*

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness, self-control; against such
things there is no law.
Galatians 5:22-23*



What is your primary goal as a mom in your relationship with your teenage children?

*All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and **make disciples** of all the nations, **baptizing/evangelizing**, them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, [and then] **teaching them** to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Matthew 28:18-20*

How do you make disciples?

- Evangelize
If not confident of salvation—keep evangelizing
- Teach
If confident of salvation—teach **all** things.
When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things. 1 Corinthians 13:11

Keep on TEACHING and TEACHING!
Teach sitting down with an open Bible.
Teach as you walk by the way.

Possible Objections

- Don't feel qualified?
Teach what you know. You're imparting THE Faith which is YOUR Faith!
- This is the father's role?
This is not a 'parenting' class! This is a 'Mom's' class.
- A mother's influence is huge.

There are two great forces in every home. I speak of the father and the mother...who have their part in either making or breaking a household. The mother stands first.... The father may fail if he must, but if the mother fail, God pity the children!
~John Wilbur Chapman

I am sure that, in my early youth, no teaching ever made such an impression upon my mind as the instruction of my mother; neither can I conceive that, to any child, there can be one who will have such influence over the young heart as the mother who has so tenderly cared for her offspring. A man with a soul so dead as not to be moved by the sacred name of “mother” is creation’s blot. Never could it be possible for any man to estimate what he owes to a godly mother. Certainly, I have not the powers of speech with which to set forth my valuation of the choice blessing which the Lord bestowed on me in making me the son of one who prayed for me and prayed with me. How can I ever forget her tearful eye when she warned me to escape from the wrath to come? I thought her lips right eloquent; others might not think so, but they certainly were eloquent to me. How can I ever forget when she bowed her knee, and with her arms about my neck, prayed, “Oh, that my son might live before Thee!” Nor can her frown be effaced from my memory—that solemn, loving frown, when she rebuked my budding iniquities; and her smiles have never faded from my recollections—the beaming of her countenance when she rejoiced to see some good thing in me towards the Lord God of Israel. ~C. H. Spurgeon

- NEVER leave off the end of the passage while you’re making disciples of your children!!!
Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

*What do you need to **BE** in order to disciple your teenage children?*

Be a disciple.

- What is a disciple? A follower learner.
- We cannot expect to make disciples 'for' Christ if we are not disciples 'of' Christ.

Be equipped.

*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*

Be Spirit filled.

Therefore, be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. So then do not be foolish but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled (controlled by) with the Spirit... Ephesians 5:15-18



*Life in the Spirit, Chapter 3, “The Control of the Spirit,”
Ephesians 5:18 (Italics are quotations.)*

1. What does it mean to be ‘filled with the Spirit?’

- A condition not an experience: *constant permanent condition which does not vary, and which does not change.*
- Filled
 - *The influence of the person, the Person of the Holy Spirit Himself.*
 - *‘What wholly takes possession of the mind is said to fill it.’*
 - *To be ‘under the influence’ means that the whole of our personality—our mind and heart and will—is being controlled by this other influence or power.*
 - *Ephesians 5:18 ‘**Go on being controlled** by the Holy Spirit.’*
 - I like to think of it as being YIELDED to the Holy Spirit.

2. How can we be filled with the Spirit?

- It is a command and therefore our choice to obey.
 - *This is not something that happens to us; this is something which we control, and which we determine. As a man decides and controls whether he is going to be filled with wine or not, so it is he himself who controls and decides whether he is going to be controlled by the Spirit or not.*
 - *We must get rid of all notions of passivity here; you do not just wait for this to happen. It is in your power and mine to determine whether we are filled with the Spirit or not.*

- What we must NOT do.
 - Do not GRIEVE the Spirit

If you and I yield to anything that is opposed to the Spirit, we shall not be under the control of the Spirit. I must see to it that my lusts and passions and evil desires are not controlling me. Neither must the devil control me. I must resist the devil, and I must also resist 'the world'.
 - Do not QUENCH the Spirit.

The Spirit is within, stimulating, giving ideas, producing thoughts, making suggestions. Every time I refuse them or reject them, every time I say 'No, wait a minuet, I want to do this first...' I am quenching the Spirit.

- What we MUST do.
 - We must REALIZE that He is within us.

REMEMBER that He is there, 'a gracious, willing guest' within us, dwelling within us. We have to do this quite deliberately.
 - We have to desire Him, and thirst for Him.

I must commune with Him, I must have fellowship with Him. I must consult Him, I must consider His presence and ask Him to manifest Himself more and more to me.

- *I must pay very careful heed to all His promptings. The more we **obey** Him the more He will indicate His desires, the more He will prompt us. All this is happening within us constantly. He would lead us on, He would guide us. He is always doing it, He is always anxious to show us more and more of the Lord Jesus Christ. Let Him do so.*
- *I think MOST importantly, Listen to the Word, the Scriptures. Read it, I say, study it, devour it, understand it, give your time and attention to it. Pay attention to public exposition, and to private study in order to understand it.*

Obey the Word of God!

- **What does it LOOK like?**
 - *It means that the fruit of the Spirit will be manifest in us. Where He is in control the fruit is evident and obvious – ‘love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, meekness, goodness, faith and temperance’.*
 - *These should characterize our relationships in the home with husband and children.*

TURN TO: Galatians 5:14-24

14 For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

TURN TO: Colossians 3:1-24

12 So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience;

13 bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.

14 Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.

BE SPIRIT-FILLED!

What do you need to DO in order to make disciples of your teenage children?

Ephesians 6:4 – but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

1. Keep on Teaching the '*instruction of the Lord*'.
 - Re-establish the authority of God's Word.
 - Keep training to honor and obey.
Don't lose your authority in their lives. If you do, they lose an anchor and will go adrift.



- Keep imparting WISDOM

Jesus example: He 'learned' wisdom.

*When they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city of Nazareth. The Child continued to grow and become strong, **increasing in wisdom**; and the grace of God was upon Him. Now His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when He became **twelve**, they went up there according to the custom of the Feast.... And He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and He continued in subjection to them; and His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus kept **increasing in wisdom** and stature, and in favor with God and men. Luke 2:39-42; 51-52*

2. Keep on *Disciplining*.

- Remember the BIG goal.

'I know, O Lord, that thy rules of proceeding are agreeable to thy perfect justice and wisdom; and I am equally satisfied, that the afflictions that thou hast laid upon me from time to time, are only to fulfil thy gracious and faithful promise of making me eternally happy in thyself.' Blessed fruit of affliction! when we can thus "see the end of the Lord, that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy" – that his 'thoughts towards us are thoughts of peace, and not of evil!' (James 5:11; Jeremiah 29:11) ~Bridges Exposition of Psalm 119, verse 75.

- Reproof—our primary means of Discipline.
 - Scripture is our primary source of Reproof.
 - Reproof is on the way to WISDOM.
- Under the CONTROL of the Spirit.

The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth....

2 Timothy 2:24-25

3. Give yourself to this ministry: time and attention

- Be a good steward of the 'talents/investments' God has given you so you can say, '*Master, you entrusted two talents to me. See, I have gained two more talents.*'

Matthew 25:20

- Priority
Don't abandon them now!

4. PRAY

- Spurgeon's mother

Well do I remember hearing my father speak of an incident that greatly impressed him. He used to be frequently away from home preaching, and at one time, as he was on his way to a service, he feared that he was neglecting his own family while caring for the souls of others. He therefore turned back and went to his home. On arriving there, he was surprised to find no one in the lower rooms of the house but, on ascending the stairs, he heard a sound as of someone engaged in prayer. On listening at the bedroom door, he discovered that it was my mother, pleading most earnestly for the salvation of all her children, and specially praying for Charles, her firstborn and strong-willed son. My father felt that he might safely go about

his Master's business while his dear wife was caring so well for the spiritual interests of the boys and girls at home, so he did not disturb her, but proceeded at once to fulfil his preaching engagement." ~C.H. Spurgeon

A Mother's Prayer

My God and Father, I pray that You will count me worthy of my calling, and fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith with power, so that the name of my Lord Jesus will be glorified in me, and I in Him, according to Your wondrous and all-sufficient GRACE. Amen.

~Adapted from 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

CONSIDER

A mother's *charge*: an immortal creature

A mother's *duty*: to train him up for God, heaven, and eternity

A mother's *dignity*: to educate the family of the Almighty Creator of the universe

A mother's *difficulty*: to raise a fallen, sinful creature to holiness and virtue

A mother's *encouragement*: the promise of divine grace to assist her in her momentous duties

A mother's *relief*: to bear the burden of her cares to God in prayer

A mother's *hope*: to meet her child in glory everlasting and spend eternal ages of delight with him before the throne of God and the Lamb.

~John Angell James

Book recommendations:

- *Life in the Spirit in Marriage, Home & Work*, D. Martin Lloyd-Jones
 - His collection of sermons from Ephesians 5-6.
 - mljtrust.org – free audio version; search by Bible text.
- *A Theology of the Family*, edited by Jeff Pollard & Scott T. Brown
- *Psalm 119: An Exposition* by Charles Bridges

Sermon recommendation:

- *The Gospel of God in the Psalms of David: The Way of Holiness* Dr. Sinclair B. Ferguson, Psalm 119:9-19;
www.sermonaudio.com