



Mothers of Teens

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A Mother's Walk with God

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Memory Verse:

For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding. Proverbs 2:6

As pilgrims on this earth, God is the only trustworthy guide. He alone knows the paths of peace and offers salvation for our souls.



1) SEEK GOD

A) Seek to Know God: A.W. Tozer opens his book, *The Knowledge of the Holy*, with this statement, “*What comes into our mind when we think about God is the most important thing about us.*”

- Spending time in His Word must be a priority
- Learn the “fear of God” quote from Mrs. Minnick’s lesson:

God is in your mind and heart, so powerful, so holy, so awesome, that you would not dare to run away from Him but only run to Him. ~John Piper

- Search with all our hearts. *If you seek Him, He will let you find Him, but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you.* II Chron. 15:1-4, Duet. 4:29
- Come by faith. Heb. 11:6



- *Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.*
James 4:8a

Our progressing and advancing is directly related to our relationship with God's Word. ~ Pastor Minnick, message Jan. 1, 2017

B) Yield to Him:

- Confess our sinfulness. Jer. 3:11-13, 17:9
- Humble ourselves. Ps. 138:6, James 4:6-10, 1 Peter 5:5-7
- Be alert to His stirrings in your heart.

C) Worship Him:

- Quiet ourselves: *Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted above the heathen. I will be exalted in the earth.* Psalm 46:10 (KJV)
- Lift our eyes to God: *Wait for the Lord, be strong and let your heart take courage: Yes, wait for the Lord.* Ps. 27:14



Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of His glory and grace. ~Helen H. Lemmel

SUGGESTIONS FOR DEVOTIONAL TIME:

- A) In a full and busy household, it might be challenging but find a quiet place and time to give to God each day. Make it a habit but not routine.

- B) Prime your heart by reading a devotional or singing a song. “Tune my heart to sing thy praise.”

- C) Read systematically through the Bible, but don’t be afraid to do different studies along the way. Dig into the truths of passages by searching the Bible through cross references. Use the tools available to you.

- D) Make the goal each day to know and meet with God. *Seek for her as silver and search for her as for hidden treasure; Then you will discern the fear of the Lord and discover the knowledge of God. Prov. 2:4-5, 3:13-14*



- E) This is the passion of your heart and what you want to share with your teenagers.

APPLICATION:

We must set the pattern for our children. The greatest commandment is to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength and with all our mind (Luke 10:27). It is convicting, but true; our children know what we love.

2) SEEK GROWTH

Catechism # 54 What is Sanctification? Quote

- A) Come unto Jesus: *“Learn of Me”* Matt. 11:27-30
- B) Growth is pleasing to God: walk and please God, that you excel still more. *For this is the will of God, your sanctification.* I Thess. 4:1, 3



- C) Be transformed by walking in the Spirit: *Whenever a person turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.* II Cor. 3: 16-18

*The opposite of wasting your life is to live by a single, soul-satisfying passion for the supremacy of God in all things.
~John Piper, Don't Waste Your Life, (43)*

- D) Desire: *O satisfy us in the morning with Your lovingkindness, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.* Psalm 90:14
- E) Press on: *I pray that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ.*
Phil. 1:9-10



SUGGESTIONS FOR DEVOTIONAL TIME:

- A) Pray as you go to the Word: *Make me understand the way of Your precepts, so I will meditate on Your wonders.* Psalm 119:27
We need illumination and enlightenment.

- B) Memorize and study a passage to make the truths deeply personal.

- C) Every sermon we hear is preparation for meditation. Review notes from the Sunday services to retain the truths and personalize them. Relisten to sermons. There is so much to glean!

APPLICATION:

As our children grow and mature physically, we expect spiritual growth if they are truly converted. Discuss the Sunday services together. Are they listening and understanding? Discuss the truths you are learning with them. Pray for ways to bring spiritual truths into everyday conversation. Use the memorization of the catechism cards as a springboard for discussions.



3) SEEK TO BE FAITHFUL

A) *Fight the good fight of faith.* I Tim. 6:12

We are in a battle against the world, the flesh and the devil.

May we never forget that without fighting there can be no holiness while we live, and no crown of glory when we die! ~ J.C. Ryle, Holiness, (84)

B) Increase in faith: *The life which I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.* Gal. 2:20 *Take up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.* Eph. 6:16

C) Sound Doctrine: *But as for you, speak the things which are fitting for sound doctrine.* Titus 2:1

Sound doctrine keeps us on track and helps us avoid rigid legalism and loose liberalism. Sound doctrine will produce the stability that is essential for spiritual mothering. ~Susan Hunt, Spiritual Mothering, (67)



- D) We are accountable for our growth: *Work out your salvation with fear and trembling.* Phil. 2:12
- E) Do not despair: *It is God that is working in us. Hold fast the Word of life.* Phil. 2:13-16
- F) Be strong: *Strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might.* Col. 1:9-13

SUGGESTIONS FOR DEVOTION AND PRAYER TIME:

- A) Keep a journal of the spiritual truths God has taught. We do not want to forget!
- B) Meditate on God's Word: Meditation is growing from head to heart to hands. It is mental conversation for application.
- C) Have a prayer journal. I use a three-ring binder so I can add pages. Add the specific requests of your children, events, challenges, blessings, and add answers.
- D) Make use of a "Common Book." Write special verses, quotes, lines from a song, etc. Have this in prayer time. It is helpful to stimulate a spirit of reverence and to recall truths that especially warm your heart.



E) I find personally that praying audibly keeps my mind focused and helps to prevent straying from the goal of talking to my Heavenly Father.

APPLICATIONS:

A) In their young minds, our children are trying to assess the truth of the world around them. We are their guide and teacher.

B) Our children measure the truth of Christianity by our actions as well as our words.

C) Our days and our children's days turn quickly into years:
Teach us to number our days that we may present to you a heart of wisdom. Ps. 90:12

D) Do all possible to guard their hearts from becoming bored with spiritual truth and Sunday services.



*Nothing so hardens the heart of man as
a barren familiarity with sacred things.*

*The same fire which melts the wax
hardens the clay. ~J.C. Ryle*

- E) Pray for the grace of the Holy Spirit to do a mighty work in our hearts!

Assignment:

Mothers of Teens audio lessons -
“Discreet” 2007; “Praying for our Teens” 2011; “Panel on
Prayer” 2015; “One Necessary Thing” 2015



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