



# Rockwood Church of Christ

## The Proclaimer

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## A MARVELOUS MOM

I looked again at the description of the “wife of noble character” in **Proverbs 31**. If I read this right, she gets up very early, works very hard all day at her business, takes care of the family and then goes to bed very late. If that is the Biblical standard for a woman it makes me think one thing. I’m thankful to be a man! For the record, I do not believe this passage suggests that all women should work outside the home, survive on very little sleep, and take no time for themselves. In fact, that would be a prescription for a multitude of health and emotional issues. Rather I think the passage suggests that the central theme of womanhood should be that of selflessness.

The woman depicted in this passage demonstrates that her priorities are God and family. Her activities during the day illustrate her extreme dedication to the goals of honoring God and loving her husband and children in all of her daily activities. Those are the things to which all godly women in Scripture aspire. The people who are around her are honored to be associated with such a one as her. Many of us were raised by selfless mothers such as this. We owe a debt of gratitude this Mother’s Day to women who set aside desires to pursue their dreams of fame or riches to honor us in love. My mother, like many of yours, got by on little while giving me much. She attended every ball game, play, or concert that I was a part of. She never failed to tell me how proud she was of me. I was and still am honored to be her son. My mom has always been hard-working and put her family first. We knew that we were her top priority.

We can look around the audience this morning and see many selfless mothers. We can appreciate their sacrifices and their dedication to God and family. As we strive to be a church family that is dedicated to the principle of building a legacy of faith our moms are so important. They bear the burden of lovingly guiding, tenderly caring, and selflessly giving to leave with their children the dedication in faith to God who loves them so. We need mothers who set aside desires to pursue fame and fortune and pursue instead giving to their children the knowledge of a Savior who gave His all for them.

Those of you who are moms can appreciate the significance of leading your children to the Lord. What so often seems unappreciated and burdensome now will someday reap benefits in eternity. There is no more important goal than the goal of leading your children to heaven. They all have free will and some sadly will choose a different path. Your responsibility is to do all that you can to point them in the direction of their loving Creator. As you strive to do that you are writing your own version of **Proverbs 31** on the tablet of life. You will always be remembered with awe because of all you gave for the ones you love.

I know I remember...Thank you Mom

**Tim Tripp**

# MOTHER'S DAY

The second Sunday in May is set aside as a day to honor one of God's greatest gifts to mankind, Mothers. Mother's Day was first celebrated at a service in Philadelphia in 1907. The day was the idea of Anna Jarvis, a schoolteacher in Philadelphia. The idea was actually her mother's who was not able to carry her plans to a conclusion.

Anna's mother had helped start an organization after the Civil War, "Union and Confederate Mothers." It was organized in her small West Virginia community, to help bring together the veterans of the Great Civil War.

Anna's mother had also planned to institute Mother's Day, to honor the mother's for their contribution to society, the nation, the church, and most of all the family. She died before she was able to bring her plans to fruition. Anna took up her mother's idea and carried it to conclusion.

This is certainly not a religious holiday, but it is a day that draws our attention to one of God's greatest blessings. It is good that we remember the influence our mothers had as we were growing up.

To those mother's who are raising children, you need to be aware of the wonderful blessing and awesome responsibility the Lord has given you. That small life is a being for eternity, and you will help to form the ideas and values that will see them through this life and into the next. Paul's writing to Timothy showed the wonderful influence his mother, Eunice, and grandmother, Lois, had in his spiritual growth to a co-worker with Paul (II Timothy 1:3-6).

Both the Old Testament and New Testament say we are to honor our parents. Paul said in **Ephesians 6:2-3**, "*Honor thy father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with thee and that thou mayest live long on the earth.*"

Hopefully, we honor our mothers every day. To honor means more than giving praise. To honor means to be sure our mother's needs are met. Happy Mother's Day! We are thankful to God for mothers.

**From the Wartburg church of Christ bulletin**

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## MOTHERS!

Who would want to be a mother? She has so much to do!  
From washing, ironing, cleaning, to tying on a shoe.  
Who scrubs, and mends, and cooks and sews?  
Who cleans the children and their clothes?  
Who becomes the doctor or the nurse when they are ill,  
Applying bandages with kisses or giving them a pill?  
Who becomes a teacher when there's schoolwork yet to do?  
Who always wants to hear about the things that interest you?  
A mother does, that's who.  
She becomes detective to find a book or toy.  
She becomes a partner to each heartache and each joy.  
She scolds when we are naughty, She humbles when we're too haughty.  
She tends to her family with love and patience, too.  
Of course that is exactly what a mother will always do.

*"...encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children" (Titus 2:4)*