



Rockwood Church of Christ

The Proclaimer

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LESSONS LEARNED FROM MOM

While I do not know of anyone who would say that their mother or grandmother was perfect, yet we would all have to agree that she taught us many things. I remember growing up with a mom who got up early and stayed up late, get everything ready for the next day. She was a cook, ran a laundry mat, a chauffeur, a school teacher, a counselor, a referee, a banker, a "mountain" doctor, a dentist, and a Sunday school teacher. We always dreaded when she said, "Just wait till your father gets home." We knew we were really in trouble then. One thing I remember in particular about mom is she would be the one who would wait up for us until we got home. She was the original Tom Bodet of Motel 6, she always left the light on for you.

We need more moms who keep the light on for us. Too many women are so wrapped up in partying all night (like the Brittany Spears of the world) so that the kids are having to wait up for the parents. When I was in junior high, there were those my own age whose parents never came home at night. About the only time my dad and mom ever stayed out late was to see someone in the hospital, visit with some friends, or because the cows got out (or something like that).

Mom sure believed the Bible and expected us to have our Sunday school lessons ready every Saturday night. She believed in passages like **Psalm 119:105**, "*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path,*" and **I John 5:3**, "*For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are not grievous.*"

There was never any doubt or argument about where we would be on Sunday morning or Wednesday night. Walt Disney had a show that came on every Sunday evening (about the time we headed for church services). It didn't matter even if everyone else was going to stay home, we weren't. That battle had been over long before us kids came along.

No, I never claimed mom was perfect. Yet I learned a lot from a mom who loved her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Because she loved Him, she loved her husband and family. I still have a lot to learn from her!

Randy Neal

Wonder Woman, Bionic Woman, LaFemme Nikita, She Ra... are just a few examples of super women. Growing up watching these, I was too young to notice at the time, but I never saw any of them washing dishes, doing laundry, changing diapers, or feeding applesauce to an infant. Our culture sees nothing heroic about the daily tasks of mothering. But **Proverbs 31** gives us another perspective of a super woman. The word describing the woman of this chapter is typically translated “virtuous woman” because most English translations have softened the military language. However the Hebrew word is used to describe someone who is competent for military service, brave, loyal, strong. It is used to describe warriors on the battlefield. But here the term applies to women, heroes on the home front. Today, let us celebrate our women who serve in the home.

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THE LEGEND OF THE CAP AND GOWN

Long ago, in ancient Greece, when formal education was for the very rich or very determined, a wise old teacher was approached by a group of noblemen. *“Our sons have completed their studies and it is time for them to return to their homes and live in the style befitting their station. On the morrow, we will hold a great banquet in their honor and expect them to be dressed in their finest garments.”* The old man smilingly answered, *“appropriately dressed.”*

The following day, the banquet hall was filled with royalty and nobility dressed in dazzling jewels and costly finery. Then came the great moment when the students entered with their beloved teacher. A startled cry arose from the crowd. For here were their young men, dressed, not in the garments of the noble, but in simple sack-cloth robes, each carrying a mortar board – the mark of a common workman.

“Let me explain,” spoke the teacher as he raised his hands for silence. *“Your sons are dressed in the clothing of the mason, for their destiny is to build. Some will build cities, some will build lives – perhaps one of them will even build an empire. But all will be builders in the solid foundation of knowledge.”*

And thus, over the years, the cap and gown have become a traditional part of graduation, symbolizing the fact that our young men and women are builders of their own future – and the future of our world.

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This should remind us that our young men and women are not only the future builders of our nation, but also the church. We pray that our youth will always build their lives upon the right foundation, Jesus Christ (**Ephesians 2:19-22**).

Congratulations once again to our graduates from Rockwood: Shelbey Brackett will graduate from Rockwood High School on May 17th. Alex Bear & Tyrel Holman graduated from Tennessee Tech University on Saturday, May 10th and Wesley McCreary graduated from University of Tennessee on Thursday, May 8th. We are proud of you all!