



Rockwood Church of Christ

The Proclaimer

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If Not for Godly Mothers

There are a lot of things in life that we might be able to do without, but the benefits of godly mothers are not one of them! Can anyone imagine what this world would be like if it were not for them? We would miss:

The Teaching of Eunice. Timothy's mother, along with his grandmother Lois, were said by the apostle Paul to have a sincere faith living in them, which they handed down to the young evangelist (**2 Timothy 1:5**), evidently teaching him the scriptures at an early age (**2 Tim. 3:15**).

The Reliability of Hannah. This godly woman desired a son, and promised that if God would grant her request, she would dedicate him to the Lord's service (**1 Sam. 1:11**). Being a promise-keeping woman, Hannah did exactly as she said she would (**1 Sam. 27-28**).

The Morality of King Lemuel's Mother. This royal's mother encouraged him toward right living in the areas of intoxicating drink, sexual immorality, and protecting the poor (**Proverbs 31:1-10**).

The Industriousness of the Proverbs 31 Woman. Because of her willingness to work and her ingenuity and business acumen, this woman's children would "*rise up and call her blessed*" (**Prov. 31:28**).

The Humility of Mary. When Mary was told by the angel Gabriel that she would give birth to the Messiah, her response was, "*Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word*" (**Luke 1:38a**). This indicated her submission to God and her willingness to humbly work in the role God planned for her.

How we need godly mothers in our world today! Children need teachers of good things, reliability, morality, industriousness, and humility, and righteous mothers can be great examples of these things. Thank your godly mother today!

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Mothers: The Heart of the Family

Nations rise and fall, empires prosper or crumble and men are stirred to great accomplishments or driven to shameful failure often because of the influence of a wife or mother. The wise poet has properly said, *“The hand that rocks the cradle, is the hand that rules the world.”*



For most women, motherhood is a great privilege, a crowning joy and a sublime fulfillment. Perhaps the greatest privilege of motherhood is that of sharing and giving. No one shares and gives as a mother does. She shares her body with another in order to conceive. She shares it again with her unborn child. Then she shares her time, energy and talent with it after it is born in order to meet its needs and cause it to grow and develop. But most of all, she shares her heart and her love as she weeps, laughs, sorrows and rejoices with her child through the months and years of infancy, adolescence and youth and adulthood.

Motherhood, while being a great privilege, also involves obligation. No task on earth requires more dedication, greater skill or fuller commitment. Her responsibilities demand devotion to the highest ideals and patient perseverance over long years of time. Her task is formidable, because there is no human obligation that is less adaptable to substitution than motherhood. You can substitute for the teacher, policeman, governor, and almost anyone else but no one has found an adequate substitute for a mother's love.

The greatest writers and speakers of the ages have tried to capture the fullness of motherhood but all have failed to maximize it. Only in Scripture do we see the blessedness of a good mother fully described. *“Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her; Many daughters have done well, But you excel them all. Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, but a woman who fears the lord, she shall be praised” (Prov. 31:28-31).*

Happy and blessed is the home and the children of a loving mother, one devoted to her husband, children, and the Lord. Let us thank God if our home is so blessed.

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