

## THE BEAUTIFUL CHRISTIAN MOTHER/GRANDMOTHER

This lesson from Scripture will show us how we as mothers and in some cases grandmothers are to teach our children and the promises that result from their obedience.

### KEY VERSE:

*Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.*

*(Proverbs 31:28)*

### Being a Mother

We all have an idea of what a mother is but do we really know what God intends for a mother to be? As we all know there are many different kinds of mothers. In Scripture, there are many examples of good and bad mothers. How we raise the children God has given us will determine what kind of mother we really are.

If we fail to teach our children God's way to live their lives, we will lose them to the world and to Satan. It's a big responsibility but it's also a big blessing when it's done right.

### Motherhood Begins:

*Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. (Psalms 127:3)*

Children are a gift from God. They are to be a blessing to their mothers. If we raise them according to Scripture they will also be a blessing to God.

Unfortunately, there are many women out there that see children as a problem or even a curse. Just because a woman gives birth to a child doesn't mean she is a mother. To have the privilege of being called a mother a woman must protect and nurture a child with love, wisdom and understanding.

*For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. (Psalms 139:13-14)*

From the beginning of conception God knows our children. When a child is conceived, they are a miracle of creation. God never intended for us to abort them or abuse them in any way. Abortion is not God's plan for this miracle.

Today there are many that don't consider children a miracle of creation. These precious miracles are labeled "a fetus" or "a mass of cells", anything but a child. There are even those who say that a child isn't a viable human being until after the age of two.

### Teaching Children:

Let's look at the great responsibility God has given us as mothers. It's never too late to be the mother God intended us to be. We must trust His Word and show our children His love.

The areas that require our teaching are how to love, how to live a moral life, how to be obedient, and most important how to be saved and then be obedient to God and His word.

### Behavior

*Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.*

*(Proverbs 22:6)*

As a mother, we have the responsibility to teach our children the way to live their lives. We must start at the birth of our children to train them right and wrong. They need to understand their place in the world that God has created and how to act in that position.

To many times mothers allow their children at a young age to make up their own minds as they grow. By allowing this they are easily swayed by the things of this world because the world has so many exciting things to offer.

### Love

*Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. (Matthew 22:37)*

*These things I command you, that ye love one another. (John 15:17)*

Children do not learn love by reading nor do they learn by mom reading the Word of God to them. They learn love by being loved and seeing love demonstrated by their parents. If the atmosphere of the home is love, the child will absorb it and in turn learn and show love.

### Morals

*But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;*

*Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy. (1 Peter 1:15-16)*

Our society has changed in many ways over the years. There is a battle of good and evil that is affecting our children. The things of the world are thrown at them in all areas of their lives. Peer pressure, music,

movies, games, homosexuality, drugs, atheism, pornography, cults and alcohol are trying to steal our children from the teachings of God.

It is important that we as mothers live our lives as an example for our children. We need to help our children to know how to stand strong against Satan and the things he uses to draw them away from us and from God and His Word.

*“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.” (1 Peter 5:8)*

Obedience

*The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.  
(Proverbs 29:15)*

*Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.  
(Proverbs 29:17)*

*He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.  
(Proverbs 13:24)*

Children must learn obedience at home. Currently there are worldly teachings going around that children should not be corrected. More and more the world and Satan are trying to take our children from us.

If we do not set rules and guidelines for our children to follow and then correct them when they do not obey they will stray into the things the world has to offer. Punishment done correctly will make our children not only good children but they will be happy as well. They will understand that what is being done is for their good and it is because we love them. God’s chastisement is because He loves us.

*As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. (Revelation 3:19)*

Nowadays our children don’t seem to be afraid of anything. Our government has now made it possible for children to sue their parents if they don’t like the way they are corrected. Children need to understand that there is a difference between punishment based on love and punishment based on anger. If we as mothers do not have a fear of the Lord in the correction of our children how can we teach them godly fear and obedience.

Salvation

*But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. (Luke 18:16)*

*And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. (Acts 2:21)*

We must teach our children the Word of God so that they will learn what salvation is. We need to keep our children in church so that not only will they be saved, but that they will grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We have a great responsibility given to us by God when we decided to become parents. Love and discipline are vital in the training of our children. Rejection and inconsistency in discipline can damage a child beyond repair.

We need to determine that with God's help we will not let the world or Satan destroy our children. We need to keep them in our prayers constantly, teach them God's word and love them as God loves us.

If we can be the mothers God intended us to be and armor our children with knowledge of all of the above, He has given them a promise. It is our privilege to teach them so that they can receive this promise from God.

God's Promise to Children

*Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. (Exodus 20:12)*

We as mothers can make the difference if we are willing to get on our knees and pray for our children. We must remember our children are a gift from God and we need to give them back to Him for His use and His purpose in their lives just like Hannah. It's not easy but it is the right thing to do for their good and our blessing.

#### EPHESIANS 6:1-4 SUMS IT UP

*Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. (Ephesians 6:1-4)*

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*Dear LORD,*

*Please help us as mothers to love our children. We ask that you give us the wisdom to teach them Your Word and help us show them that by being obedient they have promises from You to look forward to.*

*In JESUS name, we pray and thank You. Amen ”*

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