

MOTHERS: THE MATERNAL FACTOR

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Deut. 5:16

Eph. 6:2 *Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise;*

The promise; Days prolonged. It may go well with you.

You will always be indebted to your parents. (If not abused. If so forgiveness is in order.)

Mothers are one half of this equation. The maternal factor.

They are the only ones capable of teaching and developing certain aspects of a child's upbringing. The same holds true for fathers.

Together, both father and mother complete the equation.

A position worthy of honor.

Both motherhood and fatherhood are callings.

Gen. 1:27-28 *So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. :28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.*

Mothers must practice self sacrifice in order to properly fulfill their calling. True love.

John 15:13 *Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.*

Why are Biblical examples needed? They provide positive results from the creator Himself.

The world needs to see something that works, not religiosity or judgementalism but concepts that work for saint and sinner alike.

Matt. 5:45 *That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.*

I. Maternal Instinct.

A. Bonded to their children, during pregnancy, for life.

1. Should be kept in proper perspective and priority.

a. God.

b. Husband.

c. Children.

2. Their primary role is to train their children to be parents.

a. Daughters to be wives and mothers and sons to be husbands and fathers.

Prov. 22:6 *Train up a child in the way he should go:...*

B. Unnatural behavior. 2 Tim. 3:2-3 Last day's mothers will be lovers of selves, without natural affection.

1. Child murder.

a. Abortion.

2. Abandonment.

3. Abuse. Direct or indirect.

a. Sometimes permitted because priorities are out of order. i.e. boyfriends, step-fathers, etc..

II. Three Examples Of Quality Motherhood.

A. Hannah (grace), Mother of Samuel (Asked of God.) .1Sam. 1:20-28

1. Dedicates his life to the Lord. 1Sam. 1:28
 - a. Follow up is important.
 - [1.] Takes more than just lip service.
Prov. 22:6 *Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.*
 - [a.] Too often parents assume children, just somehow, know how to behave. Parents have the responsibility of *training* them in their behavior.
 - [b.] God will hold parents accountable. (Some places now prosecute parents for their children's delinquent behavior.)
 - b. The results of her motherhood to Samuel.
 - [1.] Child priest.
 - [2.] Circuit judge.
 - [3.] Anoints the first two kings of Israel.
 - [4.] Becomes a great prophet.
2. Faithful to God.
 - a. Loved of her husband.
 - [1.] Prioritized.
 - b. Hated by the jealous.

B. The Mother of Moses.

1. Jochebed; Jehovah is Glory.
Exod. 2:1 *And there went a man of the house of Levi, and took to wife a daughter of Levi.*
 - a. Sometimes the work of a mother goes unnoticed. Mentioned by name, only twice. God was her glory.
 - [1.] Saved his life.
 - [2.] Nursed him for another woman.
2. God will reward the prayers and efforts of a mother.
Matt. 6:6 *But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.*
3. Laid down her life. John 15:13 *No greater love...*
 - a. Sacrifice.
1Kgs. 3:25-27 *And the king said, Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other. Then spake the woman whose the living child was unto the king, for her bowels yearned upon her son, and she said, O my lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it. But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor thine, but divide it. Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it: she is the mother thereof.*
 - [1.] Life. Includes lifestyle.
 - [2.] Time.
 - [3.] Future.

- C. Mary, The Mother of Jesus.
 - 1. A woman of great faith.
 - Luke 1:38 *And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word.*
 - a. Do anything he tells you to do. Marriage at Cana.
 - 2. Stood with him throughout.
 - a. Was at the cross.
 - 3. Never denied him.
 - a. Even when children are wrong and need corrected, a mother is always a mother.
 - [1]. Even though you may not love or condone their deeds.

III. Being A Quality Mother.

- A. Prioritize.
 - 1. God.
 - 2. Spouse.
 - a. A virtuous woman always keeps herself presentable for her husband.
 - Prov. 31:22
 - [1.] The children will learn from this example.
 - 3. Children.
- B. Prayer.
 - 1. A lifelong commitment.
 - 2. Commit them to God and His destiny for them.
- C. Praise your children.
 - 1. Birth them the second time with your words. Mk. 11:23
 - a. Bless and curse not.
 - James 3:8-11 *But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. :9 Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. :10 Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. :11 Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?*

Conclusion;

Being a quality parent is a choice.

Mothers, choose to be a Biblically qualified mother.

Fathers, choose to be the other half of the equation.

Children, regardless of the circumstances, always respect and honor your mother, as well as your father.

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