

A Godly Mother

Proverbs 31:1; Ephesians 6:1-3

The word “mother” is used 14 times in the book of Proverbs, 329 times (total) in the Bible. As the principle book in the Bible for young people, what is said there concerning parents is valuable for us today. Although this message isn’t entirely from the book of Proverbs, these verses are meaningful, nonetheless.

Proverbs 1:8

(8) My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

Proverbs 6:20

(20) My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

Proverbs 10:1

(1) The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son *is* the heaviness of his mother.

Proverbs 15:20

(20) A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish man despiseth his mother.

Proverbs 19:26

(26) He that wasteth *his* father, *and* chaseth away *his* mother, *is* a son that causeth shame, and bringeth reproach.

Proverbs 20:20

(20) Whoso curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness.

Proverbs 23:22

(22) Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old.

Proverbs 29:15

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

Proverbs 30:11

(11) *There is* a generation *that* curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother.

Proverbs 31:1

(1) The words of king Lemuel, the prophecy that his mother taught him.

There's an old song that goes like this:

M - is for the million things she gave me

O - means only that she's growing old

T - is for the tears she shed to save me

H - is for her heart of purest gold.

E - is for her eyes with love-light shining

R - is right and right she'll always be

P ut them all together they spell Mother

T he word that means the world to me!

This message is one I got from my father that he preached on many a Mother's Day. It is an acrostic message where each letter of the word "Mother" stands for a truth about a godly mother.

Many a child in our day does not have the opportunity to grow up with a godly mother. If they

did, they ought to thank their mother for her love and compassion for raising them right.

There are some things in the Bible that we can find concerning mothers in this acrostic:

I. M – MEANS THAT SHE HAS OBTAINED MERCY

1 Timothy 1:15-16

(15) This *is* a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

(16) Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.

God's mercy is:

A. *Eternal*

Psalms 103:17

(17) But the mercy of the LORD *is* from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;

B. *Boundless*

Psalms 108:4

(4) For thy mercy *is* great above the heavens: and thy truth *reacheth* unto the clouds.

C. *The means of prolonging life*

Lamentations 3:22

(22) *It is of* the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

D. *The means of encouraging penitence*

Joel 2:13

(13) And rend your heart, and not your

garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he *is* gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.

E. The means of forgiving sins

Micah 7:18

(18) Who *is* a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth *in* mercy.

F. The means that makes salvation possible

Titus 3:5

(5) Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

II.O – MEANS THAT SHE IS OBEDIENT TO THE LORD

Deuteronomy 6:7

(7) And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

Deuteronomy 31:13

(13) And *that* their children, which have not known *any thing*, may hear, and learn to fear the LORD your God, as long as ye live in the land whither ye go over Jordan to possess it.

To train a child in the way they should go you must go that way yourself.

III. T – MEANS THAT SHE HAS A GOOD TESTIMONY

Her testimony as a Godly mother should:

A. Relate to personal experiences

Psalms 66:16

(16) Come *and* hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul.

B. Recount God's blessings

Isaiah 63:7

(7) I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the LORD, *and* the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his lovingkindnesses.

C. Come from an inward fire

Jeremiah 20:9

(9) Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But *his word* was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not *stay*.

D. Be an everyday duty

Malachi 3:16

(16) Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard *it*, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.

E. Be inspired by the Spirit

Ephesians 5:18

(18) And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

F. Become irrepressible

Acts 4:20

(20) For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

G. Be the outgrowth of faith

2 Corinthians 4:13

(13) We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;

I think oftimes as the night draws nigh

Of an old house on the hill,

Of a yard all wide and blossom-starred

Where the children played at will.

And when the night at last came down,

Hushing the merry din,

Mother would look around and ask,

"Are all the children in?"

'Tis many and many a year since then,

And the old house on the hill

No longer echoes to childish feet,

And the yard is still - so still,

But I see it all, as the shadows creep,

And though many the years have been

Since then, I can hear my mother ask,

"Are all the children in?"

I wonder if when the shadows fall

On the last short, earthly day,

When we say good-bye to the world out side,

All tired with our childish play,

When we step out into that Other Land

Where Mother so long has been,

Will we hear her ask, just as of old,

"Are all the children in?"

Florence Jones Hadley

IV. H – MEANS THAT SHE IS HAPPY IN THE LORD

A. In doing His work

John 13:17

(17) If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

B. In showing mercy

Proverbs 14:21

(21) He that despiseth his neighbour sinneth: but he that hath mercy on the poor, happy *is* he.

C. In trusting Him

Proverbs 16:20

(20) He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good: and whoso trusteth in the LORD, happy *is*

he.

V. E – MEANS THAT SHE IS EARNEST IN EVERYTHING

A. In love

Deuteronomy 6:5

(5) And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

B. In obedience

Psalms 119:2

(2) Blessed *are* they that keep his testimonies, *and that* seek him with the whole heart.

C. In trust

Proverbs 3:5

(5) Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

D. In prayer

Jeremiah 29:13

(13) And ye shall seek me, and find *me*, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

E. In repentance

Joel 2:12

(12) Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye *even* to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning:

VI. R – MEANS THAT SHE IS REJOICING IN SALVATION

Philippians 4:4

(4) Rejoice in the Lord alway: *and* again I say, Rejoice.

1 Thessalonians 5:16

(16) Rejoice evermore.

1 Peter 4:13

(13) But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

There is nothing in the world of art like the songs a godly mother used to sing.

"There are some so-called Christian homes today with books on the shelves of the library that have no more business being there than a rattle snake crawling about on the floor and poison within the children's reach." This could be said about recordings of today which are poisoning the minds and beings of our children and as mothers you are going to be held responsible to God. (Dr. Allen W. Campbell)

Conclusion:

A young girl lay upon her bed with what proved to be a fatal sickness. She was the only child, the idol of her parents, her every whim was gratified. The doctor was called and examining his young patient he whispered into the mother's ear. The message was heard by the sick girl. Calling her mother she said, "Mother, you taught me how to dance, how to dress well, comport myself in the world, but one thing you have failed to teach me and that is how to die."

How about you, mother? Are you the kind of Godly mother that you should be: showing mercy, obedient to the Lord, have a good testimony, be

happy in the Lord, be earnest in everything, and rejoice in your salvation?

Children, how about you? Are you the kind of child you should be?