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MOTHER'S DAY

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Only God Himself fully appreciates the influence of a Christian mother in the molding of character in her children.

ERMA BOMBECK

It is not until you become a mother that your judgment slowly turns to compassion and understanding.

CHARLES STANLEY

Motherhood is a great honor and a great privilege, yet it is also synonymous with servanthood. Every day women are called upon to selflessly meet the needs of their families. Whether they are awake at night nursing a baby, spending time and money on less-than-grateful teenagers, or preparing meals, moms continuously put others before themselves.

NEIL ANDERSON

Motherhood is not a Hobby. It is a Calling. It is not something to do if you can squeeze the time in. It is what God gave you time for.

You are chosen by God to be your children's mother. He does not make mistakes.

Your greatest contribution to the Kingdom of God may not be something YOU DO, but someone you raise.

ELISABETH ELLIOT

In what context does a Christian live, move, act, think, decide? It must be in the context of God's Kingdom. We either live in that Kingdom, or we live in the world; we either take our cues from the Bible or from the media; we set our goals according to what is going to matter forever or according to the quotation of the day.

Consider, in the context of the Kingdom of God, about this actual incident in a public school classroom: The teacher asked each child what his mother did. There was only one child whose mother did not work outside the home. The teacher asked, "So what does your mother do?" The child answered, "She, um, well, you know, stuff around the house." The teacher said, "You mean she cooks, cleans, does laundry, makes beds?"

The child responded, "Yes." Then the teacher asked, "So you could say, that you have a traditional mother?" The child nodded his head. The teacher asked, "And do you like that?" Consider the context from where the teacher's questions come. It is not one which recognizes any divine design for the home, any glory in service, any joyful willingness to do humble work without thought of gain or appreciation. Consider the pressure put on a little child to question the only context his life has had, the context which until now meant security, normalcy, and happiness for him.

It is not for nothing that the classic passage on warfare of the Christian immediately follows Paul's specific instructions about the closest human relationships. The Christian home is a stronghold, and the enemy will never let up his attempts and attacks to undermine or breach its sanctity.

KEEP A QUIET HEART, pp 219, 220



Dear Temple Ladies,

Thank you for the encouraging card, gift, and prayers. I am so grateful that God has blessed me with such an amazing church family. I look forward to seeing ya'll again soon!

~Jolie

Dear TBC Ladies,

Thank you for the Wal-Mart gift card. It means a lot to know that you are all thinking of us even though we are not there. Thanks again!

~Josh

TBC Ladies,

Thank you for the card and the Wal-Mart gift card! They came at the perfect time. I appreciate your prayers and the encouragement you have given me. It means more than you know. Y'all are a huge blessing.

~Harley

Dear Temple Ladies,

Thank you for the sweet card and gift card! What a blessing you all are to me! Your prayers mean so much to me too!

~Erica

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Motherhood has a wide variety of characteristics, assignments, and tasks. This year, almost all mothers are "stay at home" moms. Motherhood in every circumstance is hard work, whether you have an out of home job or not. My mom worked full-time for most of my life. She continued to do so after my dad passed away. In her 70's she entered the Foster Grandparent program and influenced many young moms and their kids. Many women today find themselves in a "have to work outside the home" situation, so their families will have food, clothes, shelter, vehicles, and the other things of life. The book of Proverbs informs us of a woman who worked in her home and outside her home and did both with God-pleasing results.

It is my prayer that you will be encouraged in the Word to set your mind to the work and service that God has given you to do for His glory. For most of us, Mom, Mama, Mother, Mommy, Mum, means comfort, care, giving, serving, protection, and stability. It was true of my mom. When I was young, she was the stability and protector, and often provider, that my brother and I needed. If you are a mother, this is what you are to be for your children.

TITUS 2:4-5...to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, KEEPERS at home...

There is no qualifier for whether you work outside the home or not. The word, "keeper" means "one who has the care, custody, or superintendence of any thing; one who keeps, one that holds or has possession of any thing."

The Context for Motherhood is the Word of God and His Kingdom. As Mothers, we are doing God's Work. Therefore, I am asking myself — Am I considering God, His Word, and His Kingdom in this most important work He has given me?

Let's be honest – this is hard work.

Some of you are really struggling right now, in this climate and in these challenging times. Most of us have experienced some kind of change in our lifestyles, some of which we were not prepared for, and it is starting to get real and, in some cases, hard and flat out annoying.

Welcome to Motherhood. No more "Me Time." Not much free time. Very little alone time. Especially if your children are small. If they are over 12, they come with a whole new set of challenges in raising them. There is no change in the Word of God in how to do that. There is the command to BE STRONG.

This is our task. May God help us to renew our hearts and our minds and strengthen our resolve to do what He has given us to do. By the way, there is no vacation, no retirement, no furlough for Motherhood. It is a life-long, God-given privilege.

For those of you who are not mothers, you could ask yourself, am I praying for the mothers I know? For those who are struggling financially, for those whose children are home and struggling to get through school? For those who are trying to serve the Lord, their husbands, and their children in new and creative ways?

And for all of us, how thankful are you for your own mother? If you can let her know how precious she is and how thankful you are for her, please do so. Trust me, one day you will wish you had done so more often.

Above all, let us thank God for His Son, our Saviour, and His Holy Spirit Who daily loads us with benefits and strength to carry out the assignments, tasks, and responsibilities He has given us to do in His Service, At His Pleasure, and For His Glory.

THIS IS MOTHERING...

This is Kingdom work.

It is a Calling. It is not a diversion or an interruption or even a job.

It is a God-ordained Mission field and assignment, specifically tailored for you

and one that only you can fulfill.

It is the Lord's work, accomplished in the Spirit's power, and it is never—I repeat—never—in vain.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

PSALM 127:3

Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is His reward.

PROVERBS 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.

PROVERBS 31:27-28

She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

COLOSSIANS 3:16-17

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the Name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!

May God bless you and keep you as you serve Him by serving those He has given you to love!! 🌱

Verse Challenge

DEADLINE: Sunday, May 31

Philippians 3:13-14 (Sept)

Ephesians 2:8-10 (Jan)

I John 2:15-17 (Feb)

Galatians 2:20 (Mar)

John 16:33 (Apr)