

Why Mothers are Special

INTRODUCTION.

- A. There are those who think that mothers have it easy.
 - 1. "It is the man's responsibility to support and take care of the family. All the mother does it clean house and see after the kids."
 - 2. How many times have husband come home at the end of the day and ask their wife, "What all did you do today?"
- B. Unfortunately, mothers are, quite often, not appreciated. Our country has decided to choose this one day of the year to honor mothers. I suggest that we need to be honoring our mothers every day. Consider why.

I. THE LIFE OF A MOTHER.

- A. Mothers Bear Children. (Genesis 3:16)
 - 1. Children can bring joy to the mother. (Proverbs 23:19-25)
 - 2. Children can also bring sorrow. (Proverbs 10:1; 15:20; 29:15)
- B. Mothers Give Instructions.
 - 1. The book of Proverbs shows that mothers are to be teachers. (Proverbs 1:8; 6:20)
 - 2. Quite often mothers will teach by good examples. Consider the following mothers who taught by example.
 - a. Jochebed, the mother of Moses. This mother instilled faith in her child, enabling him to make wise choices later in his life. (cf. Hebrews 11:23-26)
 - b. Hannah encouraged her son to excel in good things. (1 Samuel 1:24-28; 2:18-29)
 - c. Consider King Lemuel's mother. (Proverbs 31:1) Take notice of what she taught him. (Proverbs 31:3-5,8-9)
 - d. Eunice and Lois were the good mother and grandmother of Timothy. (Acts 16:1b; 2 Timothy 1:3-5; 3:15; Philippians 2:19-21)
- C. Mothers are to Manage the Home. (1 Timothy 5:14)
 - 1. God's instructions for women are to marry, bear children, and guide the

home. (Titus 2:4-5) Notice the order.

2. Consider the mother who looks after her family. (Proverbs 31:27-28)
3. Mothers who are like the "worthy woman" are examples of a domestic manager. (Proverbs 31:15-25)

II. MOTHERS ARE TO BE RESPECTED AND HONORED.

- A. We can see respect for mothers taught both in the Old Testament and in the New Testament.
 1. Old Testament: Exodus 20:12; Leviticus 19:3; Proverbs 31:28
 2. New Testament: Ephesians 6:2-3
- B. No disrespectful children allowed.
 1. Proverbs 19:26; 20:20; 30:17
 2. The solution: Proverbs 22:15; 23:13

CONCLUSION.

- A. While much more could be said on the subject of why mothers are special, this is enough to give some idea as to what mothers go through.
- B. Let us all determine to respect our mothers for who they are and for what they have done.

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