

MOTHER

Proverbs 31:10-12 Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth *is* far above rubies. The heart of her husband safely trusts her; So he will have no lack of gain. She does him good and not evil All the days of her life.

INTRODUCTION:

A. This is Mother's Day

B. Anna M. Jarvis (1864-1948) first suggested the national observation of an annual day honoring all mothers, because she had loved her mother so dearly. At a memorial service for her mother on May 10, 1908, Miss Jarvis gave a carnation (her mother's favorite flower) to each person who attended. Within the next few years, the idea of a day to honor mothers gained popularity, and Mother's Day was observed in a number of large cities in the United States.

On May 9, 1914 by an act of congress, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. He established the day as a time for "public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country." By then, it had become customary to wear a white carnation to honor departed mothers and a red one to honor the living, a custom that continues to this day.

C. The Bible talks of giving honor to our Mothers.

1. Eph. 6:1-3 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "*Honor your father and mother,*" which is the first commandment with promise: "*that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.*"

2. Deut. 27:16 'Cursed [is] the one who treats his father or his mother with contempt.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'

D. In the age of easy, legal, socially acceptable abortion even more we need to honor the one who gave us birth.

This lesson will be an acrostic lesson. BODY:

I. M- MODESTY.

A. **1 Timothy 2:9-10** in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works.

B. How can we expect the children of our world to be modest when mothers are immodest in:

1. Speech
2. Behavior
3. Dress

C. 1 Pet. 3:1 Wives, likewise, *be* submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives,

D. Prov 11:16 (NKJV) A gracious woman retains honor, But ruthless [men] retain riches.

E. Prov 12:4 (NKJV) An excellent wife [is] the crown of her husband, But she who causes shame [is] like rottenness in his bones.

II. O- OTHERS.

A. All Christians are to put others first, but mothers (good mothers) seem to have an extra measure of selflessness.

B. Boy was ask how to divide 5 pieces of pie among 4. Mom would say she did not want one.

C. 2 King 4:8-10 Now it happened one day that Elisha went to Shunem, where there [was] a notable woman, and she persuaded him to eat some food. So it was, as often as he passed by, he would turn in there to eat some food. And she said to her husband, "Look now, I know that this [is] a holy man of God, who passes by us regularly. "Please, let us make a small upper room on the wall; and let us put a bed for him there, and a table and a chair and a lamp stand; so it will be, whenever he comes to us, he can turn in there."

D. Prov. 31:20 She extends her hand to the poor, Yes, she reaches out her hands to the needy.

E. Women and Jesus.

1. Followed when the disciples left- Matt. 27:55-56 And many women who followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him, were there looking on from afar, among whom were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

2. Anointed Christ- Mk. 14:3 And being in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, as He sat at the table, a woman came having an alabaster flask of very costly oil of spikenard. Then she broke the flask and poured *it* on His head.

F. In the church- Rom. 16:1-2 I commend to you Phoebe our sister, who is a servant of the church in Cenchrea, that you may receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints, and assist her in whatever business she has need of you; for indeed she has been a helper of many and of myself also.

III. T TEACHERS.

A. Mothers are our first and probably best teachers.

B. They read our first Bible Stories.

C. Teach us right and wrong and of love and compassion.

D. Acts 18: 24-26 Now a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man *and* mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus. This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John. So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.

E. Deut 6:7 (NKJV) "You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

F. not enough of this going on. **Titus 2:3-5** the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things-- that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.

IV. H HEART OF PUREST GOLD.

A. She can rejoice with her son when he does well in school and cry with her daughter whose whole world just ended because hereby friend snubbed her.

B. She can sit up all night with her sick child and hear the slightest trouble.

C. Compassion- Ex. 2:6 And when she had opened [it], she saw the child, and behold, the baby wept. So she had compassion on him, and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children."

D. **Romans 12:15** Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

V. E- ETERNITY.

A. She cares about the here and now and the daily comfort of her family but most of all she is concerned with the eternal welfare of her family.

B. She is first because she is last and servant of all.

1. Mk. 8:35 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.

2. Mk. 9:35 And He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all."

VI. R- RIGHTEOUS.

A. A good mother is in a right relationship with God.

B. She loves Him, depends on Him, prays to Him and worships Him faithfully.

C. She is right with others in work and service.

1. Titus 2:12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,

2. Acts 9:36 At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did.

D. She has inner peace with self.

CONCLUSION:

A. Are you a good mother.

B. Best thing you can do as a mother or father man or woman is to get right with God and live that life in example to all you know.