

# MESSAGE

Occasion : Mothers Sunday  
Date : May 8, 2016

**TITLE : BIBLICAL MOTHERS**  
Text/s :

Prov 31:25-31

25 Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.  
26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.  
27 She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.  
28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.  
29 Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.  
30 Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.  
31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.  
KJV

Bible Reading :

Ps 113:4-9

4 The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.  
5 Who is like unto the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high,  
6 Who humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and in the earth!  
7 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth the needy out of the dunghill;  
8 That he may set him with princes, even with the princes of his people.  
9 He maketh the barren woman to keep house, and to be a joyful mother of children. Praise ye the Lord.  
KJV

Prov 12:4

4 A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones.  
(KJV)

Song/s :

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## INTRODUCTION

### **Why do we honor mothers? Because the Bible says so...**

Ex 20:12

12 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.  
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Deut 5:16

16 Honour thy father and thy mother, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.  
KJV

Eph 6:2-3

2 Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)  
3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.  
KJV

Prov 19:26

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

Prov 20:20  
20 Whoso curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness.  
KJV

Prov 23:22  
22 Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old.  
KJV

Prov 28:24  
24 Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith, It is no transgression; the same is the companion of a destroyer.  
KJV

Prov 30:11  
11 There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother.  
KJV

Prov 14:1  
1 Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.  
(KJV)

1 Tim 5:14  
14 I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.  
KJV

### **The following is a list of "I Owe You's" which apply to mothers...**

Dear Mom:

As I walk through my museum of memories,  
I owe you – for your time. Day and night.  
I owe you – for your example. Consistent and dependable.  
I owe you – for your support. Stimulating and challenging.  
I owe you – for your humor. Sparky and quick.  
I owe you – for your counsel. Wise and quiet.  
I owe you – for your humility. Genuine and gracious.  
I owe you – for your hospitality. Smiling and warm.  
I owe you – for your insight. Keen and honest.  
I owe you – for your flexibility. Patient and joyful.  
I owe you – for your faith. Solid and sure.  
I owe you – for your hope. Ceaseless and indestructible.  
I owe you – for your love. Devoted and deep.  
Charles Swindoll

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## **A) Mothers who give comfort**

Prov 31:13-22

- 13 She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.
- 14 She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.
- 15 She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.
- 16 She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.
- 17 She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.
- 18 She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night.
- 19 She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.
- 20 She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.
- 21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet.
- 22 She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple.

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Isa 66:13

- 13 As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem.
- (KJV)

Ps 131:2

- 2 Surely I have behaved and quieted myself, as a child that is weaned of his mother: my soul is even as a weaned child.

KJV

Ps 35:14

- 14 I behaved myself as though he had been my friend or brother: I bowed down heavily, as one that mourneth for his mother.

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2 Cor 1:3-4

- 3 Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;
- 4 Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

(KJV)

II Th 2:16-17

- 16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace,
- 17 Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.

(KJV)

1Thes 2:7

- 7 But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children:

(KJV)

1Thes 4:18

- 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

(KJV)

## **B) Mothers who teach.**

Prov 31:26

- 26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

(KJV)

Prov 31:1

31 The words of king Lemuel, the prophecy that his mother taught him.

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Prov 6:20-23

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

21 Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck.

22 When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.

23 For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:

(KJV)

Prov 1:8-9

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

9 For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.

(KJV)

- **Her teaching of wisdom and law is tempered by mercy.**

Prov 31:26

26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

(KJV)

Prov 12:18

18 There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health.

(KJV)

Prov 25:15

15 By long forbearing is a prince persuaded, and a soft tongue breaketh the bone.

(KJV)

1 Pet 3:1-7

1 Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;

2 While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.

3 Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;

4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:

6 Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.

7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

(KJV)

Prov 21:9

9 It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a wide house.

(KJV)

Prov 25:24

24 It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman and in a wide house.

(KJV)

Prov 19:13-14

13 A rebellious son is a calamity to his father, and a nagging wife annoys like constant dripping.

14 A father can give his sons homes and riches, but only the Lord can give them understanding wives.

(TLB)

Prov 19:13-14

13 A foolish son is the calamity of his father: and the contentions of a wife are a continual dropping.

14 House and riches are the inheritance of fathers: and a prudent wife is from the LORD.

(KJV)

Prov 27:15

15 A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike.

(KJV)

Prov 21:9

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(KJV)

Prov 21:19

19 It is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman.

(KJV)

Prov 25:24

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10 Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.

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Prov 19:14

14 House and riches are the inheritance of fathers: and a prudent wife is from the LORD.

(KJV)

### **C) Mothers who are known by their works**

Prov 31:30-31

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31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; **and let her own works praise her in the gates.**

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Prov 31:27-29

27 She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

29 Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.

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Prov 31:10-29

10 Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.

11 The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.

12 She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

13 She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.

14 She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.

15 She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.

16 She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.

17 She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.

18 She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night.

19 She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.

20 She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.  
21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet.  
22 She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple.  
23 Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.  
24 She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.  
**25 Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.**  
**26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.**  
**27 She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.**  
**28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.**  
**29 Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.**

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Rom 16:1-2

1 I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea:  
2 That ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you: for she hath been a succourer of many, and of myself also.

(KJV)

Rom 16:6

6 Greet Mary, who bestowed much labour on us.

(KJV)

1 Sam 25:3

3 Now the name of the man was Nabal; and the name of his wife Abigail: and she was a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance: but the man was churlish and evil in his doings; and he was of the house of Caleb.

(KJV)

Gen 24:15-21

15 And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder.  
16 And the damsel was very fair to look upon, a virgin, neither had any man known her: and she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up.  
17 And the servant ran to meet her, and said, Let me, I pray thee, drink a little water of thy pitcher.  
18 And she said, Drink, my lord: and she hastened, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink.  
19 And when she had done giving him drink, she said, I will draw water for thy camels also, until they have done drinking.  
20 And she hastened, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again unto the well to draw water, and drew for all his camels.  
21 And the man wondering at her held his peace, to wit whether the LORD had made his journey prosperous or not.

(KJV)

## **D) Mothers who influence by their faith**

2 Tim 1:5

5 When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

(KJV)

Prov 31:30

30 Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.

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If we do not influence our children in making choices and decisions in matters of faith

- The ads will
- The press will
- The Radio and TV will

- The movies will
- The neighbors will
- The school teachers will
- The politicians will
- The forces of evil will.

Prov 11:16

16 A gracious woman retaineth honour: and strong men retain riches.  
(KJV)

1 Tim 5:3-7

3 Honour widows that are widows indeed.

4 But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to shew piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God.

5 Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day.

6 But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth.

7 And these things give in charge, that they may be blameless.

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2 Tim 3:15-17

15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

KJV

1 Sam 2:18-19

18 But Samuel ministered before the Lord, being a child, girded with a linen ephod.

19 Moreover his mother made him a little coat, and brought it to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

KJV

Phil 4:8

8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

(KJV)

1 Tim 2:9-12

9 In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;

10 But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.

11 Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.

12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.

(KJV)

In the end, what matters is not what you bought but what you built; not what you got but what you shared; not your success but your significance; not what you learned but what you taught; not your competence but your character; not how long you will be remembered but by whom and for what.