

MOM, WHAT KIND OF MOTHER ARE YOU?

Exodus 2:1-3 1 Samuel 1:20-28 Luke 1:26-35 2 Timothy 1:2-5

Introduction: Within the pages of our Bible are mentioned several mothers. Included among those mothers are Jochebed, Hannah, Mary, Eunice and Lois. It seems that many mothers of today have more influencing them than did the Biblical mothers. There are the T.V. mothers, the newspaper and magazine mothers, the movie star mothers and the single mothers, just to name a few different kinds. What happened to the old fashioned mother who had Biblical standards? Moms who would be modest in this immodest world, who would be honest in our age of liars, who would be faithful in this ugly time of infidelity, who would stand up for the right that is being called wrong, who would bring up their children in the ways of God, who would be satisfied to be just a mother of her children and nothing else.

Our country needs some godly parents, a godly father and a godly mother to raise children in a godly manner. Mom, will you raise your children according to Biblical principles? How God says to raise your children?

1. Moms are needed who will tell their children NO when they want to do things that are not right and who will then correct (punish) them when they do wrong.
2. Moms are needed who will teach their children the Word of God, to be morally pure (being so themselves), honest and to work hard for what they want and need.
3. Moms are needed who will teach their children to stay away from sin and just because their friends are doing it doesn't make it alright for them to do so also.
4. Moms, without an example of Christian character by YOU, your children will be handicapped morally and spiritually for life.
5. Moms are needed who will dress like a Christian mom ought to dress, exposing godliness, not skin, and see that their children also dress in an appropriate and modest manner.
6. Moms are needed who will be faithful to attend worship services, bringing their children, thus teaching them that it is not alright to skip services to go here or there, do this or that, for worship is more important than anything else to do on Sunday, the Lord's Day.
7. Moms are needed who will read the Bible with/to their children, instead of sending them off to watch T.V. or play on their computers or talk on their cell phones.
8. Moms are needed who will not only pray for their children, but pray WITH them, showing them how.
9. Moms, you cannot be faithful to God or live a godly life without the Word of God. You need God's Word to guide you, not Dr. Spock or some seminar on "how to raise your children."
10. Moms are needed who will love and care for their children, raising them themselves, not turning them over to someone else to raise for them.

11. Moms are needed who will tell their children often, "I love you," and prove it by bringing them up in the ways of the Lord, not of the world.

CONCLUSION:

1. Mom, God doesn't expect you to be some kind of SUPER mom able to leap tall buildings and all that but to just be the kind of mom who will bring up her children in the way He wants you to.
2. Mom, you don't know who you are being a mother to, so make sure you are the godliest mother you can be for your child/children may grow up to be another Moses, Samuel, Timothy, a great leader.
3. Now Mom, what are the memories of your mom?
4. Mom, what kind of memories do you want your children to have of you when they are grown?
5. Mom, what kind of mother do you think God sees you being?
6. Finally, Mom, what kind of mother do you think your children see you as right now?