

SOME THOUGHTS ON BEING A GODLY MOTHER

Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:5-7; 3:14, 15

Introduction:

- A. By mother I mean a woman who has been blessed with the responsibility of rearing children. There are birth mothers; there are adoptive mothers; and there are those who fit my definition by serving as teachers of children.**
- B. By godly I mean that she accepts her duties as given her by God Himself and that she seeks to please God in how she performs her God given duties.**

I. LEARN THAT IT IS A BLESSED PRIVILEGE TO SERVE GOD AS A MOTHER.

- A. Luke 1:28 The angel of God told Mary “Thou art highly favoured , the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.**
- B. No greater blessing was ever given the human family than to reproduce life -- life in the image of God.**
- C. Women certainly bear the greatest part of this -- and therefore have the greater blessings.**

II. LEARN OF THE AWSOME RESPONSIBILITIES OF SERVING GOD AS A MOTHER.

- A. No greater responsibility has ever been placed on the human family than that of rearing children in the nurture and discipline of the Lord.**
 - 1. The dedication of a child begins before birth, even before conception. Mary of Jesus and Hannah of Samuel.**
 - 2. Primarily, this was a dedication of self to rear the child in God’s will.**
 - 3. Hebrews 11:23-29 records a record worthy of being copied. In childhood, Moses was protected physically, emotionally, Morally, and spiritually.**
- B. This responsibility can only be accomplished by:**
 - 1. First being mothers of unfeigned faith (genuine, sincere). 2 Timothy 1:5. Grandmother Lois and mother Eunice**
 - 2. 2 Timothy 3:14-17 reveal how the faith of a grandmother and a mother were blessed in the life of a son well reared.**

III. LEARN THAT GODLY PARENTS WILL NOT BE EXEMPTED FROM TESTING, FRUSTRATIONS AND SORROW.

A. This was true in the rearing of Jesus.

- 1. Luke 2:48 “and when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? Behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing?”**
- 2. Even as an adult Jesus caused Mary some concern -- because she had never fully understood His role in life. Matthew 12:46-50.**
- 3. Then came His trial and crucifixion of which Simeon prophesied at the time Jesus was presented to the Lord. He said, “This child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; for a sign which shall be spoken against; (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.**

B. This has been true in every family in every generation. Yes, even the godly mothers have experienced and suffered the testings, frustrations, and the sorrows of rearing children.

IV. LEARN THAT THERE ARE NO GREATER JOYS THAN TO EXPERIENCE THOSE CONNECTED WITH CHILDREN.

A. The greatest are witnessing them being saved and being involved in the work of the Lord.

B. Then in seeing them excel and succeed.

C. Then of hearing them arise and call you blessed .. come by and peck you on the cheek and say, “I love you.”

V. LEARN THAT GODLY MOTHERHOOD WILL BE WELL REWARDED.

A. At the judgment seat of Christ, great will be the rewarding for those who have made a difference in the lives of the children God has placed in our care.

B. And greater still is hearing our Heavenly Father say, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant ----“