



SERMON HANDOUT for May 11, 2025



"GODLY MOTHERS ARE..."

Psalm 127:3-5 NKJV

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INTRODUCTION

Today, we celebrate the incredible gift of mothers — women who teach us love, faith, strength, and sacrifice. As we reflect on this special day, I will share stories of mothers from the Bible, as well as current stories. Mothers that remind us of the importance of faith, love, and perseverance in difficult circumstances.

You can take notes below (please refer to Sermon Outline on the next page).

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- M** **MOTIVATIONAL MODELERS** – A Mother motivate her children by modeling the behavior she expects to see in her children. **1 Peter 3:4-5a NLT**
- A. “Do as I say not as I do” was a common saying in the past. **1 Cor. 11:1 KJV**
 - B. Her children tell others “she’s a good mother.” **Proverbs 31:28a ERV**
 - C. Lemuel’s mother gave him a motivational speech. **Proverbs 31:1-9 ERV**
- O** **OBSERVERS** – Mothers watch and study the behavior of their children in order to correct them or direct them. **Proverbs 22:6 NKJV**
- A. Mary, mother of Jesus, observed Him and pondered things in her heart. **Luke 2:19 NKJV**
 - B. Godly Mothers point their children toward Heaven. Hannah prayed for a son and committed him to the Lord. **1 Samuel 1**
 - C. Godly mothers discipline their children. **Proverbs 22:15 KJV, Proverbs 13:24 ERV.**
- T** **TEACHERS** – Mothers are their children’s first teachers. **Deut. 6:6-7 NIV; Titus 2:4-5 NKJV**
- A. Mothers teach their babies how to eat, walk, talk, dress.
 - B. If taught well when they’re young, mothers become counselors in adulthood. **Proverbs 31:26 ERV; Proverbs 20:18 NLT**
 - C. Mothers teach them to trust the Lord. **Proverbs 3:5-6 KJV**
- H** **HELPERS** – Mothers help their children navigate the circumstances of life. **Prov. 31:27a NKJV**
- A. Mothers help children to shape their identity (know who they are). **2 Tim. 1:5 NKJV**
 - B. Godly mothers help their children make wise choices.
 - C. A Mother is a community helper. **Proverbs 31:20 NKJV**
 - D. Mothers are good at problem solving and conflict resolutions.
- E** **ENCOURAGERS** – Mothers encourage their children to do and be their best.
- A. Godly Mothers build their children’s self-confidence. **Proverbs 14:1 ERV**
 - B. The foolish woman destroys her children’s self-esteem. (Marshall’s story)
 - C. Philip Mitchell of the 2819 church talks about how his mom prayed for him.
- R** **RELATIONSHIP RECONCILERS** – Mothers spend time developing a relationship with their children. It starts when they are babies.
- A. Praying for reconciliation of friends who have children who are not speaking to them.
 - B. Mothers put a lot of time, effort, love, and prayer into development of their children. Hurtful when they decide not to have a relationship with them. (Melissa’s soul tie)
 - C. Mothers want everybody to just get along, especially their children. **1 Peter 3:8 ERV**
 - D. What do you do when you’ve done all you can? **PRAY!!! - 1 Thessalonians 5:17 ERV**
- S** **SACRIFICIAL SERVERS**—Godly Mothers will give their lives for their children.
- A. Story of the two mothers. **1 Kings 3:16-27**
 - B. The Zarephath widow trusted God to provide **1 Kings 17:7-16 ERV**
 - C. My mother’s broken heart.
 - D. Our sacrifices are different (we support our children toward success in their endeavors). **1 Kings 1:11-21 ERV**

Poem: *Children Learn What They Live*, by Dorothy Law Nolte, Ph.D: <https://youtu.be/i15vMPIdT5Q>