

“Cherished Motherhood”

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To be a mother is a divine calling—Motherhood is a high and holy calling. As a mother, your life is given to taking care of people—small ones, to begin with, whose wants never seem to cease. Sometimes when your days seem to be totally taken up with wiping things—dishes and little runny noses and big slow tears—you wonder if you are (besides being the perfect wife and mother), the hostess with the mostest, creative, intellectually productive, beautiful...and slowly your dreams seem to evaporate, but I want to assure you and encourage you today that it is the most rewarding job and challenge ever offered to any individual.

Mothers, this is your divine purpose and what an awesome responsibility rests upon your shoulders to train your children in the ways of God! Probably the greatest gift we can give our children is a genuine relationship

with Jesus Christ and a home that has an atmosphere of happiness, safety, security and communication where Jesus is Lord and prayer is made daily.

Divine order is the husband to be the head, he is to be the priest of the home, the wife and mother in subjection, the children obedient—all bound together in the love of Christ makes for an ideal home.

Being someone’s mother is what makes a woman’s life meaningful. Two thousand years ago, there was another young woman of the Jewish tribe of Judah who understood that truth. The world has never forgotten her—Mary, the mother of Jesus—because she was willing to be known as, simply, someone’s mother.

Just remember that your children’s years in your home are very brief. It may bring weariness to take the extra step, to help with homework when you are tired, to deny them permission to attend a party when you know children you do not trust

will be there, to check out leadership of an event before you allow them to participate. We need to protect our children even though it takes some effort on our part. But knowing your child will mature in a godly atmosphere of security and self-esteem will be very rewarding.

It makes no difference what we accomplish socially or how lavishly we lived, most everything dims beside the all important assignment of “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” *Prov. 22:6*

Hug your children today. Tell them you love them and expect their best in all they do. Promise you will be diligent to help them handle all the insecurities they must deal with in this society.

If our calling is to be Mothers, let us be Mothers with all our hearts—gladly, simply and humbly—like Mary, the little peasant girl, who spoke for all women for all time

when she said, "Behold the handmaiden of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy Word." *Luke 1:38*

Motherhood is an adventure that begins with the birth of your children. Sometimes your heart swells with love and pride and sometimes it sinks in fear and frustration, but you can know that God is with you and you can be assured that God is with your children as you are faithful to bring them up in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

Children are gifts from God. My children, grandchildren and great grandchildren are my choicest treasures. They are, indeed, a delight and bring great joy and add enrichment to my life.

Motherhood is an adventure that begins with the birth of your children. Mothers, you nor I will never have a more important role in life than the role of mother (or grandmother). Mothers have God's special blessing. You nurture,

love and protect, pouring out the best of yourself to your children.

What an awesome responsibility rests upon our shoulders! We may accomplish great things, we may achieve fame and fortune, but nothing will matter as much as the legacy we leave in the lives of our children and grandchildren.

One hundred years from now it will not matter what kind of house you lived in, how much money you had, nor how expensive your clothes were, but that the world may be a little better because you were important in the life of your child.

Let the goodness of the Lord fill your heart, mind and soul. Let Him be your strength and inspiration today and everyday. Thank God that His power is available to us to help mold and guide our little ones!

My heartfelt prayer is that you will tap into that power and lean heavy upon Him, and God will reward you with children that love and honor you and will love, revere and serve

