

Marks Of A Godly Woman

- *Proverbs 31:28; Hebrews 11:23-26*

- **This is a very special day that we set aside each year to honor the women who are so special to each of us & have shaped our lives into the men & women that we are today. Today we celebrate our Mothers.**
- **As we all know, what makes our Mothers so special is not the amount of money that she has, the fame that is given to her or even her status or position in life. What makes our Mothers so special is typically the things that money can't buy:**
 - Her love.
 - Her time.
 - Her compassion.
 - Her attention.
 - Her sacrificial life.
- **And one of the things that I see more & more, Mothers long to have an appreciation for what she has done & is continuing to do in the lives of those she loves most.**
 - The job of a Mother is often times one of the most overlooked jobs in our world today.
 - We depend on you so much to make sure that things get done & often times only notice what you do when something goes wrong or at worst you forget one of your many chores!
- **It is impossible to put into words how much our Mothers mean to us & often times it isn't until later on in our lives where we truly begin to understand how important they really are.**
 - Though the Father has been ordained by God to be the head of the house, it has been well said that it is the Mother who is the "heartbeat" of the home.
- **Moms, today you may feel as though all your life revolves around is washing the clothes, cooking, giving baths, and so much more. But the Bible speaks of the importance also of a Godly woman, a Godly Mother & the important role that she plays in the home.**
 - There's a lot of things we don't need any more of in America. But if there is one thing we need more of, we need more Godly women in the home, in the church, & in the community.
- **Look at this list with me this morning as we distinguish, "What Makes A Godly Mother".**

I. Her Faith in God

- **This is a character quality that makes such a huge difference, not only in her life, but in the lives of others as well.**
 - a. **Need of A Savior**
 - i. Before any woman can be called a Godly lady or a Godly Mother, there first needs to be a decision that she makes to call upon Christ as her Savior.
 - 1. As important as mothering is, nothing is more important than choosing to follow after Christ & calling upon Him as Lord of your life.
 - 2. Though a Mother's love is one of the tenderest & deepest loves known to man, there is a love that supersedes a Mother's love & that is the love that Jesus Christ has for your soul.

- ii. Mom, Grandmother, Wife, Dad, teenager ... if you are here this morning & you have not been saved, your sins have not been forgiven, that is a matter of utmost importance this morning.
 - 1. This is not a decision to be played with, to be put off, or to take too lightly.
- iii. Mom, if you are looking for happiness this morning, only Jesus can give lasting happiness.
- iv. If you are looking for peace in your life today Mom, you will never find true peace in this world, b/c it can only be found through a relationship with Jesus Christ.

b. Trusting & Walking With God

- i. One of the great joys in giving your heart & life to God is the joy & comfort we can find in walking with God.
- ii. Of all of the great examples given throughout history of instrumental & influential people, one of the greatest is a Godly Mother who places her trust in the Lord.
 - 1. Hebrews 11:23 – "By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment."
- iii. God lists all the heroes of the faith, and in that list is a woman whose name is Jochabed. Now, you don't read it here, we just see that she was the mother of Moses.
 - 1. Now, in the eyes of the world she was just a hopeless, helpless, Hebrew slave down in Egypt; but what made her stand out is that she raised up a son who shook the world.
 - 2. Her son's name was Moses, and the Bible says she did it by faith. Look at it again. "By faith ... Moses, when he was born, was hid three months by his parents, because they saw he was a proper child..."
 - 3. When God calls us to do great things for Him in our lives, it always requires faith on our part. God says in His Word, "According to your faith be it unto you." Not according to your fame, not according to your feelings, not according to your friends, but according to your faith be it unto you. And if you're a mother here today, I want you to listen with all of your heart, the greatest prayer that should come from your lips to God should be, "Oh, God, make me, above all things, a mother of faith."
- iv. The most powerful and influential people on earth are mothers & fathers of faith.

II. Her Commitment To God

a. To Test Her Faith

- i. What a privilege to have a Mother who has confidence & faith in the Word of God as she applies the scripture to her daily life & allows the Lord to do a work in her heart & life & challenge her faith.
- ii. True faith must have action in it or it is not faith at all.
 - 1. Now, Pharaoh had said that all of the baby boys that were born were to be cast into the Nile River and drowned because the little Jewish children were populating so much and Pharaoh was getting afraid of them, and when Jochabed had Moses, rather than letting the authorities know that this boy baby had been born they hid the baby, and they hid the baby for three months.

2. Now the point is this, because they had faith, they did all that they could to spare the life of this little baby.
 - a. Now, they could have just said, "Well, you know, what will be, will be. We'll just trust God, and God, if You want him spared You'll spare him. If You want him to die, God, let him die. We're just trusting Your will." Folks, that is not faith.
 - b. That would be like saying, "Well, I'm just going to trust God to feed me." Well, fine. Pray every day; "Give me today my daily bread." But the same Bible says, "If a man won't work, neither should he eat."
 - c. So when you say, "I'm just going to give my child to God." That is fine, but if you don't do something, if you don't put that faith into action, it is not really faith at all.
 - i. James 2:17-18 - "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works."
 - d. It is faith that works. If you want your child to be mighty for God you had better go to work. Thank God for faithful Mothers who are willing to put their faith into action for their families.
 - iii. But as she exercises her faith, she needs to be faithful to ...
- b. To Direct The Lives of Her Children**
- i. Proverbs 22:6 – "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."
 1. If you were to look up training in the dictionary you would find it to be described as something like this: Training is to prepare for a contest, to instruct by exercise, to drill, to discipline for use. Now, that's what God wants us to do with our children.
 - ii. There are parents who will drive their children across this state to play a ball game, and will not drive across town on Sunday to make sure they are in church.
 1. What are our examples teaching our children?
 2. Are we guiding them the way that we should be? Are we making a lasting impact in their lives?
 - iii. After one of the battles in the Civil War, a young man was mortally wounded & the chaplain came over to see this dying man. He asked the young man, "Is there anything I can do for you?" The young man's request was simple, "Sir, I want you to kneel down & return thanks to God for me."
 - iv. The chaplain was confused at the request & asked, "Thanks for what?" The young man replied, "Thank Him that through the teachings & influence of a Godly Mother, I am a Christian today. What would I do now if I were not a Christian?"
 - v. Thank God for Mothers who are willing to pray & pour out their lives so that their children might know & understand that Jesus loves them & gave His life for all.

III. Her Steadfastness To God

a. Be An Example To Her Children

- i. A child typically follows someone & who is normally closer to a child than any other but a Mother.

- ii. Since this is the case, Moms you need to make sure that you are setting the right pattern for your children to follow after.
 - 1. Don't ever be fooled into making one of these statements:
 - a. "My kids don't listen to me, so what's the use."
 - b. "They don't pay attention to my life."
 - c. "They just don't get what I am trying to teach them."
 - 2. From experience I can say, we do listen ... even when you think we don't.
- iii. Don't give up Mom. Don't get frustrated & quit teaching them the truths of God's Word.

b. Discipline Her Children

- i. This may seem a little odd to throw into a Mother's Day Sermon, but we are living in a society where Godly discipline is lacking in our homes today.
- ii. Sometimes we put more training & protecting into our pets than we do our own children.
 - 1. We restrict our dogs from doing certain things & going certain places, even putting a leash on them if necessary.
 - 2. Yet we let our children do whatever they want b/c society tells us, "If we love them, you will let them do as they please."
 - 3. But the Word of God tells us that if we truly love our children, we will be willing to instruct them & discipline them.
 - a. Proverbs 13:24 – "He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes."
 - b. Proverbs 29:15 – "The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame."

c. Love Her Children

- i. According to the Department of Health & Human Services, in 2013 there were more than 1.7 million children adopted. This includes Private, Foster & International adoptions.
- ii. I understand that there are situations where parents have to put their children up for adoption & I am also thankful for those who are willing to adopt.
- iii. But the one thing these kids want more than anything is not toys, bikes, or even a nice place to live. What they want more than anything is for someone to love them.
- iv. But you don't have to go to the adoption center to find children who want to be loved. As a matter of fact, they are sitting in our presence this morning. Your children & grand-children deserve to be loved.
- v. Moms, Thank You for your sacrificial & unwavering love for these kids. A Godly Mother will not only tell, but show her kids her love.

➤ Because of Jochabed's faithfulness & her commitment to God, this same faith was passed down to Moses & he became a great leader for the people of God.

- Hebrews 11:24-26 - "By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward."

- Moses could have been the King of all Egypt, but he found something that meant more to him & had a greater impact for the people of God. He grabbed hold of the faith of his parents.
- **I have had the great privilege of having a Godly Mother in my life. I have also been blessed by having Godly women to help shape & mold my life down through the years.**
- **Where would I be today without a Godly Mother? If you had a Godly Mother or woman in your life, let me ask you something, "Where would you be without them?"**
- **Do you desire to be a Godly Woman this morning? It requires ...**
 - **Faith in God**
 - **Commitment to God**
 - **Steadfastness to God**