

**Words of Grace Seasoned With Salt**  
**BIBLE STUDIES, PERSONAL OPINIONS ABOUT CURRENT AND**  
**FUTURE EVENTS**

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## **Mothers Of God**

It's one thing to be a mother and another to be a mother of God. What's the difference? The mothers of God are mothers who have believed the Gospel of God, who submit themselves to the will of God, whose lives are governed by the word of God, who are filled with the Spirit of God and whose goal in life is to faithfully serve and obey God throughout their life.

Mothers of God are different and special because of the Biblical and spiritual and moral influence they have on the home, the church and society in general. Our homes, churches and society are made better by the mothers of God. This nation would be a better nation if all mothers were mothers of God. Our churches are made better churches by the mothers of God. Our homes are made better homes by the mothers of God. God exalts mothers of God and he has given them positions of great spiritual and moral influence in the home, church and society.

### **Mothers of God Are Teachers**

Titus 2:3-8 says concerning mothers: ***The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed. Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded. In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.***

These verses tell us that the home is not only a place to live, but it is a schoolhouse and mother you are the teacher. He said for the

mothers to be; ***teachers of good things***. All children are home schoolers for the home is a school and mother is the teacher. The subjects you should teach your children are found in these verses.

These subjects are not taught by the world or in the public schools. These subjects are taught in your home. Your home is the only school where these subjects are taught. Your children will not hear these subjects taught anywhere, but in your home. As a matter of fact, what they will hear outside of your home will contradict and oppose these subjects.

The way you teach these subjects is by word and example and especially by example. It says: ***shewing thyself a pattern of good works***. If you want your children to be sober, then be sober yourself. If you want your daughter to love her husband, then love yours. If you want them to love their children, then love yours. If you want them to be discreet and chaste, then be discreet and chaste yourself. All of the virtues in these verses are taught by word and enforced by deed and example.

I say again, these subjects are taught exclusively in the home and they are taught more by example than by word. And mother, the example you set in the home will leave a lasting impression on your children. When they grow up they will act and behave the way you taught them in your home school. And like it or not, your children will be like you, when they graduate from your school.

Mothers have a greater influence on children than fathers for the simple reason they spend more time with them. My wife had a greater influence on my son than I, because she spent more time with him. And looking back, I can see more of her influence in him than mine. He was more like her than me.

A mother's job as teacher does not end when her children leave home either. You will still be their teacher after they leave home and even after they are married. Verse 4 says: ***That they may teach the young women to love their husbands, to love their children***. This verse says that mothers are to teach married daughters to love their husbands and children. This is called ***continuing education***.

Mother, your job as a teacher does not end when your children leave home and get married. They need continuing education even after they get married and have children. Your daughter and son will need your advice and wisdom and teaching for years to come. If my mother were still alive, I would not hesitate to ask her for advice.

So mother, you are going to be a teacher until the day you die and even after you die when your children remember all the things you taught them in your home. Mothers never really die, for what they teach us live in our hearts long after they die.

Being a mother is an awesome responsibility when you consider the powerful influence she has on her children. Don't ever underestimate the influence you have on your children. No one will influence your children more than you, good or bad.

### **Mothers of God Are Guides**

1 Timothy 5:14 says: ***I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.***

The word guide means to, ***direct, to regulate to manage, to influence, and to superintend.***

Even though a mother is not the head of the home, she still has authority in the home, especially when it comes to managing the home. A home is like a big ship; somebody has got to steer it at all times and mothers spend as much time steering the ship as fathers.

Did you ever consider what it takes to manage and direct and regulate and keep a home running? Mothers do, but most men do not.

Somebody has got to cook the meals in the home.

Somebody has got to buy the groceries.

Somebody has got to see to it that the bills are paid.

Somebody has got to see to it that the kids are taken to school and picked up.

Somebody has got to buy clothes for the home.

When they get sick, somebody has got nurse them back to health or take them to the doctor.

Somebody has got to wash and iron the clothes.

When something breaks in the home somebody has got to fix it or get someone to fix it and it's usually mothers.

When the house gets dirty somebody has got to clean it.  
Somebody has to make up the beds every day.  
When the money gets low somebody has got to stretch the dollars  
and make them go further.  
When morale is low somebody has got to bring cheer and hope back  
into the home.  
The one who usually does all these things is mother. She wears  
many hats and has many occupations. Mothers are doctors, nurses,  
teachers, bankers, bakers, carpenters, painters, plumbers,  
cheerleaders, psychiatrists, chefs, taxi cab drivers, mechanics etc...

### **Mothers of God Are Servants**

Romans 16:1-5 says: ***I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea: That ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you: for she hath been a succourer of many, and of myself also. Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus: Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles. Likewise greet the church that is in their house. Salute my wellbeloved Epaenetus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia unto Christ.***

Here is an example of two mothers, Phebe and Priscilla who were servants of the church. Phebe had a reputation among the churches that Paul founded as being a helper of many including Paul. Paul commended her and highly recommended her. Being commended by Paul is like being commended by the President of the United States for he is the greatest Christian who ever lived.

Priscilla opened her home to Paul in Corinth and helped support him as a tentmaker with her husband Aquilla for a year and a half according to Acts 18. She also allowed her home to be used as a church in Rome and Ephesus. She even risked her life for Paul according to verse 4. The church is better off today because of women like Phebe and Priscilla.

Paul had many women and mothers to help him in his ministry and some of their names are found in this list of people that Paul salutes and praises in Romans 16.

God alone knows the work that women have done in the local church. What would the local church be without mothers who serve in the church? Our church would have never made it without mothers who cared enough to give of their time and money and labor to keep it running.

Most of the work and labor done in the local church is done by mothers.

Most Sunday School teachers are mothers.

Most VBS teachers are mothers.

Most teachers in children's church are mothers.

Most Child Evangelism workers are mothers.

Much of the physical labor done in the church is done by mothers.

Most of the maintenance done in the church is done by mothers.

Most hospital visits are made by mothers.

More mothers work in church youth camps than men.

Most children are led to the Lord by their mothers.

Most meals in the church are prepared by mothers and in this church that is a lot of cooking.

Most members of the choir are mothers.

Most musicians in the church are mothers.

Woman and mothers outnumber men in the church. (Take a look around and see.)

Mothers can make or break a church. Very few churches can survive without the care and compassion of mothers. They are the unsung heroes of the church. Many preachers have gotten the credit for work that was actually done by mothers in his church.

### **Mothers of God Are Help Meets**

Genesis 2:18 says: ***And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.***

The greatest help that a man will ever have is his wife. No one can do for a man what his wife can do for him.

\*She can lift him up when he is down.

\*She can pick him up when he falls.

\*She can encourage him when he is discouraged.

\*She can get him going again when his get up and go has got up and gone.

\*She can nurse him back to health when he is sick.

- \*She can stretch his money further than he can.
- \*She can make his home a paradise, a place he wants to come home to.
- \*She can be his best friend.
- \*She can make him feel better with a hug.
- \*She can make him happy when he is sad.
- \*She can stand with him when all men forsake him.
- \*And most of all she can pray for him.

Men, your greatest help meet is not your fishing or hunting buddies or your business partners. It's not the men you work with. It's not the friends you grew up with. It's your wife. God gave you the wife you have as a help meet and if you are honest she is the best help you ever had.

### **Mothers of God Are Missionaries**

2 Timothy 1:4-5 says: ***Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy; When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.***

Here are three generations of Christians. Timothy's grandmother Lois led her daughter Eunice to the Lord. Eunice, who was Timothy's mother, led him to the Lord and Timothy became one of the greatest Christians in church history. Two New Testament books were written to him.

Timothy was not saved in a great evangelistic crusade. He was not led to the Lord by a famous preacher. His mother led him to the Lord in her home school. 2 Timothy 3:15 says, ***And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.***

Notice, he knew the scriptures that made him wise unto salvation from a child. His mother taught him the scriptures from the time he was a child and he was saved as a child. After he got saved he began to read and study the Bible and as he grew older he began to witness and soon he became a well known Christian in Lystra and Iconium. (See Acts 16:1-2) One day a man knocked on his door and he came in sat down. He said to Eunice, *I have heard about your son and I want him to travel with me and help me preach and start*

churches. That man was Paul and Timothy became the greatest helper he ever had. In Philippians 2:19-22 Paul said about Timothy: ***But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state. For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state. For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's. But ye know the proof of him, that, as a son with the father, he hath served with me in the gospel.***

All the good things you read about Timothy in these verses can be credited to his mother and grandmother who led him to the Lord as a child in their home.

I first learned about Jesus Christ sitting on my mother's lap. She is the one who first preached the gospel to me. She was the one who showed me what a true genuine Christian was. If I have ever done anything that amounts to anything, I will have to give some of the credit to my mother.

Mother, your most important mission field is your home. Your children should be your converts. The greatest thing you will ever teach your children is how and why they need to be saved. They should hear it from you first. You should be the missionary that brings your children to the Lord. You can also be a missionary to your husband if he is not saved. 1 Peter 3:1 says: ***Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives.***

To her children, mothers of God are teachers. To her home, mothers are guides. To her husband, mothers are a help meet. To the church, mothers are servants. To her children and the world, mothers are missionaries.

### **Tribute to My Mother**

My mother is very special to me for I saw in her what a real genuine Christian was supposed to be like. She was saved in a Billy Sunday crusade in Mobile, Alabama in the 1930's. After she was saved, she became a very active Christian. She was a doer of the word and not just a hearer. She and another lady (Mrs. Fern Brewer) preached to the women in the woman's jail in Mobile every Thursday for 17 years. Many women were saved and when they got out wrote her letters thanking her for leading them to Christ. If someone in church was put in the hospital she would be the first one to visit them. I remember as

a boy going with my mother to help her carry groceries to poor people who did not have one can of food in their house. (This was back in the days before food stamps and I can still see the tears and faces of those people when we walked into their house with those bags of groceries.) My mother was very active in the Mobile Rescue Mission. She gave much of her time and money helping men get saved and get off drugs and alcohol. She was what they called a “Grey Lady” who worked for free in the hospital at Brookley Air Force Base and waited on and witnessed to soldiers returning from WW2 and Korea. She served in the women’s auxiliary in the old and new Mobile Infirmary hospitals and used it as an opportunity to witness. She was a soul winner. She always carried a supply of gospel tracts in her purse. She was instrumental in my wife’s salvation along with my brother Joe. I could go on and on, but I believe her greatest legacy was her two sons who became preachers; I know, for I am one of them and my brother Joe who became a missionary to the Philippines for many years. I thank God that he gave me such a wonderful mother and wife too. God could not have given me a better mother or wife.

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