



GODLY MOTHERS

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Dr Charles stanley said " A godly mother is an awesome treasure". Mothers have a unique and crucial role in the lives of their children. Mothers do influence their sons and daughters! One of life's greatest blessings is to have a godly mother. And thus, one of the greatest gifts you can give your children is to be a godly mother. The Bible speaks highly of mothers who raised their children and guided their families in a righteous manner. The Bible has stories of both godly and ungodly mothers.



Godly mothers in the Bible:

1. Hannah is one of the most inspiring mothers in the Old testament. Despite years of patience and prayer, she remained barren for a long time (1 Sam 1:6). After she received her first born son Samuel from the Lord, She dedicated her son for the service of God. Hannah not only prepared her son to serve God at a very young age but also set a godly example. She was dedicated to the faithful worship of God (1 Sam 1:3). And even when she struggled through acute pain and adversity due to barrenness, she poured out her heart to God in humble

devotion (1 Sam 1:10). God rewarded her prayer and faith by not only giving her a son but he later grew up to become a great judge and prophet of Israel. God rewarded her richly! She faithfully returned her son Samuel to the Lord. *Our children will be blessed if we can start praying for them even before they are ever born and dedicate them to the service of God.*

2. Eunice : Timothy's mother is one of the godly mothers found in the New testament. In 2 Tim 1:5, we learn that his faith came to him through his grandmother, Lois, and his mother, Eunice. The Apostle Paul's preaching may have been used by God to bring Timothy to actual conversion, but behind his preaching were years of godly influence by Timothy's grandmother and mother. In 2 Tim 3:14-17, we also learn that the sincere faith of these women was combined with instructing Timothy from his earliest days from the Scriptures. *Through faith in God and by honoring His Word, godly mothers have great influence as they train their children.*

Three characteristics of Godly mothers:

1. Be a prayerful Mom: Susanna Wesley lived in the early 1700s in rural England. Unlike many mothers today who

are busy with their jobs and daily chores and have no time for God, even though Susanna had 19 children she always had time for God. She desired more than perhaps anything to live a godly life, pleasing to God and was passionate to train her children up in the way that they should go. Susanna's life was not easy. She gave birth to 19 children in 19 years. Nine of them died while they were still babies. The physical burden and the stresses of her daily life resulted in her poor health most of her days. She struggled with financial problems all her life. Despite her busy life and struggles, Susanna raised her children with plenty of washing, even scrubbing, with the Word of God. Godliness was a way of life in the Wesley home. Susanna prayed for one hour everyday for her children by kneeling at their bed side after they slept. In addition, she took each child aside for a full hour every week to discuss spiritual matters with them. It is through Susanna's prayer, teaching and guidance, her sons John Wesley and Charles Wesley stood for God to fan the flames of revival in England. They were used by God mightily to bless their Nation! What a great blessing Susanna was to her children!



Susanna Wesley

We should take time to pray for each one of our children. Our prayers can

change the future of our children. Make a list of things that they need in their lives and pray fervently. Remember, if we don't pray for our children....who will?

2. Be a passionate Mom: Catherine Carmichael, the mother of Amy Carmichael who came as a missionary to South India had a great influence on her daughter. Amy said that her Mom was so good, so loving, so unselfish and so perfect. When Amy heard God's call to go as a missionary, her Mom encouraged and agreed to give up her dear child to go on the Lord's work to a foreign land even though she knew that her daughter's health is fragile.

She had an unwavering faith on God that He would take care of her. Amy initially went to Japan as a missionary and later came to South India. She travelled many rural villages to share the gospel. She saved little boys and girls who were sold to the temples for prostitution inspite of many obstacles. She cared very dearly for these children and they called her 'amma' meaning mother. Amy's mothering was patterned after her own mother's loving nurturing ways.

She fought many battles for the bodies and souls of the helpless children on her knees. She worked very

passionately even though she and her associates had to risk their lives many times. She also faced arrest and imprisonment in order to snatch some pleading child from the jaws of defilement and destruction. Amy served God passionately until her death and her Mom had a very godly influence on her.

Being a Godly mother means that we have



Amy Carmichael

to dedicate our life to being a Godly mother. Be passionate about teaching and training our children in the admonition of the Lord. Love what you do. Sometimes it may be hard and tiring but you will surely gain eternal rewards.

3. Be a purposeful Mom:

One pastor had been preaching on the importance of daily Bible reading. When the pastor and his wife were invited to a parishioner's home, the pastor's wife noticed that the woman of the house had written on the kitchen calendar for that date, "Pastor/Mrs. for dinner—Dust all Bibles." Another pastor, after having tea with a parishioner, said, "I'm glad to see the way you're living." "Oh, pastor," replied the man, "if you want to know how we really live, you must come when you're not here."

Sadly many families today are neglecting reading God's word and prayer. Teach the children to pray as soon as they

can speak. Mom's should take time to teach their children from the Bible (Pro 22:6). The time spent on children will never be in vain and you will see the fruit your labor come later in life. Make sure to send the kids to church and special meetings where they can hear godly teaching and have godly fellowship. Just like how we desire to provide the best physical food to our children, we should also strive to provide good spiritual food to our children through which their spiritual lives will be enriched and blessed.

Children will know God's purposes only when they read and meditate the Word of God. Find ways to purposely teach and direct your children to the Lord. Teach them from the time they are little about God's love, his salvation, His Word etc.

Motherhood is blessing with a tremendous responsibility. Mothers are the architects of the next generation. They hold the power to raise Godly men and women that will impact the world for Christ. Motherhood is a journey. As we grow closer to the Lord in our personal walk, He then teaches us how to be a godly mother. We will achieve that when we rely on God's Wisdom, His strength, and His Word! That's why the goal of becoming a *godly* mother should be the highest and most noble pursuit of womanhood. God has specially equipped women for that very purpose, and in Christ, women can experience profound satisfaction in that divinely ordained pursuit.

The ABC's of a godly mother:

- A- Academic Advisor, Architect
- B- Baker, Bill Payer, Bed Maker
- C- Comforter, Chef, Cleaner, Corrections Officer, Cheerleader
- D- Driver, Doctor, Dentist, Dress Maker, Decorator, Designer, Duster
- E- Encourager, Engineer, Errand Runner
- F- Friend, Furniture Arranger
- G- Gardener, Grocery Shopper
- H- Hand holder, Homemaker, Helpmate
- I- Interpreter
- J- Jack of all Trades
- K- Kitchen C.E.O.
- L- Lover, Laundry Manager
- M- Missionary, Mama, Mentor, Meal Planner, Mopper
- N- Nurse, Night Watchman
- O- Office Manager
- P- Prayer Warrior, Party Planner, Play Mate
- Q- Quilter
- R- Recreation Consultant, Real Estate Seller/ Buyer
- S- Sweeper, Support System, Safety Controller
- T- Teacher, Tear Wiper, Temperature Controller
- U- Understanding Ear
- V- Voice of Reason, Vacation Planner, Vacuumer
- W- Waitress
- X- X-Ray Technician (because we have all-seeing eyes)
- Y- Yard Keeper
- Z- Zealot {and sometimes we even feel like a Zookeeper!!!}

May God help you and give you the grace to be the Mom that He wants you to be!!!