

Momsense

1. Godly moms are a blessing from the Lord.

“Her children stand and bless her. Her husband praises her: ‘There are many virtuous and capable women in the world, but you surpass them all!’ Charm is deceptive, and beauty does not last; but a woman who fears the Lord will be greatly praised.” Proverbs 31:28-30 (NLT)

- a. Godly moms have good sense that they pass on to their children.

“When she speaks, **her words are wise**, and she gives instructions with kindness.”

Proverbs 31:26 (NLT)

“My son, obey your father’s commands, and **don’t neglect your mother’s instruction**. Keep their words always in your heart. Tie them around your neck. When you walk, their counsel will lead you. When you sleep, they will protect you. When you wake up, they will advise you. For their command is a lamp and their instruction a light; their corrective discipline is the way to life.” Proverbs 6:20-23 (NLT)

- b. Godly moms help us understand how much God loves us.

“Listen to me, descendants of Jacob, all you who remain in Israel. **I have cared for you since you were born. Yes, I carried you before you were born. I will be your God throughout your lifetime—**until your hair is white with age. I made you, and I will care for you. I will carry you along and save you.”

Isaiah 46:3-4 (NLT)

“Yet Jerusalem says, ‘The Lord has deserted us; the Lord has forgotten us. Never! **Can a mother forget her nursing child?** Can she feel no love for the child she has borne? But even if that were possible, I would not forget you!’” Isaiah 49:14-15 (NLT)

Life Application: We need to celebrate and thank our moms often. **“Reward her for all she has done.** Let her deeds publicly declare her praise.” Proverbs 31:31 (NLT)

Life Application: We need to show our aging moms the same love and care they showed us. “Take care of any widow who has no one else to care for her. **But if she has children or grandchildren, their first responsibility is to show godliness at home and repay their parents by taking care of them.** This is something that pleases God.” 1 Timothy 5:3-4 (NLT)

2. Godly moms embrace God’s perspective on children and parenting.

- a. Godly moms view their children as gifts from the Lord.

“Children are a gift from the Lord; **they are a reward from him.**” Psalm 127:3 (NLT)

- Godly moms thank God for their kids and ask God to reveal His plans for each of them. “You saw me before I was born. **Every day of my life was recorded in your book.** Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.” Psalm 139:16 (NLT)
- Godly moms often remind their children that they love them, and that God loves them even more. “And I pray that you and all God’s holy people will have the power to understand the greatness of Christ’s love—**how wide and how long and how high and how deep that love is.** Christ’s love is greater than anyone can ever know, but I pray that you will be able to know that love. Then you can be filled with the fullness of God.” Ephesians 3:18-19 (NCV)

- b. Godly moms view raising Godly kids as an eternally significant assignment from the Lord.

“Listen, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. **Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up.**” Deuteronomy 6:4-7 (NLT)

“And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God’s Son does not have life. **I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life.**”

1 John 5:11-13 (NLT)

"I remember your genuine faith, for **you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice.** And I know that same faith continues strong in you." 2 Timothy 1:5 (NLT)

- Godly moms see their children as saints under construction. "Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6 (NKJV)
- Godly moms do the best they can. "In all the work you are doing, **work the best you can.** Work as if you were doing it for the Lord, not for people." Colossians 3:23 (NCV)

Life Application: We need to pray for moms and ask God to empower them so they can fulfill their eternally significant assignments. "So we keep on praying for you, asking our God to enable you to live a life worthy of his call. **May he give you the power to accomplish all the good things your faith prompts you to do.** Then the name of our Lord Jesus will be honored because of the way you live, and you will be honored along with him." 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12a (NLT)

- c. Godly moms grow and mature in their parenting roles as their children grow and mature.



- Godly moms prepare their kids to live in the world without becoming part of it. "I have given them your word. And the world hates them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. **I'm not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one.**" John 17:14-15 (NLT)
- Godly moms help their kids become less and less dependent on parental guidance while becoming more and more dependent on guidance from the Lord. "And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. **Let your roots grow down into him,** and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness." Colossians 2:6-7 (NLT)

Life Application: Godly moms get their identity/significance from their relationship with Jesus. "My old self has been crucified with Christ. **It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me.** So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

Galatians 2:20 (NLT)

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Connect Group Discussion Questions:

1. What do you appreciate most about your mom? Share a great piece of advice she gave you. (Proverbs 6:20-23 & 31:26-31)
2. In what ways do Godly moms help us understand God's love? (Isaiah 46:3-4 & 49:14-15, Ephesians 3:18-19)
3. Discuss the following statements about Godly moms:
 - Godly moms view their children as gifts from the Lord. (Psalm 127:3)
 - Godly moms thank God for their kids and ask God to reveal His plans for each of them. (Psalm 139:16, Ephesians 2:10)

- Godly moms view raising Godly kids as an eternally significant assignment from the Lord. (Deuteronomy 6:4-7, 2 Timothy 1:5, 1 John 5:11-13)
 - Godly moms prepare their kids to live in the world without becoming part of it. (John 17:14-15)
 - Godly moms help their kids become less and less dependent on parental guidance while becoming more and more dependent on guidance from the Lord. (Colossians 2:6-7)
 - Godly moms get their identity/significance from their relationship with Jesus. (Galatians 2:20)
4. In what ways do moms need to grow and develop in their parenting roles as their children grow and mature? What happens if they don't?
 5. How can we pray for moms? (2 Thessalonians 1:11-12)
 6. Quotes worth considering:

"Youth fades; love droops; the leaves of friendship fall. A mother's secret hope outlives them all."

Oliver Wendell Holmes

"Only God Himself fully appreciates the influence of a Christian mother in the molding of character in her children." Billy Graham

"My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual, and physical education I received from her."

George Washington

"My mother had a great deal of trouble with me, but I think she enjoyed it." Mark Twain