

Celebrating Godly Moms

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A. It is right and good to celebrate godly moms on Mother's Day.

"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.** Reward her for all she has done. Let her deeds publicly declare her praise." Proverbs 31:28-31 (NLT)

Note: Fear of the Lord means having a reverence for Him that greatly impacts the way we live. **"Fear of the Lord is the foundation of wisdom.** Knowledge of the Holy One results in good judgment."

Proverbs 9:10 (NLT)

IMPORTANT! In the Bible, godly moms are praised for their character rather than their outward appearance. "Don't be concerned about the outward beauty of fancy hairstyles, expensive jewelry, or beautiful clothes. **You should clothe yourselves instead with the beauty that comes from within, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is so precious to God.** This is how the holy women of old made themselves beautiful." 1 Peter 3:3-5a (NLT)

B. Five characteristics of a godly Mom:

1. A godly mom is a blessing to her husband.

"Who can find a virtuous and capable wife? She is more precious than rubies. Her husband can trust her, and **she will greatly enrich his life. She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life.**"

Proverbs 31:10-12 (NLT)

"Her husband is well known at the city gates, where he sits with the other civic leaders."

Proverbs 31:23 (NLT)

Note: In ancient Israel, civic leaders conducted the business of city government at the city gate. Only well-respected men were entrusted with these responsibilities. Through her diligent care for her family, the godly mom described in Proverbs 31 helped her husband reach his position of leadership via his family's good reputation. Her godly character also freed him to concentrate on leading the affairs of the city because he knew things were in her capable hands at home.

IMPORTANT! Godly moms can help their unbelieving husbands come to faith in Jesus by the way they live. "In the same way, you wives must accept the authority of your husbands. Then, even if some refuse to obey the Good News, your godly lives will speak to them without any words. **They will be won over by observing your pure and reverent lives.**" 1 Peter 3:1-2 (NLT)

"Don't you wives realize that your husbands might be saved because of you?" 1 Corinthians 7:16a (NLT)

2. A godly mom embraces the fact that motherhood is hard work.

"She finds wool and flax and busily spins it. She is like a merchant's ship, bringing her food from afar... She goes to inspect a field and buys it; with her earnings she plants a vineyard. **She is energetic and strong, a hard worker.** She makes sure her dealings are profitable; her lamp burns late into the night. Her hands are busy spinning thread, her fingers twisting fiber... She makes her own bedspreads. She dresses in fine linen and purple gowns... She makes belted linen garments and sashes to sell to the merchants... **She carefully watches everything in her household and suffers nothing from laziness.**" Proverbs 31:13-14, 16-19, 22, 24, & 27 (NLT)

IMPORTANT! One of the reasons we praise godly moms is because motherhood is a marathon, NOT a sprint. "So let's not get tired of doing what is good. **At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.**" Galatians 6:9 (NLT)

3. A godly mom plans ahead.

"She gets up before dawn to prepare breakfast for her household and **plan the day's work** for her servant girls... She has no fear of winter for her household, for everyone has warm clothes... She is clothed with strength and dignity, and **she laughs without fear of the future.**"

Proverbs 31:15, 21, & 25 (NLT)

IMPORTANT! Planning ahead begins with prayer. "Commit your actions to the LORD, **and your plans will succeed.**" Proverbs 16:3 (NLT)

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. **Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.**” Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)

4. A godly mom is generous to the needy.

“She extends a helping hand to the poor and **opens her arms to the needy.**” Proverbs 31:20 (NLT)

“There was a believer in Joppa named Tabitha (which in Greek is Dorcas). **She was always doing kind things for others and helping the poor.**” Acts 9:36 (NLT)

IMPORTANT! Kindness to the poor honors God. When we help the needy, we are doing God’s will and carrying out His work. “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, **you did for me.**” Matthew 25:40 (NIV)

5. A godly mom gives wise counsel.

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

Proverbs 31:26 (NLT)

IMPORTANT! We will be blessed if we listen to our mother’s instruction. “My child, listen when your father corrects you. Don’t neglect your mother’s instruction. What you learn from them **will crown you with grace and be a chain of honor around your neck.**” Proverbs 1:8-9 (NLT)

WARNING! We will face dire consequences if we foolishly ignore our mother’s instructions and pridefully turn our backs on our parents. “**Some people curse their father and do not thank their mother. They are pure in their own eyes, but they are filthy and unwashed...** The eye that mocks a father and despises a mother’s instructions will be plucked out by ravens of the valley and eaten by vultures.”

Proverbs 30:11-12 & 17 (NLT)

C. Brief answers to two important questions:

- Q. What if I didn’t/don’t have a godly mom?

A. We can ask God to help us forgive them, pray for them, and show them kindness they may never have shown us. “You have heard the law that says, ‘Love your neighbor’ and hate your enemy. But I say, love your enemies! **Pray for those who persecute you! In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven.**” Matthew 5:43-45a (NLT)

- Q. What if I don’t measure up to the godly mom in Proverbs 31?

A. We must never forget that as believers we are all in process. Jesus’ death on the cross not only paid the penalty for our sins but made it possible for us to be filled with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is working in us to make us a little more like Jesus every day and helping us become better moms. “For **God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.**”

Philippians 2:13 (NLT)

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Connect Group Discussion Questions:

1. How did you celebrate your mom on Mother’s Day this year? Why do you think a passage celebrating a godly mom is included in the wisdom literature of the Bible?
2. Read Proverbs 9:10 & Hebrews 12:28-29. Why is “fear of the Lord” a praiseworthy characteristic of a godly mom? (Proverbs 31:30)
3. Why do you think the Bible celebrates a woman’s Godly character as beautiful while our culture defines beauty by posting pictures of celebrity moms who still look “hot” at age 60? (1 Peter 3:1-6)
4. Discuss the following characteristics of a godly mom:
 - A godly mom is a blessing to her husband. (Proverbs 31:10-12 & 23)
 - A godly mom embraces the fact that motherhood is hard work. (Proverbs 31: 13-14, 16-19, 22, 24, & 27; Galatians 6:9)
 - A godly mom plans ahead. (Proverbs 3:5-6; 16:3; 31:15, 21, & 25)
 - A godly mom is generous to the needy. (Proverbs 31:20, Acts 9:36, Matthew 25:40)
 - A godly mom gives wise counsel. (Proverbs 1:8-9; 30:11-12, & 17; 31:26)

5. How can we encourage moms who feel like they don't measure up to the godly mom in Proverbs 31? (Philippians 2:13, Psalm 103:8-14)
6. What can we do if we didn't/don't have a godly mom? (Matthew 5:43-45)