

A Special Mother

Introduction

Proverbs 31:28-29

1. **The word “special” (as used in the New Testament) is often referred to as unusual or extraordinary.**
 - A. **While “unusual” may not be the choice of words when talking about a special mother, “extraordinary” does.**
2. **Special mothers are extraordinary because they go beyond what is ordinary.**

John Killinger once wrote:

I believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of the loving God, who was born of the promise to a virgin named Mary..

I believe in the love Mary gave her son, that caused her to follow him in his ministry and stand by his cross as he died.

I believe in the love of all mothers, and its importance in the lives of the children, they bear. It is stronger than steel, softer than down, and more resilient than a green sapling on the hillside. It closes wounds, melts disappointments, and enables the weakest child to stand tall and straight in the fields of adversity.

I believe that this love, even at its best, is only a shadow of the love of God, a dark reflection of all that we can expect of him, both in this life and the next.

And I believe that one of the most beautiful sights in the world is a mother who lets this greater love flow through her to her child, blessing the world with the tenderness of her touch and the tears of her joy.

3. **In this lesson, we will look at the mothers who go beyond what is common or ordinary.**
 - A. **Those who never leave their first love.**
 - B. **Those who unusually cherish their God given role as “mom.”**

One Who Never Leaves Her First Love

- **First and foremost – she is devoted to Christ!**

Mark 12:30

- 1. This is a woman who is a great help to her husband.**

Genesis 2:18 And the LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."

- 2. She is a woman who devotedly submits to her husband's headship.**

Ephesians 5:22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

- 3. She steadfastly stands with him no matter what (the wedding vows actually mean something to her).**

Proverbs 31:12 She does him good and not evil All the days of her life.

- 4. She is a woman who's husband trusts in her and she is a great example to her children (or children to be).**

Proverbs 31:11 The heart of her husband safely trusts her; So he will have no lack of gain.

One Who Cherishes All There Is To Being A Mom

1. She diligently trains her children in the laws (teachings) of God.

Proverbs 1:8 My son, hear the instruction of your father, And do not forsake the law of your mother;

A. She does not forsake (as is common) her God-given role of being a teacher.

Proverbs 29:15 The rod and rebuke give wisdom, But a child left to himself brings shame to his mother.

B. She wants her children to love the Lord first and foremost.

Mark 12:30

1) This same Biblical principle that guides her every step through life is reinforced time and time again to her children.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

C. As a result, her children honor her!

Ephesians 6:1-3 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

(2) "HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER," which is the first commandment with promise: (3) "THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU AND YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH."

Charles Spurgeon:

I cannot tell how much I owe to the prayers of my good mother. I remember her once praying, "Now Lord, if my children go on in sin it will not be from ignorance that they perish, and my soul must bear swift witness against them at the day of judgment if they lay not hold on Christ and claim Him as their Savior."

2. She is a godly example in all things for her children.**2 Timothy 1:3-5****3. She looks well to the ways of her household.**

Proverbs 31:27 She watches over the ways of her household, And does not eat the bread of idleness.

A. She seeks to improve the well being of her family**1) Physically, emotionally, financially****B. In other words: She is not lazy in her responsibilities nor selfish in her ambitions.**

Proverbs 19:15 Laziness casts one into a deep sleep, And an idle person will suffer hunger.

4. The BOTTOM LINE:

- **She has proven to be a great example to her children (or children to be) in all things. She is truly a God-fearing, God-loving mother who only wants the same for her household.**

Conclusion

1. **There are many “moms” in the world. Most of them are being honored on this day.**
2. **But what makes a mother so special (unusual, extraordinary) is one who exemplifies the qualities that pleases our heavenly Father.**
3. **This is the Lord’s Day. This is the day we come to remember the death of Jesus and to honor Him for allowing us to have peace, knowing that our sins are forgiven because of Him.**
 - A. **All of us, to include godly women, understand this and strive diligently to do all things according to Christ’s teaching.**
 - 1) **“We love Him because He first loved us”
(1 John 4:19).**

