

Mom: Means Others (before) Me  
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She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue...Her children arise and call her blessed. Proverbs 31:26, 28b

As Christians, we know what matters is not of this world, but of the next. So how does the “job” of being a mother (aka mom) line up with what really matters? Primarily, this divine calling is both God-ordained and God-designed, and one that requires sacrifice. Christ models for us the ultimate sacrifice – His death on the cross for us while yet we were sinners is pure gift and models the most important thing – love for you and for me.

Moms face challenges in a world that for their children is increasingly confusing, often chaotic, and requires centering on a crucified and risen Christ.

Godly moms show love often in the most mundane things such as changing a diaper, getting up in the middle of the night to feed or comfort a crying child, caring and nurturing - especially when children are sick or discouraged. They teach us, laugh with us, cry with us. They are not perfect but they look to, and can point us to, God’s perfect love. They are love in action.

The Bible shares many accounts of mothers that wonderfully teach us by example: Mary, the mother of Jesus; Hannah, the mother of the prophet Samuel; Eunice and Lois, the godly mother and grandmother of Timothy, missionary of the Gospel; these are just a few that can be shared with the very young and also serve to guide us in our own journeys.

Trusting in Jesus and the joy and peace only He brings helps moms to look beyond the trappings of this world. This world values us by our looks and the looks of our “stuff” – the size of our house, car, bank account, talents, work accomplishments, athletic ability, etc. She knows her value and that of her children does not come from things but from Christ and our adoption into God’s family. She models a life for her children that teaches and instills confidence in Christ. She knows Whose she is and that her life matters and has purpose in God’s perfect design.

The role models we follow guide and shape our perception and sense of purpose. A Godly mother, one who puts God first in her life, is a true gift to celebrate. She understands and needs forgiveness, and she is confident in her “being” identity in Christ no matter what else she may “do.”

Dear God, bless mothers and those that encourage mothers. Bless all who care for Your children. Keep our eyes fixed on Christ and our trust in Him alone. May we have joy in Jesus and point others to His peace as He guides us daily, until we joyfully meet Him face to face in the world to come. Amen.