

Mothers Predict the Future

2 Timothy 1:3-5

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Why are mothers important?

1) Mothers establish the spiritual groundwork for children to grow 2 Tim. 1:3-5

- Acts 16:1-2

2) Mothers help determine the future by how their children continue in God's word 2 Tim. 3:14-15

Mothers predict the future in discipling children to Jesus!

A MOTHERS' DAY CREED

I believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God,

Who was born of the promise to a virgin named Mary.

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 the shadow love of God, a dark reflection of all that we expect of Him 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.

Thank God for mothers, and thank mothers for helping us understand God!

Message Based Discussion Questions

- 1) What is your earliest recollection of your mother or the woman who raised you?

Digging Deeper:

- 2) Read Luke 2:40-51. As Jesus was growing up, who had a deep love for Jesus? _____ What do you learn about mothers from this passage?
- 3) Who was Samuel's mother (cf. 1 Sam. 1:2-28 [it's lengthy, but take the time to read the entire passage]) _____ Upon whom was she dependent? How did she respond to the answer she received? What were the consequences of her obedience?
- 4) Note Proverbs 31:10-31. Who is the subject of this passage? _____ What are some of the good qualities of this person? Why are some people troubled by this passage?

Making application from the message:

- 5) How well are mother's fulfilling their role of training up children to take their position as spiritual leaders in the world? What influences your thinking?
- 6) What are three things you could do for young moms at church to help determine the future for our church?
- 7) Make a list of 31 things your wife/mother does for you and the family. Make a point of thanking her specifically for one on each day of the coming month. On each day of the following month pay her a new compliment on one of her good attitudes, character qualities, habits or talents. Be prepared for a better relationship than you've enjoyed in quite a while!