



“A MOTHER’S HEART”

By Mary Mayko

Proverbs 22:6 LB “Teach a child to choose the right path, and when he is older he will remain on it.”

2 Tim. 1:5 LB “I know how much you trust the LORD, just as your mother Eunice and your grandmother Lois do; and I feel sure you are still trusting Him as much as ever.”

Timothy’s mother *and* grandmother had trained the young man well! Sometimes there is not a father figure in the family for various reasons. He may have passed away, been divorced, gone for long periods of time on business or be in the military. When the father is missing, all the responsibilities then lie on the shoulders of the mother! It seems this was the case in Timothy’s upbringing, for there is no mention of his father.

Paul commends both Timothy’s mother and grandmother for their influence in rearing him in a godly way! It is a real challenge for a single mother to overcome the hardships when the dad is no longer in the home! Without the father’s guidance, the mother has to do double duty! She really needs God’s wisdom, strength, mercy and grace in shaping her child into a productive member of society and one that honors the LORD as well as his mom!

Proverbs 29:17 LB “Discipline your son and he will give you happiness and peace of mind.”

A wise mother will discipline her child with love, yet with firmness! Bad behavior and rude manners is not a good testimony! It takes hard work and commitment to discipline a child! A well mannered child is a blessing and brings respect to a mother!

Proverbs 31:28 LB “Her children stand and bless her.”

Mothers are usually the first influence we have in our lives. How they live and the way they treat their children, including what they teach them has a lasting effect on them! Mother's are God's "VIPs" in the family structure. As "Keepers of Kids" they are involved with the training and protection of their children in every day life. From diapers to graduation, moms need to be there to listen and understand when the kids are going through difficult times.

Godly moms are an expression of God's Heart, the tender, nourishing side of our LORD! Just as Christ is touched by the feelings of our infirmities, so a mother will ache for any kind of pain her child suffers from. Grandmothers and other ladies can be a great help for young moms by encouraging them and sharing with them, sometimes being available to help them.

There are many examples from the Bible to guide a mother. No matter what your Background may be, God's love for mothers can redeem any area of need in your life!

You may feel it is too late for you if you became a Believer after your children were born, or even grown, but take heart! God does not put "time limits" on your prayers! You may be a first generation Christian who has been given an opportunity to pass down a Godly heritage to your children! Your prayers can be a "covering" for your kids, even after they have left home!

If you have raised your children in a godly atmosphere and yet they have strayed away from the LORD, take encouragement from the Word! Remember the parable of the "Lost Son" in Luke 15:11-32. Although the son went astray, he finally came to his senses and came humbly to his home where the young man was fully restored to his father! (And if his mother was alive, I can just see her she there rejoicing also, although the Bible doesn't mention her!)

Eunice and Lois instilled godly principles in Timothy, making him a valuable asset to Ministry! Some respond to the LORD quicker than others, so continue to trust God to bring any "wandering ones" back into His Fold! You never know what God may do for a mother who will willingly and diligently lift her children before the Throne of God's mercy and grace!

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BENEFICIAL BLESSINGS!

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“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are you ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than you ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain cometh down and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater; So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return to me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it” Isaiah 55:8-11 KJV

Last month we talked about rain, and how beneficial it is. This month I want you to see the benefits pf the very stormy seasons in our life, these awful dark places!

We go though these trials to help others. We grow so others can find shelter in the wisdom gained from our experiences!

There is no doubt! It is a fact, April showers bring May flowers! Just as true, when we have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, these storms bring blessings just as lovely as the flowers of May!

Let’s look at some of these “flowers”. First of all, the God of Divine perfection is our Father. The writer of Ecclesiastes said: “I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be forever: nothing can be put to it, nor anything taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before Him.”

Because He is perfect, I can stand on His word, and know all that He has promised will come to pass. He is holy, and will maintain His Name, therefore His word! No wonder Moses sang His praises in Exodus 15:11 KJV “Who is like unto Thee, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like Thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?”

Our Father is righteous! Psalm 119:137 KJV “Righteous art Thou, O Lord, and upright are Thou judgments”. Again in Psalm 145:17 KJV “The Lord is righteous in all His ways and holy in all His works.”

When He is our God and we walk in His ways, His righteousness becomes ours. Read the benefits of that! “The work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness

quietness and assurance forever, and My people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.” Isaiah 32:17-18

We are wrapped in His love! Do you know anyone that loves you so much, they would give their life for you? Or kill their child for you? Think again as you read John 3:16 and let the words of this verse really sink in your heart and mind. “For God so loved the world (you and I !) that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

“Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God!” 1 John 3:1

Can a God so great, so holy, really love us? Yes! Yes! Yes! The Psalmist saw this and wrote:

“Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy Name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and plenteous in mercy. He hath not dealt with us after our sins: nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward them that fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us. Like as a Father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him. For He knoweth our frame, He remembereth that we are dust.” (Excerpts from Psalm 103)

Whatever you are facing today, trust the Lord to keep you. Read again these promises:

“Commit thy way unto the Lord: trust also in Him: and He shall bring it to pass.” Ps.37:5

**“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.”
Prov 3:5**

May flowers are lovely, and to be enjoyed, your Father’s love is a blessing and to be enjoyed!

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“HOW DO YOU FIND VICTORY WHEN FACED WITH TRIALS?”

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I would like to share three ways the LORD has helped me gain victory during the trials I have faced in life. These have proven effective time and again when I use them!

1. MEMORIZING BIBLE VERSES AND SCRIPTURAL PRINCIPLES

Since Jesus used the Word to defeat the Enemy, I take that as my example! I have found it to be an excellent defense against Satan’s lies that he uses to try to flood our minds while we are going through trials of physical affliction, emotional upheavals, or spiritual attacks. The more we know and use God’s Word, the quicker His peace will comfort us. The Holy Spirit can bring back to our minds whatever the bible has taught us in our times of need. I find it best to be prepared ahead of time, as when we are under extra stress, it is much harder to think or search for a verse that will help us! The Bible tells us not to be surprised when we suffer though our trials, so memorizing the Word is wisdom! John 14:26 1 Peter 4:12-13

2. BE COMPLETELY HONEST WITH GOD AND YOURSELF!

I have found that talking with God FIRST helps to calm me down. He is our Counselor! One way that always helps me is to write a “Dear Jesus” letter or note. In my vocal prayers when I am upset, I tend to either repeat or forget to say what I need to express. When I write them down, I can deal with each phrase more effectively. As I examine my own heart cries, the Holy Spirit reminds me of God’s love and promises never to leave me nor forsake me, He is always with me! He also says He will not give me more than I can bear, (even when I think He has!) but He tells me to cast my cares on Him! John 15:20-21 Matt. 11:28-30

3. MAKE A DECISION!

Trials challenge us to make decisions and making a decision provides an action that Helps bring peace of mind. We have a choice to either lean on the LORD, or accuse Him of not caring for us or ignoring us. I choose to lean on Him! He will provide a Way though the trials, He does not eliminate them! He brings His comfort during the Trials. The answers to my questions may have to wait awhile, but He is always there For me.

If I just keep looking at the problems without trusting Him, the Enemy begins to “feed” me negatives about God and myself that drags me down into deep depression. I have experienced both decisions in the past, and trusting in the LORD is always the Best choice! 1 Cor.10:13 John 16:33

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