



TODAY'S MESSAGE | MAY 9, 2021

# In Praise of God-fearing Mothers

PROVERBS 31:25-31

"Mother": that wonderfully strange creature who we honor today not just because it's Mother's Day, but because she's worth it! In our GCF tradition, we never limit this term to just biological or adoptive moms, but apply it to also honor spiritual mothers, ladies who've led someone else to saving faith in Christ. So if you are a "mother" as we just defined it, this message is to honor you and all the hard work that you've done.

We'll digest a long passage (Proverbs 31:10-31) into what it really requires from a believing mother, for only she can become a truly "God-fearing" mom. And we might inadvertently demoralize hardworking moms by making them feel inadequate as we look at this seeming supermom in Proverbs.

So, we shall go instead into what makes any mother uniquely "super" in God's sight, whose opinion is the only one that counts anyway:

## What becomes of a mother who fears the LORD? What does she turn out to be?

- 1. Her <u>Character</u> is revealed as inner strength and dignity (v.25).
- 2. Her Care is felt though her words of wisdom and kindness (v. 26).
- 3. Her Competence results in beneficial diligence at home (v. 27).

### What is the earthly reward of a mother who fears the LORD?

- She reaps the sincere blessing of her children (v. 28) and the heartfelt praise of her spouse (v. 29).
- She reaps all that she lovingly sows, including the praise of others (v. 31)



#### Who is the mother who fears the LORD?

• The phrase, "the LORD", is actually Yahweh, the covenant Name of God, for those that He calls His people. Today we become the people of God by the only way that He has mandated: through faith alone in Christ alone (John 14:6; Ephesians 2:8-10).

But this way to God is not for mothers only. It's for all of us. As we become the people of God, He molds us to become people who fear the LORD with a loving reverence.

#### **FINAL THOUGHTS**

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As God works on you, He molds you more and more into who you should become, a woman who fears God. So please remember this: "Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised" (Proverbs 31:30). Everything else you positively become, simply flows from there...

#### **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR MOMS!**

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. In what ways does a mother's love remind you of God's love? Give some examples to consider.
- 2. Sometimes Mother's Day brings less than pleasant memories for some because they had less than perfect moms. How would you encourage and cheer up someone who feels that way today? How will you pray for them specifically?
- 3. Please put your hands lovingly on the mother (or mothers) in your midst. Each of you pray for her and ask God to not just bless her but to keep giving her joy in what is often a thankless and unappreciated role.

### WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING



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2 Corinthians 9:7

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For In-Kind Donations: drop off at the GCF Lobby from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

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Email your deposit slip to finance@gcf.org.ph with the subject "For Bayanihan Food Stall".

For questions, contact the Mercy Ministry at 0917 532 7672 or mercy@gcf.org.ph

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#### GCF KUMUSTA KA NA? | 2021 GCF ORTIGAS CHURCHWIDE SURVEY

We want to hear from you! Accomplish and submit the survey on or before 5:00 PM of May 12. Go to bit.ly/KumustaKaNaGCF. For queries, email us at kumusta@gcf.org.ph.

#### **REMINDERS OF GOD'S CARE AND FAITHFULNESS DEVOTIONALS**

Mondays and Fridays | 8:00 p.m. | Livestream on GCF Facebook and YouTube

#### LIVEstream (Youth LIVE Worship)

Saturdays | 5:00 p.m. | on youtube.com/user/gcfyouthlive

#### KIDS' L.I.F.E. ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays | 1:00 p.m | on Facebook at @GCFKidsLIFE

#### THE GCF FAMILY'S HOUR OF PRAYER

Thursdays | 8:00 p.m. | 9 p.m. | via Zoom

#### **YA TALKS: TOUGH TOPICS "ONLINE DATING"**

May 12, 2021 | 8:00 p.m. | LIVE on GCF Facebook and YouTube page

#### HEAVEN, HELL, AND LIFE AFTER DEATH (7-WEEK ONLINE BIBLE STUDY)

Starts on May 9, 2021 | 8:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. | via Zoom

Pre-registration required:

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Register here: https://forms.gle/AbFBoqYT9Wc1y5FX7

#### JOY WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP | MOTHER'S DAY APPRECIATION WITH PATTY LOANZON

May 11, 2021 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 NN | via Zoom | Meeting ID: 889 4366 5500 Passcode: joywomen | For questions, contact Angie at 0917 532 1921

#### SUPERHEROES ARE REAL. THEY ARE CALLED MOMS.

May 15 | Saturday | 3:00-5:00PM | via Zoom | Speaker: Ms. Natalie "Lee" Sepe Register at: bit.ly/GCFSupaMomsDay

#### **GCF COMMS MINISTRY ASSEMBLY**

May 15 | Saturday | 8:00 PM | via Zoom | Meeting ID: 989 188 9489 | Passcode: GCFComms

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Facebook: Greenhills Christian Fellowship | E-mail: pray@gcf.org.ph

#### **GROW IN A GROWTH GROUP**

#### **BURNING HEARTS ORIGINAL | MIXED (AGE 35 TO 77)**

Fridays | 7:30 p.m. | via Zoom | with Ruby Diokno

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