

Sally Olsen –Utah Mother of the Year 2011

I rejoice in this happy opportunity to represent all women who love husband, home, family and precious children. I am supernally grateful for motherhood and the opportunity and choice we have to elevate children and family.

When I was about to be married my mother's friends gave me a bridal shower. They made a scrapbook. On one page was a picture of a tired homemaker, with a bandanna around her head, little crying children clinging to her legs, and the house a mess. Under the picture was a caption..."Mother said there would be days like this!" I remember feeling insulted that anyone would ever think that I would have days like that!

Through the succeeding years and raising 12 children, 4 sons and 8 daughters, I discovered that **there were some days like that**. However, knowing that motherhood is the greatest career, the career for which all other careers exist, I prepared myself mentally, spiritually and physically for the most important job in the world, that of homemaker and Mother-- and even little lipstick can go a long way!

Successful marriages and families are-established and maintained on principles of faith, prayer, being willing to change for the better, freely forgiving ourselves and others, respect, love, compassion, work, and family activities.

I know that living these principles brings great joy now and in success in the journey!
We have faith, hope and charity as we hold family councils to set family goals and make plans.

We have hope to move forward knowing that the greatest service that any woman will ever perform will be in nurturing, teaching, . . .and rearing her children in righteousness and truth. There is no other thing that will compare with that regardless of what she does. GBH

I remember desiring to have nice dinners and practice good table manners when we had a house full of little children Dad was not always there and little peas were fun to throw. At times there was more food under the table than on the table.

In these situations and many others, how grateful I am for the power of a positive attitude and the choice to live with faith, hope and charity. I would say to myself tomorrow will be better and I will move forward in great faith and hope.

When we are filled with charity, what may seem like mundane and unimportant tasks, become a joyful privilege! --Even changing diapers.

I love being a mother!

We shout to the world, catch the vision of Motherhood and joy in families! I know that there is no service greater than that which converts the home into a divine institution and promotes and preserves family life.

I love Motherhood! Up with Motherhood!