

WHAT MUST YOU DO TO BE A GOOD MOTHER?

WHO IS A MOTHER?

Matthew 12:46-50 (KJV)

⁴⁶ While he yet talked to the people, behold, his mother and his brethren stood without, desiring to speak with him. ⁴⁷ Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee. ⁴⁸ But he answered and said unto him that told him, *Who is my mother? and who are my brethren?* ⁴⁹ And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, *Behold my mother and my brethren!* ⁵⁰ *For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.*

A mother is a wife that does God's will.

WHAT IS GOD'S WILL FOR A MOTHER?

Let's highlight just few

1. Building a home for God – how are you building your home?

What do you think God expects our homes to be?

- HUSBAND AND WIFE RELATIONSHIP TO EACH OTHER

Ephesians 5:21-23

²¹ *Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.* ²² *Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.* ²³ *For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.*

- HUSBAND AND WIFE RELATIONSHIP TO THE CHURCH

Ephesians 5:21-25 (KJV)

²⁴ *Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.* ²⁵ *Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;*

1 Timothy 3:1-7 (The Message) - LEADERSHIP IN THE CHURCH

¹⁻⁷ **3** *If anyone wants to provide leadership in the church, good! But there are preconditions: A leader must be well-thought-of, committed to his wife, cool and collected, accessible, and hospitable. He must know what he's talking about, not be overfond of wine, not pushy but gentle, not thin-skinned, not money-hungry. He must handle his own affairs well, attentive to his own children and having their respect. For if someone is unable to handle his own affairs, how can he take care of God's church? He must not be a new believer, lest the position go to his head and the Devil trip him up. Outsiders must think well of him, or else the Devil will figure out a way to lure him into his trap.*

- HUSBAND AND WIFE RELATIONSHIP TO THEIR CHILDREN

1. DEDICATE THE CHILDREN THAT GOD HAS GIVEN YOU TO HIM

1 Samuel 1:2 (KJV) – Hannah's Story

² *Elkanah had two wives; the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah: and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.*

1 Samuel 1:27-28 (KJV)

²⁷ For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him: ²⁸ Therefore also I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the LORD. And he worshipped the LORD there.

1 Samuel 2:21 (KJV)

²¹ And the LORD visited Hannah, so that she conceived, and bare three sons and two daughters. And the child Samuel grew before the LORD.

2. TRAIN THE CHILDREN TO KNOW GOD

Proverbs 22:6 (KJV)

⁶ Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Eli's children were not well trained

1 Samuel 2:12 (KJV)

¹² Now the sons of Eli were *sons of Belial*; they knew not the LORD.

1 Samuel 2:22-24 (KJV)

²² Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with the women that assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. ²³ And he said unto them, Why do ye such things? for I hear of your evil dealings by all this people. ²⁴ Nay, my sons; for it is no good report that I hear: ye make the LORD'S people to transgress.

Belial, Eli's wife was not a good mother

Proverbs 29:15 (KJV)

¹⁵ The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.

THE DESIRES OF MOTHER FOR THEIR CHILDREN

Matthew 20:20-28 (The Message)

²⁰ It was about that time that the mother of the Zebedee brothers came with her two sons (James and John) and knelt before Jesus with a request.

²¹ "What do you want?" Jesus asked.

She said, "Give your word that these two sons of mine will be awarded the highest places of honor in your kingdom, one at your right hand, one at your left hand."

²² Jesus responded, "You have no idea what you're asking." And he said to James and John, "Are you capable of drinking the cup that I'm about to drink?"

They said, "Sure, why not?"

²³ Jesus said, "Come to think of it, you are going to drink my cup. But as to awarding places of honor, that's not my business. My Father is taking care of that."

²⁴⁻²⁸ When the ten others heard about this, they lost their tempers, thoroughly disgusted with the two brothers. So Jesus got them together to settle things down. He said, "You've observed how godless rulers throw their weight around, how quickly a little power goes to their heads. It's not going to be that way with you. Whoever wants to be great must become a servant. Whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave. That is what the Son of Man has done: He came to serve, not be served—and then to give away his life in exchange for the many who are held hostage." - **Train your child to be humble servants seeking the kingdom of God and all your desires shall be fulfilled beyond your expectations.**