

May Our Mothers Rejoice

Proverbs 23:22-25

I know zero about being a mother or about being a woman, but I do know about showing gratitude and respect to the ones who gave me life! Proverbs chapter 23 is Solomon's wisdom to his son on following the instructions of his parents.

Have Appreciation For Her (Proverbs 23:22) Your mother has rejoiced in your birth, in your growth, and rejoices in your presence. Let's be humble in reminding ourselves that we didn't choose to be born, God, in His goodness saw fit that you would have the mother that you have and that you would be the miracle of life that He wanted to produce! This is all done for His glory! When we show appreciation and gratitude towards God, towards our dad, towards our mother, than we are saying to God, you do excellent work! As Caleb Moore would say, "God is a great artist, even better than Bob Ross!"

Psalms 139:13-14 ***"For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well."***

The greatest way we can show appreciation to both God and mom, is to live for Christ! In John 3:3 Jesus tells Nicodemus, ***"Jesus answered him, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.'"*** A mother whose heart is drawn to the heart of Christ wants her children to be born again! There is no greater prayer for her kids than for them to be saved.

"The Holy Spirit never enters a man then lets him live like the world. You can be sure of that."- AW Tozer

Heed Application From Her (Proverbs 23:23-25) Even if your mother has gone to be with Christ, many things that she has taught you will leave a legacy of application. If your mother is a believer, than her greatest desire is for her children to be saved!

a. Heed her wisdom from the Word. (vv.23-24) Paul reminds Timothy of the wisdom that his mother and grandmother passed on to him based on the Word of God. 2 Timothy 1:5-6 ***"I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands,"*** also in 2 Timothy 3:14-15 ***"But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."***

Proverbs 1:8 "Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching,"

b. Heed her wisdom from her ways. (v.25)

1. She teaches true beauty. 1 Peter 3:4 *“but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious.”*

2. She teaches time management. Proverbs 31:26-27 *“She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.”*

3. She teaches younger women. Titus 2:3-4 *“Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, and so train the young women to love their husbands and children,”*

A mother whose heart has been tuned to the heart of God, wants the same thing God wants, for us to turn to Him. Appreciate your mother and apply what she has taught you! Give her reason to rejoice because of the life you are now living for Jesus Christ!