

Glorifying God in Motherhood

Selected Scriptures

1. **The Glory of God in the Creation of Motherhood**

God created male and female (Gen. 1:27). He created male and female to be different, yet complementary (Gen. 2:18-25). He established that women were to be mothers (Gen. 1:28; 3:16, 20).

2. **The Glory of God in the Condition of Motherhood**

Because God is the giver of children, they are to be regarded as blessed gifts from God (Ps. 127:3). Whether the blessing of children is given or withheld, it is imperative that Christians remember that God is the one who both opens and closes the womb (1 Sam. 1:1-6). And for those who are providentially hindered from motherhood, the blessings of God for those who faithfully serve Him are far greater than the blessings of children (Isa. 56:1-7).

3. **The Glory of God in the Commission for Motherhood**

Solomon's description of the excellent wife and mother is a daunting ideal to which women can aspire (Prov. 31:10-31). This woman is described as being trustworthy (v.11), industrious in earning (v.16), capable in home economics (vs. 19-22), and with many other positive qualities. The New Testament describes several practical areas of life in which all mothers ought to be engaged.

A. Instructing Her Children (cf. Eph. 6:1; cf. Prov. 1:8; 6:20)

B. Loving Her Children (Titus 2:4b)

C. Domestically Energized (1 Tim. 5:14; Ti. 2:5)

D. Maritally Mature (Eph. 5:22, 33; Ti. 2:4-5; 1 Tim 5:14)

4. **The Glory of God in our Obligation towards Mothers**

God has given instructions for how Christians are to esteem and honor mothers.

A. Children in the Home: Obedience (Eph. 6:1)

B. Children out of the Home: Honor (Ex. 20:12; Mk. 7:13; 1 Ti. 5:2)