

Text: Various
Topics: Gentleness, Honor, Mothers, Teaching
Mother's Day

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Concerning Mothers...

I. A Mother's Power

Timothy's mother exemplified a mother's capacity to teach and transfer sincere faith. (2 Timothy 1:5; 3:14-15)

The gentleness and sacrifice of a mother exemplifies Christian character. (1 Thess. 2:7-8)

II. A Mother's Pitfall (Matthew 10:37)

A mother's love for her child more than for the Lord, can be her downfall.

III. A Mother's Privilege (Matthew 15:3-6)

We don't outgrow the commandment to honor our mother.

Application Questions - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.

1. What is the most significant lesson you learned from your mother?

2. What was Timothy taught as a child? (2 Timothy 3:14-15). Since the gospel of Christ mostly likely had not reached that area yet, why was this significant?

What does this say about mothers teaching children? Children's ministry?

3. From 2 Timothy 1:5, what did Timothy "catch" from his mother and grandmother? Why not from his father? (Acts 16:1)

Think about what Timothy "caught." Describe what it looks like.

What would you call some "best practices" and "worst practices" for passing along a sincere faith to one's children?

4. What character qualities of a mother are highlighted in 1 Thessalonians 2:7-8, and why are these qualities important in a Christian's life?

What makes these character qualities difficult to practice?

5. What mistake of a mother is pointed out in Matthew 10:37? Give examples of what this looks like when a child is small to adult.

What are some of the outcomes of this kind of parenting?

6. In Matthew 15:3-6 Jesus condemned the Pharisees for negating the commandment to honor parents in a way that looked spiritual. What does it look like to honor your mother when a child is small to adulthood?

How can parents teach this?

7. What would you say to the person who did not have a mother with a sincere faith, or to the mother who feels like she failed in one or more of the areas above?

