

# Mother's Day 2019

- Story about Mom pulling my teeth with dental floss string...
- Delicate balance between comforting & nurturing AND preparing & building...
- So Many Mothers Struggle Intensely with Inadequacy and Fear of Failure...
  - **Instead of Worthy Woman being and encouragement it sounds like an accusation**

**Proverbs 31:25-29** Strength and dignity are her clothing, And she smiles at the future. **26** She opens her mouth in wisdom, And the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. **27** She looks well to the ways of her household, And does not eat the bread of idleness. **28** Her children rise up and bless her; Her husband *also*, and he praises her, *saying*: **29** "Many daughters have done nobly, But you excel them all."

## I Want to Encourage You...What He's Called You To He Has Equipped You For...

### Hebrews 13:20-21

**20** Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, *even* Jesus our Lord, **21** equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## Single Moms

- 2 Types of Single Moms
  - **Those Who Aren't Married**
    - May be the Hardest Job in the World
    - The Struggle is Exponentially Harder...
    - An Outsider; Feels Not Included in the "Family" Definitions...
    - Jesus is Your Husband....
    - Disciples of Jesus...look for opportunities to support a Single Mom
  - **Those Who's Husbands Are Childish**

### 1 Peter 3:7

You husbands in the same way, **live with your wives in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.**

- She Needs Your Covering...
- She Needs to be Carried, Cherished, Protected...
- Husbands -- Quit being a Child...Grow Up and Be A Man...
- Otherwise Your Access to God Will Be Blocked...He'll Be Tired of Your Childishness

## Sons and Daughters -- When You're Grown Up and Gone

## Proverbs 23:22

Listen to your father, who gave you life, and **do not despise your mother when she is old.**

## Proverbs 15:20

A wise son makes a glad father, but **a foolish man despises his mother.**

- When we go out on our own, to become adults, tend to get annoyed...irritated with Mom...
- There Should Be Boundaries
  - A Wise Mother Knows She Must Transition From Mother to Advisor
  - But it is a Very Difficult Transition – Still, Real Love Makes That Transition...
  - Children, Be Patient and Compassionate in that Transition...
  - Don't Write Her Off as just Nosy, Controlling, or Manipulative – although she may struggle with those very things...

## Matthew 15:4-9

**4** For God said, 'Honor your father and mother,' and, 'He who speaks evil of father or mother is to be put to death.' **5** But you say, 'Whoever says to *his* father or mother, "Whatever I have that would help you has been given *to God*," **6** he is not to honor his father or his mother.' And *by this* you invalidated the word of God for the sake of your tradition. **7** You hypocrites, rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you: **8** 'This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far away from Me. **9** 'But in vain do they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the precepts of men.'"

- **But There is Still Wisdom, Compassion, and Strength to Learn and Grow From in Her**

## Titus 2:3-5

Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good, **4 so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored.**

We Love you Moms...

Thank You ...For Sacrifices, Wearing More Hats Than You Should Have To, For Carrying More Burdens Than Your Shoulders Were Built for....Thank You

You Show Us a Side of God That Is Hard to Learn / Know in Any Other Way But Through You...

And It's Him That All Glory and Honor Go To This Morning....