

Mom's Eternal Mission

Text : Exodus 2: 1-10 ; I Samuel 1: 21-28

S#1.

S#2.

A. Happy Mother's Day ... Secular Holiday, but with a laudable intent.

1. Ann Jarvis pressed to achieve our Mother's Day holiday.
 - a. It was originally to honor mothers who lost sons in the civil war.
 - b. Started in 1905 on Grafton, West Virginia sponsored by a department store.
 - c. Mothers were given a red carnation.
2. In 1914 President Woodrow Wilson made the 2nd Sunday in May a national holiday.

B. Motherhood is the most important job on earth.

1. The survival of the species depends on mothers producing the next generation.
 - a. For the past 50 years women in the developed countries don't produce enough children to maintain population.
 - b. The U.S. , Europe , and Japan rely on immigration to maintain population.
 - c. We allow 1 million legal immigrants per year.
 - d. Under developed countries keep producing more children than they can feed.
2. The survival of the church depends upon maintaining a positive fertility rate.
 - a. The Muslim religion is the fastest growing religion in the world today.
 - b. Muslims produce many children and train them to follow their religion.
 - 1) In Europe, Muslim women average raising 3.1 children in their lifetime.
 - 2) The average for the population at large is 1.5 to 1.7 and still declining.
 - c. It is estimated that Muslims will dominate Christians within 30 to 50 years.
 - * d. In places where Muslims dominate they are intolerant of Christians.
3. "*The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world.*" is a true proverb.
 - a. Mothers instill their children with their fundamental value systems.
 - b. **ILL** : Palestinian women bring their children up to hate Jews & Christians
 - c. American values are not being taught to our children so they grow up as rioters.
 - d. The survival of the church depends upon the mothers to train up each generation.

C. No congregation of the church is stronger than its mothers.

1. The strongest influence in your life was your mother.
2. What do mothers need to be communicating to their children ?

S#3.

This lesson will very briefly observe 7 things that are fundamental to parenting.

I. Train the children as they should go, not as they would go.

S#4.

- A. **Prov. 22: 6** – Train up a child in the way he should go,
Even when he is old he will not depart from it.

S#5.

B. Children become self-willed at a very young age.

1. For example : Children throw tantrum in store when they don't get what they want.
2. **Prov. 22: 15** – Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child;
The rod of discipline will remove it far from him.
3. The easiest thing is to give the child what he wants just to shut him up.
 - a. **Prov. 29: 15** – The rod and reproof give wisdom,
But a child who gets his own way brings shame to his mother.
 - b. No child is born with wisdom; it must be taught. (*Training involves bending his will*)

II. Train children with tender affection and patience.

S#6.

S#7.

A. Some force may be required, but no one wants to be drive, but most can be led.

1. A shepherd walks and his sheep follow him because they are attached to him.
2. It is the same with God's sheep.
I Thes. 2: 6-8 – ... even though as apostles of Christ we might have asserted our authority. **7** But we proved to be gentle among you, as a nursing mother tenderly cares for her own children. **8** Having so fond an affection for you, we were well-pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become very dear to us.

S#8.

B. Forced obedience fosters deception and rebellion.

1. God's wisdom knows when to press discipline and when to exercise patience.
 - a. Even when seeking to please, everyone makes mistakes.
 - b. **Mal. 3: 17** – They will be Mine," says the Lord of hosts, "on the day that I prepare My own possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him."
2. Seeking perfection and applying excessive discipline can be counterproductive.
Col. 3: 17 – Fathers, do not exasperate your children, so that they will not lose heart.

S#9.

III. Approach training with an attitude of "A lot depends on what I do."

S#10.

A. Your bending affects his ending.

S#11.

- Prov. 22: 6** – Train up a child in the way he should go,
Even when he is old he will not depart from it

S#12.

B. The training must start when the child is still young enough be pliable.

1. Preached at a church that had shaped trees in their yard to illustrate this.
2. **Prov. 28: 19** – He who tills his land will have plenty of food,
But he who follows empty pursuits will have poverty in plenty.
3. God will only harvest your child's soul if you till his heart in the spring of youth.

IV. Train the child with eternity in mind.

S#13.

A. We often train them well for the market place, but leave them unprepared for eternity.

S#14.

1. Asian mom wrote a book on the virtues of being a "Tiger Mom."
 - a. Prepare them to live in the best gated communities.
 - b. They are totally unprepared to enter the pearly gates ... an eternal home.
2. **Luke 9: 25** – For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses or forfeits himself?

B. The greatest love a parent can have for a child is to love his SOUL.

V. Train up a child to know the bible.

S#15.

S#16.

A. We can't force them love God's word, but we can make sure they know it.

1. Faith is a response to the word, it cannot be inherited. S#17.

II Tim. 1: 5 – For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that it is in you as well.
2. Timothy's grandmother taught him the word from infancy. S#18.
 - a. **II Tim. 3: 15** – and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.
 - b. **Childhood** { *brephos* } 1 an unborn child ... 2 a new-born child, an infant, a babe S #19.

B. Training in the word is most readily accomplished while they are young children.

1. Trying to learn a foreign language is easy for a child. (*Kid 4 languages at once.*)
2. Mother said, "I'll wait till he gets old enough to choose." The devil didn't wait.

C. Timothy's mother raised him in the faith without the help of his father. S #20.

1. **Acts 16: 1** – Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. And a disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek,

2. From the structure of the original, his father was not present. (*dead or abandoned*)
3. Single mothers can raise godly children if they implant the word in their heart. S#21.

James 1: 21 – Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls.

VI. A mother must be careful not to overindulge her child.

S#22.

A. We live in a land of plenty so it is easy to overdo it.

1. **Prov. 25: 16** – Have you found honey? Eat only what you need, That you not have it in excess and vomit it. S#23.
2. **Prov. 25: 27-28** – It is not good to eat much honey, nor is it glory to search out one's own glory. ²⁸ Like a city that is broken into and without walls is a man who has no control over his spirit.

B. Affection is essential, but given in excess it can prevent discipline.

S#24.

1. Many children have their lives ruined by parents who don't want them to cry.
2. Love for a child demands that he be disciplined.
 - a. **Prov. 13: 24** – He who withholds his rod hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines him diligently. S#25.
 - b. Adonijah, David's son was undisciplined and almost brought Israel to civil war.
 - c. **I King 1: 6** – His father had never crossed him at any time by asking, "Why have you done so?" And he was also a very handsome man, and he was born after Absalom.

C. Every child needs discipline to teach him wisdom.

S#26.

1. **Prov. 22: 15** – Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; The rod of discipline will remove it far from him.
2. **Prov. 22: 15** – The rod and reproof give wisdom, But a child who gets his own way brings shame to his mother.

D. Discipline is not child abuse; it is a manifestation of love.

1. Many modern parents love themselves more than they love their children.
2. **Heb. 12: 6-8** – My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord. Nor faint S#27 when you are reprove by Him; ⁶ for those whom the Lord loves He disciplines and He scourges every son whom He receives. ⁷ It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸ But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.

VII. Teach them to live by heavenly values.

S#28.

A. Each day one lives on the earth, he is torn between Heaven and Hell.

S#29.

1. The world lives by its own standard rejecting the rule of God in their life.
2. Young people are pressured to accept the world's system of values.

B. No one is born with Christian values; they must be taught.

S#30.

1. **WHY?** Young people must be told why they should believe what you teach them.
2. Children have a depth of understanding which instantly comprehends hypocrisy.
 - a. Most often there are inconsistencies between the values and the lives of adults.
 - b. Children don't always understand why you do what you do, but they catch every inconsistency between what you say and what you do.
 - c. Universally, what you do even once will outweigh what you say.

C. Basic Christian values are contrary to the natural desires of man's flesh.

S#31.

1. One must be taught the difference between wants and needs.
2. One must be taught to value a home in Heaven more than a nice house. (*treasures*)

D. One of the most important values to teach is how to choose companions.

S#32.

1. Most young people don't actively choose who will be their friend.
 - a. Most commonly thrust together by circumstances. (*Neighbors, teammates*)
 - b. Children are seldom aware that they should choose who will be their friend.
2. **I Cor. 15: 33 – Do not be deceived: "Bad company corrupts good morals."**
3. We can't choose their mate, but we can warn them about mistakes.

CONCLUSION :

S#33.

A. Like the great mothers of the scriptures, we must prepare our children for God.

1. The mother of Moses had him for only a few years, but gave him godly values.
2. In only 5 years, the mother of Samuel instilled the love of God within him.

S#34.

B. Like these godly women, grandmothers can have great influence in a little time.

S#35.

C. Being a mother is far more than a biological function. We salute godly mothers.

INVITATION :

S#36. ... Communion slide

Lesson Text :**Exodus 2: 1-10**

1 Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a daughter of Levi. **2** The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was beautiful, she hid him for three months. **3** But when she could hide him no longer, she got him a wicker basket and covered it over with tar and pitch. Then she put the child into it and set it among the reeds by the bank of the Nile. **4** His sister stood at a distance to find out what would happen to him.

5 The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the Nile, with her maidens walking alongside the Nile; and she saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid, and she brought it to her. **6** When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the boy was crying. And she had pity on him and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children." **7** Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call a nurse for you from the Hebrew women that she may nurse the child for you?" **8** Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go ahead." So the girl went and called the child's mother. **9** Then Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him. **10** The child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. And she named him Moses, and said, "Because I drew him out of the water."

I Samuel 1: 21-28

21 Then the man Elkanah went up with all his household to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice and pay his vow. **22** But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "I will not go up until the child is weaned; then I will bring him, that he may appear before the Lord and stay there forever." **23** Elkanah her husband said to her, "Do what seems best to you. Remain until you have weaned him; only may the Lord confirm His word." So the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him. **24** Now when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with a three-year-old bull and one ephah of flour and a jug of wine, and brought him to the house of the Lord in Shiloh, although the child was young. **25** Then they slaughtered the bull, and brought the boy to Eli. **26** She said, "Oh, my lord! As your soul lives, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. **27** For this boy I prayed, and the Lord has given me my petition which I asked of Him. **28** So I have also dedicated him to the Lord; as long as he lives he is dedicated to the Lord." And he worshiped the Lord there.