

## Honouring Our Mothers

*(By a wonderful mom called Bonny)*

It is coming up that time of year again. The second Sunday in May, Mother's Day. It is the day we set aside to honour our Mothers.

Ephesians 6:2 "Honour (esteem and value as precious) your father and your mother—this is the first commandment with a promise" Verse 3 "That it may be well with you and that you may live long on the earth".

We will be blessed when we honour our parents.

Let's consider a mother's heart towards her children. What is a mother's heart? What are her deep desires when it comes to her children?

II Kings 3:23-27. Here we read the story of two mothers claiming the one living child as their own before Solomon. Solomon being very wise (*he had asked for it and God gave him wisdom to rule over the people*), asked for a sword stating his intention to cut the baby in half and give half to each woman. Remember the cry of the real mother? 'Don't harm the child. Give him to the other woman.' Do you hear her heart? She would rather let the other woman have her child so her baby would live.

This is only one of many stories in the scriptures where a mother's heart can be seen. You have probably heard of many as well. A mother's deepest desire for her children is that they would grow up healthy and strong. If she is a Christian, she also greatly desires that her children would learn about the Lord and that they would serve Him all the days of their lives.

On this Mother's Day will we do more than the world does? Many people give gifts, cards or presents and pay special attention to them for the day. Let's dig deeper and really consider how to honour our mothers.

Matthew 15:8 "These people draw near Me with their mouths and honour me with their lips, but their hearts... are far away from Me".

God wants true honour that comes from our hearts. Don't our mothers deserve honour from our hearts as well? Is this a once a year thing or should we seek ways to honour them all year long?

In Proverbs 23:24, 25 It talks about what a joy a righteous, wise son is to his father and mother. Verse 25 "Let your father and mother be glad and let her who bore you rejoice."

Some things to consider:

1. Reflect on your own walk with the Lord. Ask if there are any ways that you need to change to be a blessing to your Mom.  
Psalms 139:23, 24. "Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there is any wicked or hurtful way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

2. Ask yourself: How can I be sincere in what I do for my Mom this Mother's Day? This may be more challenging than in past years because of the isolation situation that we are living in. Be creative, ask God for wisdom.
3. Be intent in showing her that you are thankful for all the things that she has done for you.
  - a) Physically: Carrying you, feeding you, clothing you etc. (use your own examples).
  - b) Emotionally: Making you feel safe. Being with you in your trials, when you were sick, when you were scared.
  - c) Spiritually: How her relationship with God was a model for you. The many times she prayed for you, taught you and drew you to the Father's heart.
4. Pray a blessing over her even if it is over the phone.
5. Be intent on nurturing the relationship you have with her, especially over time as she ages.

God wants a deep relationship with each one of us and He desires us to have a deep relationship with others, especially our parents, spouse and children. Good relationships take time and intention on our part. So be a blessing to your Mom and bless her on Mother's Day and every day.

**Q. Have you made a commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ?**

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*Acts 2:21 "And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord Shall be saved."*

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