

“Bible Encouragement for Mothers

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“How The Armor of God Helps Mothers”

Mothers never need to feel alone or like they are not equipped in some way to raise godly children. None of us have an inborn ability to be great moms. It is God that works through us to produce godly children. We cannot depend on our abilities and we cannot excuse our selves when we feel inadequate.

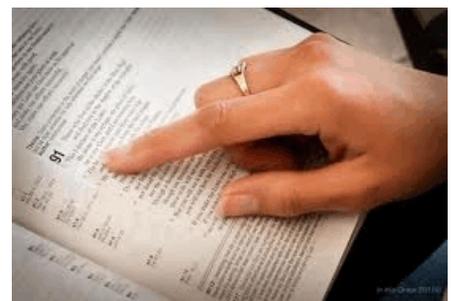
The truth is, all of us are inadequate, and we will fail without depending on Christ to counsel us. I know this to be true because of what God’s Word says and because I have seen proud women fail, thinking they can raise a good child on their own, without the Church and using their own common sense. It doesn’t work. It never works that way. God has a plan, a wise plan for us. As we read the Bible, His plan opens up to us. He even has special directions for special situations, like yours.

God has outlined a very special protection for Moms that I would like to share with you today. It is called the “Armor of God.” It brings me great security.

Ephesians 6:10-18 tells us about it. We will read it one verse at a time, around the room.

Notice some important teachings from this passage:

1. Be strong in the Lord & His power.
2. It is possible to stand against the tricks of Satan.
3. We don’t battle people as much as we do forces of evil.
4. The armor of God enables us to withstand evil.



The armor of God spiritually equips you for the day ~ in a powerful way.

This armor also helps mothers emotionally, bringing more peace and satisfaction to the home. Let’s look at some specifics about the armor of God for Mothers.

The armored mother is **truthful** (belt of truth). She is honest, reliable and faithful with her family. She does not cover up the truth. She is not hypocritical. The belt of truth reminds us that honesty is extremely important, and is a protection to your family.

The armored mother desires to **do right, through the power of Christ**, (breastplate of righteousness). She wants to live by God's standards. Her goals include an obedient heart to God. She is not relying on her own strength.

The armored mother is **peaceful** (gospel of peace). She is not argumentative or divisive. She seeks to live peaceably with her family & knows that peace is a fruit of the Spirit. She is at peace with God through prayer.

The armored mother puts her **trust and confidence in God** (shield of faith.) She is not all worried and frustrated with the trials and challenges of daily life. Her husband and family can see her faith in God. Her faith is seen in her decisions for her children.

The armored mother desires for God to put **a protection on her mind**. (helmet of salvation) This begins with the salvation of her soul and includes a protection on what she thinks about. She dedicates her thought life to God. Her emotions are under God's control, including fear, anger, misunderstandings and her ability to be patient with her children.

The armored mother is **equipped with the Word of God**. (The Sword of the Spirit.) She searches the Word of God for answers, and applies the Bible daily. She finds her counsel and final authority in the Word of God. She is secure in God's counsel for her family. She does not live by human reasoning.

The armored mother is **a woman of prayer**, (praying always) moment by moment, laying hold on God's will and God's power. She finds grace and strength in Him for the needs of her home ~ wisdom in finances, relationships, teaching, patience, etc. She is instant in prayer when a crisis comes up, and thankful to God in prayer when the day is going well.

Now, let's look at counsel from God's Word that includes all six pieces of armor and the prayer power mentioned in Ephesians, chapter six. All are important for the success of your home.

Being a truthful mother ~ "Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but they that deal truly are His delight." Proverbs 12:22

When God has a hatred toward something, He uses the word abomination. He hates lying.

See also Proverbs 12:17, Proverbs 14:5

Being a mother who lives a righteous life, through Christ ~ "Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." I Peter 2:24

We need to be dead to that old sinful life, that our children and husband will see the righteousness that Christ brings in us.

See also Philippians 2:13, I Corinthians 1:30

Being a peaceful mother ~ "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." *A peaceful heart should be a way of life, as you immerse your home in the love of Christ, even when the enemy tries to attack. Hrist is your peace.*

See also Philippians 4:6-7

We will look at this topic some more later. In these six principles, God gives us complete protection from all the tricks of the enemy, Satan. Memorize the six principles, then remember that prayer is the "muscles" to put each piece of the armor in place!

God bless you with the power of God in your life this week ~ and true success in your walk with God!

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