

Biblical Encouragement for Moms

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Confidence



Children, like adults, have stressful days and fearful times in their lives. Who will comfort them? Children need us to teach them confidence in Christ.

For you to be able to help them, Mother, you need to have a calmness in your soul. Even when your child is restless and tearful or even angry. Will you maintain a calm, confident spirit? You can, by the grace of God.



On January 13th, we had a lesson called “Shalom, Mother.” Today we will take that lesson a step further. A calm, confident spirit will reassure your children that you are at peace with God. You need to acquire peace and confidence in order to teach it to your children.

Let's look at the Bible for the answers to insecurity. It is a common problem, but one that can be corrected. Insecurity in our children can bring on another set of problems. Let's nip it in the bud.

Teach your children how secure we are in Christ... “The name of the Lord is a strong tower. The righteous runneth into it and is safe.” Proverbs 18:10
If we teach our children about the stability that is found in Christ, they will eventually see it for themselves. At first, you may think they are not understanding this concept, but as they see you running to Christ, and being lifted out of despair, they will be convinced. Christ is our strong tower in the midst of a weak nation.

We have a strong foundation when we come to Christ for salvation. **Show your children the difference between a strong foundation and a weak one.** Make a little model with them. Use paper on one foundation, and a couple of bricks on another one. Which is stronger?

“Nevertheless, the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are His, and let everyone that nameth the name of Christ, depart from iniquity.” II Timothy 2:19

We are secure and safe in Christ.

Teach your children that the Bible is pure, without error. We can trust every word!

“The words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.” Psalm 12:6

“All Thy commandments are faithful.” Psalm 119:86



“Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth forever.” Psalm 119:160

When our children come to realize that they can trust every word of the Bible, **they will find a God given stability that translates into confidence.**

Confidence should not be mistaken for pride. I am confident in my God, and that confidence spills into every area of my life. I am confident that God will take care of our family, providing our needs, so I am at peace. My children see that.

Confidence in God causes me to rest in Him, and to pray when storms come my way. I find peace in my God. I have read about Him, have experienced His grace, and have seen Him answer many prayers. I am confident that He will do what He says in the Bible. **I trust His infallible Word.**

Teach your children that God has begun doing something great in their lives.

“Being confident of this very thing, that He that hath begun a good work in you, will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.” Philippians 1:6

What a wonderful thing to remember that God hand picked your child to be a part of your family.

He has more plans for the future. He has begun something in you and your child. Dad and Mother and children are all part of God’s plan. Teach your children that God’s plans for them have only begun, and the unfolding of those plans is quite exciting! You can build confidence this way.

It is a wonderful thing to demonstrate for your children that God rewards those who have a close walk with Him. **If your heart is “good ground,” the planting of the Lord will bear a healthy harvest of fruit.** Let's look at Luke 8:15 for a sweet promise to us and our families.

“But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the Word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.”

Luke 8:15

If you hear the Word of God and keep it, you have a promise from God. God desires to bless us. He wants to bring forth fruit in our lives. He wants to do something great in our lives. Your children can be fruitful vines for the cause of Christ, and through the power of God. This builds security and confidence.

So, how confident are you? James says a double minded man is *unstable* in all his ways, so be sure you are not trying to lead two separate lives. Children know. If they see hypocrisy, they will rebel.

You will have less behavioral problems when you have a godly focus in your home. Sin is complicated and causes so many headaches and disappointments in children. Give them a healthy confidence in Christ with these three thoughts in mind:

- 1. Security in Christ**
- 2. Trust in the Bible**
- 3. The thrill of walking with God**

Let's stop and pray for our children & their future now.

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