

Biblical Encouragement for Moms

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Topic Nine: She is her child's #1 encourager

Who do you remember from your childhood? Do you have memories of teachers that encouraged you? Did you have a special aunt or uncle that was very kind to you? Did you have a mother or father that believed that you would succeed in life?

As we raise our gifts from God (children), we must learn from our Heavenly Father that encouragement is needed in all areas of life. Your children need you to strengthen and encourage them every single day, whether they deserve it, or not.

What you don't want to say:

1. I told you so
2. I didn't think you could do it.
3. Why can't you be like your sister?
4. Can't you learn anything?
5. You never finish anything
6. You'll never amount to anything.
7. You are our problem child



The Lord desires us to patiently teach our children, for Christ's sake. Expect great things from your children & work to that end. Everyone has weak areas. Don't let that discourage you, just pray, pray, pray!

As mothers, we need to be encouraging our children all along the way, even when we ourselves are having a hard day. We have some important scriptures to read on this topic.

The first scripture will be our theme. There is an encouragement and a warning.. Hebrews 3:13:

“Exhort (encourage) one another while it is called today, lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.”

The time to encourage your child is now. **Sin can harden his heart**, and day by day it builds into a time bomb, and one day it becomes too late, because he is not listening anymore.

You know *you need encouragement*. Remember, this is true of your children too. Encouraging one another is an important ministry. **The Bible word “exhort” means to excite or give strength to another person.** This will help them from becoming hardened by sin. Exhorting is part of God’s plan for raising God-loving children.

As you exhort your children, **you build a bridge to their hearts.** They feel encouraged by you, and comforted by your presence. They feel a need for you, down deep in their heart. I love having encouraging people around me. They make me more productive for Christ! **You can make your children more productive in the home and for Christ if you encourage them along in life.**

So, like the verse says, today you need to encourage your children, so they are not hardened in sin tomorrow.

Now let’s turn to and read **Hebrews 10:25**. What does it say about encouragement? It says to be sure you are faithful to go to Church and then the passage follows with “exhorting one another, and so much the more”

Then the verse ends with looking forward to the day Christ comes back. “So much the more” is referring to how often we should be encouraging one another. It means more often than ever - because Christ will soon be here! Our children also need “so much the more” as the days get darker with sin.

Your children are bombarded with sinful habits, sinful attitudes, sinful pictures, and sinful advertising. **Determine to be an encourager** - build your children up in serving the Lord. Get excited when you talk about them. Let them see your joy in Christ.

Life does not need to be so negative. Make your home uplifting. Do something fun and encouraging every single day with your children.

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Encouragements for your children:

“ Peek at the Week” Chart - simple scheduled activities daily

Reading great books

Baking together & giving food away to bless others

Going on a nature walk, picking things up

Bike rides & swinging in the park

Plan your garden together - researching before spring, having fun!

Plan a new look for their bedroom! (Not costly) Hang scripture.

Celebrate some special occasion with balloons, special dessert, posters, music, like Abraham Lincoln’s birthday.

Make little dishes out of homemade clay, and painting them too.

Organizing pictures together - in albums, for hanging, and safe keeping.

Talk about the pictures, and laugh together!

Make a “Thank Tank” for Thanksgiving. Use an oatmeal box. Add 3 thank yous per person (to Jesus) every single thanksgiving, dating the entries. Pull out a few every year to read and rejoice in the Lord!

Pray w/your children about using their talents for Christ (like writing stories or singing or photography or baking)

Think of many more! Make memories with your children, & encourage them daily. You will see some sweet fruit.



What ideas
Do you have?

Read Galatians 6:9 Keep encouraging your sons and daughters, for you will reap good things from them, if you don't give up.

Read Ephesians 4:32 Be kind, tenderhearted and forgiving to your children. They need your example in these areas. This will encourage them. Jesus is our example in this.

In conclusion, how would your children rate you in the area of encouragement?

Let's go back to our original verse.

“Exhort one another daily, while it is called today, lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.” Hebrews 3:13

Encourage your children daily. Prevent sinful rebellion and a hardened heart against God. Encourage and enjoy your children. **Be their number one encourager!**

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