

# *Biblical Encouragement for Moms*

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## Topic One - She takes time to be with her children. (both emotionally and physically)

There is no substitute for time. You can use up your time haphazardly in a bunch of little meaningless ways, not really sinful, but with little accomplishment at the end of the day.

You can waste your time purposely by being lazy & pushing your children off on others, and not using your time responsibly in the growing up years.

With our biblical encouragement class, I would like to lead you to invest your time, making your days more meaningful, and helpful and godly for your children.

Let's look at some scripture.

Children are valuable. See Psalm 127:3-5 Heritage means "something valuable assigned to someone else." It can also be translated "heirloom" which is a gift sometimes given from one generation to another. Look at Psalm 119:11. The Bible itself is also described as "an heritage."

I love the thought of our children being heirlooms, gifts of love. Every one of them is a unique gift to be cherished. We as mothers, need to take time to appreciate these gifts and prepare them, teach them, love them. These children have a mission of God to fulfil. We need to invest much time in their teaching and training.

Our first topic is "time" because without it we cannot possibly bring continuity to our homes, and hope to train our children to love God supremely. If we don't make good use of our time, the world will... The Bible says to redeem the time because the days are evil. Invest your time wisely.

Repetition is the key to learning. We use this concept in teaching our children to walk & talk. We use it with phonics, and teaching our children to read. Repetition is also the key to learning the Bible, and in praying to God, and showing our commitment to Him. By doing so, we form a good habit for the

glory of God in our lives.

The Bible says “Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”

Psalm 119:105

There is no substitute for God’s Word in helping children take the right path in life. Many parents have tried short cuts or other methods but none of them work.

Proverbs 22:6 says

“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.” That’s a promise from God’s Word.

**A**s a family... as a Mom, realize the importance that you love God & live out the Christian principles you are teaching. Be sure you know Him personally as your Savior, and worship Him, not just at Church, but at home. Is Christ the center of your home? Or is it sports? or hobbies? or vacations? If you have questions about this, set up an appointment with me, and I will help with ideas.

In conclusion, if you make Christ the center of your home, you must take plenty of time with your children, not just when they are tired in the morning and tired at night. When they are communicating with you, you must be willing to listen. Don’t rush them. They need you. They need to know you are available to help them understand life, and how to follow God.

**W**alk away from your phone and computer when your children need you. They are not an interruption. Remember what is most important in life. God trusts you with these children. They need you emotionally and physically to be there for them. They need your prayers & attention. The end result is peace in your home, peace with God. So few homes have it. Peace is found in an active, daily walk with God.

Read Isaiah 54:13 (look it up)

“And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord, and great shall be the peace of thy children.”

– Questions and prayer