

# Biblical Encouragement for Moms

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Topic Two - She teaches her children  
to appreciate the benefits of serving  
(working hard) at home.

For a home to function properly, there is work to be done. Children can be taught to work with a good attitude. They can even be taught to *enjoy* keeping things clean and neat.

For this to be possible, we must spend some time with the Lord, preparing our heart to “live out” a good attitude before them. Your countenance (the look on your face) says a lot. Practice smiling more as you teach your children. Look in the mirror when you are grumpy. It is not a good sight.

When you are cheerful, it sure helps others to want to hear what you say.

Proverbs 15:13 says “ a merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance.”

When your heart is right with God, it will show up on your face. Children need to see that smile, and feel that embrace.

Because there is lots of work to be done, you need to be committed to spending lots of time at home. Some of your work is teaching godliness & character, but today we will focus more on the important jobs of cleaning and organizing.

Please turn to Proverbs 7:11. (Wait, then read)

“She is loud and stubborn: her feet abide not in her house.” This woman does not like to be home. Sadly, this is a description of many women in our world. The opposite should be true of us. Wouldn't it be nice to be said of you:

*She is quiet and pleasant, her feet will be found serving at home!*

By the way, Proverbs 7:11 describes an adulterous woman!

Read the whole passage sometime. May your heart be turned toward home,

Mother.

Proverbs 7:27 tells us this sinful woman's house is the way to Hell. Your home should be described as the way to Heaven, full of life and godliness.

How can we instill a love for our homes, & willingly abiding at our houses?  
How can we instill a love for *servicing* in our homes? Can our homes be a little taste of Heaven?

I believe this is all possible. I have seen it in our home and others. Your home should be a miracle in the making, a tribute to God, where mother is whispering joy and peace as she works cheerfully.

Let's look at Proverbs 31:10-13. (Wait, then read.)

This says she is trustworthy, she is virtuous, she is good to her husband, and that she works willingly with her hands. She joyfully works.

*Does this describe you?*

Let's compare this scripture to Titus 2:4-5. (Wait, then read.)

Within that list of what a young woman should strive for, is loving her children, and being a keeper at home. Keeper means "to guard." We need to guard against some things to protect our homes.

Are you guarding against bad attitudes, coming from yourself? You are influencing your home every day. You can cause your children to hate to work by your continual complaints... or you can just get up and get the work done, working alongside your children.

**Work hard, but work smart.** Find the best way to keep organized. Make a shelf, buy a tote, get rid of things you don't need. Make it possible for your children to put things away nicely.

**If we work cheerfully**, it will affect everyone under our roof. If you complain about every dish in the sink, and about your growing pile of laundry, you are instilling in them a *hatred* toward work. Work willingly. Teach them to love a clean and neat kitchen. Say things like “Let’s get the kitchen clean, then we can make play dough!”

Or for older children, “Let’s get the kitchen clean, then we can find a new recipe for next week. Let’s look through cookbooks!”

All our children know how to clean. Some took a little longer to learn, but they all did, and this will be a blessing to their future spouses. Don’t give up. Come alongside them and help them enjoy the satisfaction of a clean house, and the joy of working to make our homes pleasant.

Ecclesiastes 9:10 says, “Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might...”

Put your heart into your work. I have a little saying inside one of my cupboard doors. It says:

“ The secret of joy is not in doing what one likes,  
but in learning to like what one has to do.”

I wrote it down many years ago. It has encouraged me to embrace the work God has called me to do. If you do all your work “as unto the Lord” you will find a deeper satisfaction. Pleasing the Lord with your physical work and mothering should be your highest goal.

As you train your children, let’s say to wash and dry the kitchen counter, speak peace to your children. Give them a specific job, and help them to succeed with it. Be sure to let them know how very much you appreciate their work.

Be firm without yelling. Save your yelling for the potential dangerous situation, in an emergency.

“Pleasant words are as a honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.” That scripture says a lot. **Be a pleasant mother.** It may even affect your children’s health.

¶ Lastly, the Bible says “The way of a slothful man is a hedge of thorns.”

Proverbs 15:19. Be diligent in your work. You will be much happier with the progress you will make. Slothful means lazy. Lazy people are unhappy and self absorbed. The Bible says to live a lazy life is painful and thorny.

In Proverbs 18:9, on this same subject, it says “ He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster.”

To be lazy is to waste someone’s time. Patiently [work and enjoy](#) the job God has called you to do. There is great satisfaction in a job well done. Think about living for God or a certain scripture (like Philippians 4:8) as you work.

Are you concerned that you are drained, just thinking about all the work there is to do? These two scriptures are medicine for your mind:

Isaiah 40:29&31 (Wait, then read.)

“He giveth power to the faint, and to them that have no might, He increaseth strength.” But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength: they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary, and they shall walk and not faint.”

It is God that gives you the strength to work hard & bless your family.  
Draw close to Him.

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