

Biblical Encouragement for Moms

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Relationships & Reactions

Your children are watching how you respond to relatives and acquaintances when they disagree with your values. Your children see your attitudes. *Beware!* Your reactions in life's situations are always affecting them. You are the pattern for emotional comfort or emotional chaos.

This includes relationships at Church. Children are listening. Be kind and compassionate with your discussions. This will be a good influence and example to your children. Pray for Christians who are out of fellowship with God.. Speak highly of your Church, or your children will begin resisting it when they get older.

“If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.” Romans 12:18
See also John 16:33 (tribulation)

Let's look at some wonderful scriptures from God's Word to help us with relationships and reactions. These teaching moments are powerful stepping stones for your children. Your example speaks so much louder than your words.

“By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples,
if ye have love one to another.” John 13:35
(This includes your children)

The proof of real love is in how we live, how we respond to others.

If you want to be constructive in difficult situations, stop and pray with your children. Stay calm and help them along in the trials of life. If you become a negative person, don't be surprised if your children follow in your footsteps.

Look deeper than the surface problem you are dealing with.

Be a caring person, as you walk alongside your children, realizing how this will influence your children's attitudes... often into adulthood. Be disciplined about this, even when you don't feel like it, or when you are tired. Take time to explain thoroughly. Ignore the phone, the TV, the computer or anything else that may distract from these important discussions.

How will they relate to people as they grow up? Your life's example will be engraved upon their mind.

We need to be mature in our reactions to other people. The godly mother does not react in anger, she responds with wisdom.

To respond with wisdom, you need to be a woman of prayer and a woman of the Word of God.

“Set a watch, O Lord before my mouth; keep the door of my lips”
Psalm 141:3

You stir your children up when you become angry and out of control.

Read Proverbs 15:1-2 and James 1:26

What is the example that the Lord sets before us?

Read Psalm 145:8 “The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.”

Gracious, full of compassion, of great mercy. That should describe you, Mother.

To be like this, you cannot be overly concerned about a dozen other things. You must have one goal: To honor God in all areas of your life. This is possible, through Christ.

It takes preparation spiritually and mentally. Entertainment cannot be your goal, or your hobbies or pleasing other people. Your goal is to please God. You must be alert to the many teaching moments before you.



When you are tempted to become angry, look for something to praise God for. This can be an exciting change of pace! Deal with the problem, then move on to something praiseworthy...

There will always be something to complain about, but you are more mature than that.

Read Psalm 148:12-13 **T**each your children to praise God.

So many things can go wrong, but we must remember that these are times for us to be an example. Broken appliances, poor health, angry neighbors, learning a difficult skill, financial challenges, sibling rivalry, food battles, etc.

All of these problems involve people, and require you to be patient, Mother. If you have been impatient, you need to get down on your knees and become a mother with a vision for your children's future. (Pray)

Remember: to be loud and stubborn, and out of the home too much is sin. This describes the ungodly woman in Proverbs 7:11. Be there for your children, patient & mature. You need to be home as much as possible for teaching. Learn to appreciate being home.

Proverbs 11:16 says “ A gracious woman retaineth honor..” To retain honor, be alert and prayerful. As the children are growing, you should be growing in the Lord.

“He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good, and whoso trusteth in the Lord happy is he.” Proverbs 16:20 What a promise!

Relationships are built....day by day, and your children are watching how you respond.

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