Biblical Encouragement For Moms

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Topic 14: Fulfillment in Christ

I have appreciated good advice through the years. Sometimes I was given kitchen hints, like how to



make a delicious cake without milk or eggs.

We have been making this wonderful cake for all of 30 years!

Sometimes I was given advice for saving money on clothing, like dying our denims to make them look new again. I have been dying our jeans and skirts for more than 20 years!

Before I was married, my mother and another young mom inspired me to sew, saving money & time, looking for garments I needed. It has been such a blessing through the years. I have passed the joy of sewing to my girls and other women who are interested.

Another friend advised me not to rely on any person, not even my husband, to find **fulfillment** in life. It must be Christ, and that is enough. This piece of advice has been a huge help to me, and my family.

Things you can buy will not automatically make you happy. The newness will wear off. Friends, relatives, including children, will not be capable of bringing you happiness all the time. It is a surrendered walk with Christ that brings true and lasting fulfillment.

Jesus Christ covers all the bases in life! He will help you get organized with your life, and clean before Him. He will give you joy and direction with all your decisions. This is satisfaction at it's best. He will provide the things you need as you live for Him.

Let's see how fulfilling Christ really is as we look at a chart I made for each of us.

Jesus is my **strength**. Psalm 43:2

Jesus is my **hiding place**. Psalm 32:7

Jesus is my **hope**. Psalm 71:5

Jesus is my **refuge** from the storm. Isaiah 25:4

When I am needing comfort...... He is my comfort. Rom. 15:5-6a

When I am needing love.......... His love is toward me. I John 4:9

When I am needing counsel, His Word is my best counsel. Psalm 119:24

Jesus is my mediator, or lawyer. I Timothy 2:5-6

Jesus is my peace. II Thessalonians 3:16

"For Thou, Lord art the God of my strength..." Psalm 43:2

"I will go in the strength of the Lord God..." Psalm 71:16

"Thou art <u>my hiding place</u>; Thou shalt preserve me from trouble;

Thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance." Psalm 32:7

"For Thou art my hope, O Lord God..." Psalm 71:5

"For Thou hast been a <u>refuge from the storm</u>..." Isaiah 25:4

"Now the God of patience and consolation (comfort) grant you to be

likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus,

that ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God..." Romans 15:5-6a

"In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent His only

begotten son into the world, that we might live through Him" I John 4:9

"Thy testimonies (the Bible) are my delight and my <u>counselors.</u>" Psalm 119:24

"For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man

Christ Jesus; who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time." I Tim. 2:5-6

"Now the <u>Lord of peace</u> Himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be

with you all." II Thessalonians 5:16

I have put all my hope, my future, my time in one place. My full trust is in God. I see no hope outside of God. When I look around, I do not see any example to follow for raising godly, fulfilled children, except for those who take God and His Word very seriously. The super majority of children, teens and young adults are selfish and unhappy. Watch out! Or you will follow the same dead end street that they are following: self, self and more self.

You and I will find true fulfillment in Jesus Christ if we will stop holding back in some areas. Serve in your home with joy. Teach your children to serve, by your example.

Really love your family, and prove it by the sacrifices you make. Appreciate your God given role. Cook and clean & share your love for God happily. Don't get sidetracked. Post scripture on your cupboard door every week. Keep yourself accountable to your family in spiritual matters.

If you look for **fulfillment in Jesus Christ**, you will find it! I Timothy 4:8 tells us "...godliness is profitable in all things."

Fulfillment? Yes!

"Which hope we have, as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast..." Hebrews 6:19a

Put your whole heart into serving the great God of the universe. The blessing of the Lord will be upon you...

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