

# Biblical Encouragement for Moms

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## *Renewal*

Another day has passed. Another day to build on our relationship with God and our children.. Another day to pray, really pray, with scripture, with fervor, to truly meet with God. We should be knocking on heaven's door each day, for a new supply of wisdom, strength and creativity. Our lives should have a special freshness, a renewal from God, daily. Like a baker would bake fresh bread daily – our lives should draw others to our awesome God..

A stale Christianity does not draw others to Christ, nor does it draw us closer to our children.

When we allow God to be forgotten in our lives, we lose that thrill of His love and that joy of serving Him. **Our children notice.** They know when we are not walking in love with Jesus. They see our selfishness.

I am convinced that if mothers pray more, then we will see more of Jesus in our homes.

If we mothers desire to have the blessing of God, we need to call on Him for guidance continually. Let's look at **Jeremiah 33:3** first of all.

**“Call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.”**

What a promise to those who diligently seek after God. This verse was given to the prophet Jeremiah, as he sought God with his whole heart to awaken a people who had turned away from God. **We must learn to call upon God first. Seek Him first. Talk to Him before we do any research, before we get any advice from someone else, before we come to any conclusion.** It is time that we renew our commitment to God by praying more & seeking Him more.

Renewal is our topic today. Renewal is like revival. It brings about some big changes. You cannot please God by just doing what is convenient and easy. You have to purpose in your heart to listen to God as He seeks to guide you.

®You will find yourself rejoicing in God so much more when your heart has been renewed by the Spirit of God.

Please turn to **Psalm 85:6.**

**“ Wilt Thou not revive us again: that Thy people may rejoice in Thee?”**

*When a mother is revived, her attitudes are revived, her outlook is revived, her spirit is revived, her excitement in the work of God is revived. A godly mother is a rejoicing mother. She rejoices in her God, and that spills over to her family.*

Notice the connection of joy with trusting God and receiving His renewal in **Psalm 28:7. I love this verse of scripture.**

**“The Lord is my strength and my shield (reliance on Him); my heart trusted in Him and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise Him.”**

**Notice the rejoicing that naturally happens when we rely and trust in God.**

This is God’s blessing on a home. There is nothing on the face of this earth that can affect our children deeply and spiritually like a spiritually revived mother or dad.... someone who regularly rejoices in God. Remember, a fruit of the spirit in Galatians 5:22 is **joy**. A revived mother is a joyful mother.

A rejoicing mother is not necessarily a mother having a good day. She is rejoicing in God, and God is guiding her along in life. She is looking far above her circumstances, relying on God. A cheerful countenance can come from a mother who has her heart set on God. Trusting God is far better than groaning over gloomy circumstances. Pray, pray pray.

I have an incredible example of this with me today. I will read you part of an email I received from a mother who has much to cause depression in her life, but has chosen to set her eyes on pleasing God & trusting God . (Read letter)

Let’s stop now and pray for renewal and revival in our homes, beginning with us.

**Psalm 111:3** says “His work is honorable and glorious...” Work hand in hand with your God. Be a part of His honorable and glorious work. May your whole family be part of His honorable and glorious work. Rejoice in your God with a renewed spirit. Renew your commitment to Him....today. Be a woman of prayer.

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