

Biblical *Encouragement* for Moms
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Fast Forward

In 2023 I will be 63 years old. Only God knows what life will be like at that time. What I do know is that I need to be reaching goals for my life. I need to be serving God consistently, faithfully. What goals do you have for your life? I see many women become ensnared by sin in some way, totally sidetracked, not at all living the life of fulfillment in Christ. Where will you be in your walk with God in 10 years?

Today I will ask each of you to take 5 minutes or so, to write down 4 goals for you and your family.

They will go into a time capsule, and will be buried near our house. In ten years, they will be dug up, and reviewed. I will also put a picture of each of you in with your goals. *After I give you the index card, we will all spend a few minutes in prayer, then, begin writing.*



We all stand before God someday. Our time to serve Him is now. I pray that each of you will be faithful the Lord Jesus Christ. See Romans 14:11-12

“For it is written, as I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then, every one of us shall give account of himself to God.”

Keep your goals high. Do not give in to the many selfish temptations around you. One temptation leads to another. Pride leads to selfishness, which leads to rebellion which leads to anger which leads to a tongue out of control, which leads to someone's hurt - maybe a lot of people. Your sin affects others around you, including your precious family.

Fast forward. Where will you be in 2023? Do you need to confess some sin that could absolutely destroy you? Pace yourself to go on with God year after year. Christ came to redeem us from all iniquity (or sin) and has **bought us with His precious blood**. Do you realize what that means?

Read Titus 2:13-14

“Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior, Jesus Christ; who gave *Himself for us*, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.”



You must plan your life around serving God for the rest of your life. If you do not, you will not do well, not even in one year.

Notice that this verse says “zealous of good works.” That’s what we need to be in our homes. Zealous means “intense enthusiasm.” If you have intense enthusiasm in your walk with Christ, you will be effective for Him. Zealous also means to be passionate. Is your passion for God, or is your passion someplace else?

Jesus has redeemed us from all sin so that we will be passionate and enthusiastic for Him. Are you passionately working for Him? This is why He gave Himself for you on the cross, according to these verses from the Bible.

Prepare your family to go to Church. Do the preparation on Saturday. Be enthusiastic with your preparation. Plan. Plan. Plan. Get your sleep, get your bath, don't eat late at night (preventing you from getting a good nights sleep and getting up on Sunday), get your clothes laid out, plan your breakfast, clean your kitchen. Make it work to get up and come to Church. Make Sunday morning special. Start your day with loving words to your family.

With an eye on the future, you will be more wise today. You will remember that your decisions touch many other people. When someone chooses a rebellious path, it affects all of us. Consider the Lord. Consider your family. Consider your Church, and consider lost people around you before you choose a sinful path.

Read Hebrews 10:23-24

“Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, for He is faithful that promised. And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works.”

Fast forward. Will you be an encouragement to your family? Only if you are a woman of prayer and conviction. Mothers have a hard job. You must be patient over a long period of time... longsuffering at times.

Read Hebrews 12:14-15

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord. Looking diligently, lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any *root of bitterness springing up* trouble you, and thereby many be defiled.”

The root of bitterness described here is a common temptation for women. We cannot be selfish. We are called to serve, and we must accept that calling to do it well. How are we doing with serving our families? Will the future find you bitter?

May all of you plan carefully to finish the race faithfully serving Christ. *Plan and maintain your walk with God.*

May ten years find you all faithfully serving Christ, no matter what the battles are. See Hebrews 12:2