

## Biblical Encouragement for Moms

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*“No good thing will He withhold”*

There is so much encouragement in the Bible. God has planned it that way. As you open its pages and begin searching for His guidance for that day, you will find specific instructions to guide you in the training of your children.

You will also find that serving Christ is very rewarding. The average person is trying to cover up pain and frustration. The Christian does not need loud music or drugs or parties to get them through the day. It is Christ and His daily wisdom that we rely upon. A calmness in our soul & contentment can be ours.

The encouragement that God gives through the Bible is incredible. He would like to shower you with His love and direction. Your life can be fulfilling and full as you learn to live faithfully for Him.

Let's begin by looking at a promise. **Read Psalm 84:10-12**

**“For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.** *There is no satisfaction in the tents of wickedness.*

*For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.*

**O Lord of hosts, blessed is that man that trusteth in Thee.”**

I could totally live on the promises in this passage. I appreciate it so much, and have copied it and hung it in Amber's bedroom.

We talk about it and think about it together.

What does this word **“uprightly”** mean? This is one of the key words to understanding the verse.

The verse says “no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.”

The first thought we will look at is the fact that the Lord says “No good thing will He withhold” God knows what is good for us. He says **“all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose.”** **Philippians 4:13.** This verse speaks about loving God and how God rewards this behavior.

“No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly” speaks about your *dedicated walk with God too*. What does “uprightly” mean? As I have studied this word, it has become very meaningful to me.

May this word study encourage you as you are raising a family.  
May it increase your commitment and love for God.

To walk uprightly is to walk honestly and to live right. It means *to live a godly life*.

A good word to describe this concept is **integrity**.  
*What is integrity?*

It is sound moral character, being loyal to what is right.

It means doing right, even when no one is watching...  
or when a choice is not easy.

*Integrity is doing right even when there are possible serious consequences.*

This is what Jesus is talking about when He says to walk uprightly.

**Now, let's look at some personal examples of integrity in a family setting.**

1. Integrity is *not* resorting to lying to your children under pressure.
2. Integrity is keeping your word when you make a promise to a child, or your husband.
3. Integrity is calling someone if you told them you would, or being on time when you set up some plans.
4. Integrity is going to Gods house because it is right, not just when it is convenient.
5. Integrity is paying for something you broke, not just pretending it didn't happen, or covering up the evidence.
6. Integrity is admitting a weakness. Always be truthful.

If you see a need for integrity in your life, make the corrections, and be a better testimony to your family! God would love to bless you and your family. He has the best in mind for you.

II Corinthians 5:20 (Ambassador for Christ) An ambassador is a representative. Your lifestyle is to accurately represent Christianity.

II Corinthians 9:8 (abounding in your work for God!)

May these verses encourage you to rely on God and live out an example of integrity. You are setting an important example for your children everyday.

**“No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.”**

This passage in Psalm 84 is a tremendous promise to a Mother.

***“The Lord God is a sun and a shield. The Lord will give grace and glory. No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.”***

**He will protect us and provide abundant grace if we will learn to live a**

**consistent walk of commitment to Him. To walk uprightly may mean to be different from the people around you. This means to live a holy, set apart life for God. Are you a mother with integrity? Your lifestyle answers that question.**

Read Ephesians 1:3-4 (blessed us with all spiritual blessings)

Read I Corinthians 15:57-58 (stedfast)

As we have raised our children in the ministry, we have been careful to let them see the joy in serving Christ and the rewards of serving Him. Thank God before your children when he blesses your home. Praise will be a big part of Heaven. Let it also be a big part of your home.

If your home is centered around Jesus Christ, you will see lots of *good evidence of God's blessing*. Walking "uprightly" has many God given rewards for you and your family.

Comfort when we are cast down ~ II Corinthians 7:6

Giving you the capability to learn & do many things ~ II Corinthians 9:8

The ability to crucify sinful passions. ~ Galatians 5:24

Giving us supernatural understanding to deeply appreciate what He is doing ~ Ephesians 1:18  
(Compare this to Ephesians 4:18. Their understanding is darkened.)

Peace to guard our heart during trials ~ Philippians 4:6-7

Godliness with contentment, as we surrender to Him ~ I Timothy 6:6-7

Power, love and a sound mind ~ This is a gift to those who walk in integrity ~ II Timothy 1:7

Completely equipped in Christ ~ as we soak in scripture ~ II Timothy 3:14-17

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*Appreciate this promise today.*

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