

Biblical Encouragement for Moms

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Topic Six - She understands the meaning of love, as defined in the Bible.

Love is the highest blessing in an earthly home. It's value is beyond words. Children long for real love. Many have been given food, clothing and other things in life, but sacrificial love is missing.

They are being pushed along in life, Grow up! Get out of the way! Shut up! Many children are not nurtured and loved. They are not cared for and respected. By God's grace, we can be different.

Titus 2:4 tells us that we are to love our children. We have an awesome responsibility to truly love them above the trivial things of this world! We must point them to Jesus and show them what biblical love looks like.

Love is tender affection and compassion. Love is sacrificing for another. Is your heart prepared to live this way?

Let's turn to I Corinthians 13:4 and read through verse 8, where it says "Charity never faileth." (Read aloud) The word charity is used here to promote the idea of action.

This is the only reason it was translated "charity" instead of love. Charity helps us understand the aspect of giving of ourselves. Love is not just words.

Your love begins with loving God. Without this, you cannot love your children, or your husband, if you have one at home. When you love God as you should, it will naturally flow out to the others in your home. Love God supremely. Call upon Him all day long. Spend time in the Word. Below is a test for your love.

Evaluate yourself and pray that God will fill you with this biblical love.

Biblical Love

Charity (or love) is patient
over a long period of time.

Love is kind.

Love does not boast in itself.

Love does not behave inappropriately.

Love is unselfish.

Love is not easily angered.

Love does not have thoughts of evil.

Love does not rejoice in sin.

Love rejoices in the truth.

Love withstands all things.

Love is accepting, and believes God can work.

Love gives hope to the situation.

Love will endure, whatever the test.

Love will not give up or fail.



These principles are found in I Corinthians 13:4-8,
as defined above. Evaluate your love by these. These are
all possible as you live your life through Christ.

When you stop living for “self” and truly live for God, you will
experience a peace that cannot be described. Walking in God’s will is
satisfying and brings definite change to your home. The principles of
love will then be seen by those who live in your home.

Love transforms any situation. Let's look at I John 4:7-11 (Read aloud)
Our capacity to love comes from God. You cannot love properly without abiding in Christ. **You can** love for a **lifetime** **if you are abiding in Christ.**

Let's give some situations where love coupled with prayer transforms & strengthens you to handle a situation right.

1. A child wants to stay up later, but it is time to go to bed.
2. A child wants to have someone over to the house, but you do not approve.
3. A child wants a particular toy, but it is too expensive.
4. A child is complaining about a meal.
5. A child is upset because he wants more time on the computer.
6. A child does not want to do his chores.
7. A child is careless about cleaning her room.
8. A child whines for candy.
9. A child is too tired.
10. A child is caught in a lie.

The Lord enables us to work through all of these situations properly. Remember, love is patient. Love is kind. **Be firm but loving as you work through problem areas. Hold to your final decision if you have been praying for God's wisdom.** Children know if they can push you to agree with them. They will push if they think they can win.

God can & will provide you with the wisdom for all these situations. Your husband & children are your main ministry. Love them. Let's live a life of biblical love, allowing God to use us to the fullest.