

# Biblical Encouragement for Moms

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Topic Four - It is not “will power,” but God’s power that brings ultimate success w/our children.

For all the hours she is cooking and cleaning and organizing, a good mom will take time with her children, stopping and listening when they talk, and helping them with daily tasks.

She is also shopping for bargains, planning meals and preparing for holidays and company, but still, she cuddles her children, reads to them and reassures them in life. She prays for them constantly.

A mom who wants the best for her children will teach them to clean their rooms, and appreciate organization. She will teach the siblings to love one another. She will also teach them to pray and be patient in life. She will help them memorize God’s Word, and memorize it herself. She will take care of herself too and work at looking her best. But ladies, is all of this even possible?

Well, I did shorten the list, because there is even more that we do. I did not even mention our husbands and how we should care for them!

**You cannot possibly do all of your work without the power of God.** Have you noticed how many women are totally frustrated with motherhood? They just want to get away from it all!

God’s plan *is* possible, as we follow His leading. We do work hard, but there are great rewards along the way. The world says we need “will power” and a “you can do it” attitude. God’s Word says something different.

Let’s read Philippians 2:13-16 for some great insight.

Notice the first verse “ For it is **God which worketh in you**, both to will and to do of His good pleasure.” If you are going to succeed with your children, it will be **God working in and through you**.

Let's stop right now and pray. He wants you to depend on Him. Stay connected to Him through prayer. Accept this incredible job. Now... choose excellence & allow God to work in your home.

Look at your job as a mother like you would a college class, where you want to get the best grade possible. Put your heart into it, for Christ's sake.

Let's look at how you can have the power of God on your life - that special ability to follow through with God's plan. **Remember: Don't just visit Christ once or twice a day. Camp out, & live completely for Him. Change your plans for Him. Live your day for Him. That is walking in the Spirit.**

These verses will help you keep the right vision for your home:

**Philippians 3:13-14** (Press on in your calling!)

*Don't look back to past failures. Press on for Christ's sake with your children.*

**Colossians 1:10-11** ( Be strengthened in His power.)

*Walk in a way that pleases God, bearing fruit & increasing in Bible knowledge. Allow God to strengthen you to be more patient and longsuffering. You cannot do this in and of yourself.*

**Colossians 3:15-17** ( Let God's peace rule in your heart.)

*Allow God's peace to fill you. Be rich in your study of God's Word. Teach it & encourage with it in your home, including your music. Use Colossians 3:17 as a pattern for your home. (See next page)*



I Timothy 6:6-7 (Be content & choose godliness.)

*You will have gained so much if you choose to be godly and content with what God has given you. All material things in your home are temporary, and you won't get to keep any of it. God will provide what you need if He is first in your life. Focus instead on Christ.*

A good pattern for our homes: Colossians 3:17

“And whatsoever ye do, in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him.”

A scriptural prayer for you to use when you are desiring a full  
surrender to God & His ways:

**H**eavenly Father, more than ever, I desire to lay all that I am at your feet. Forgive me of my sin and selfishness. “Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me.” **I am Yours to teach from your Word.** Today I look to You for wisdom to carry out my duties as a mother.”

In Jesus Name, Amen