

Mother's Day 2025

Introduction: Did you know that the idea for Mother's Day was born in a small Methodist church in Grafton, West Virginia? It was 1876 and the nation still mourned the Civil War dead. While teaching a Memorial Day lesson, Mrs. Anna Reeves Jarvis thought of mothers who had lost their sons. She prayed that one day there could be a "Memorial Day" for mothers. The prayer made a deep impression on one of Mrs. Jarvis's eleven children. Young Anna had seen her mother's efforts to hold the war-split community and church together. As she grew into adulthood, the younger woman kept Mrs. Jarvis's dream in her heart. On the day of her mother's death, Anna was determined to establish Mother's Day in her honor. On May 12, 1907, a local observance was held which later spread to Philadelphia. By 1910, Mother's Day was celebrated in forty-five states, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, Canada, and Mexico. Elated, Miss Jarvis told a friend, "Where it will end must be left for the future to tell. That it will circle the globe now seems certain." On May 8, 1914, President Wilson designated the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day "for displaying the American flag and for the public expression of love and reverence for the mothers of the country."

I want us this morning to look at Bible about what God says is His Will for Mothers, this also applies to all women. Actually, it there is a message for us all, mothers, fathers, students & children.

Examples of some Mothers in the Bible

- A. Eve, Given to Temptation and Mother of a Murderer (Gen. 3-4).
- B. Hagar, was an abused woman who was abandoned. (Gen. 21).
- C. Jochebed was a desperate and deliberate mother. (Exodus 2).
- D. Mary, Fearful and Faithful (Luke 1).

Encouragement for Godly Mothers. (And All Others As Well!)

Colossians 3:12-20

¹² Therefore, God's chosen ones, holy and loved, put on heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, ¹³ accepting one another and forgiving one another if anyone has a complaint against another. Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, put on love—the perfect bond of unity.

(I was unable to verify the exact source of some of the following materials)

1. Accept The Fact That God Says You Are Chosen, Holy, Loved

^{12a} Therefore, God's chosen ones, holy and loved,

2. Choose To Let God's Love For You Be Reflected & Permeate In Every Area Of Your Life.

^{12b} *...put on heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, ¹³ accepting one another and forgiving one another if anyone has a complaint against another. Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, put on love—the perfect bond of unity.*

3. Let God's Peace Rule In Your Life. (v.15).

¹⁵ *And let the peace of the Messiah, to which you were also called in one body, control your hearts. Be thankful.*

1. Notice the important word "let." "Let" means it can happen if you will "let" it happen. You must actively choose to "let the peace of God rule in your hearts."

2. God rules in the world. He is sovereign, in control. However, He does not rule our "hearts" until we "let" Him. Moms, what rules your hearts? Fear, frustration, anxiety, anger, apathy? Are the trials of life overpowering you? Let the peace of Christ give you inner guidance in keeping priorities straight and in giving you the wisdom you need. Hold on to your faith. Trust the Lord who upholds and sustains you and let His inner peace give you inner strength and inspiration. There will be many distractions and temptations to abandon your faith and give up and give in to the world.

5. **Philippians 4:6-7** says, *"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.*

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

4. Learn and obey God's word (v.16).

¹⁶ *Let the message about the Messiah dwell richly among you, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, and singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, with gratitude in your hearts to God.*

Again, moms, we must "LET the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom." Do you spend time studying, meditating on and memorizing the Word? When problems arise where do you seek advice and counsel? We have God's word to guide us in every situation. The scripture we study today may tomorrow be the very instruction we need for tomorrow. The principles of God that are mediated on this week will be your strength in a time of need in the future. The sermon or Bible study you hear at this church is not given simply by chance but is given as God directs your pastor and Sunday School teacher. Are you availing yourself of what God has provided? Some said, "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." You have such a profound influence on the lives of your children, even your grown children. Let that influence come from the inerrant Word of God!

3. Notice that the "Word" is to "dwell in you richly." This means "abundantly or extravagantly." Don't settle for a passing knowledge of Scripture. Don't be satisfied with only a cursory knowledge of God's word. Your children's faith may depend on your grasp of the Word! The "Word" is to "dwell in you... in all wisdom." You don't need just knowledge about the Bible, you need the wisdom of the

Bible? What do you do when you don't know what to do? Open the book! Notice how you are to teach and admonish your children "through psalms and hymns and spiritual songs." Even if you can't sing a lick, they'll hear the "grace in your heart."

5. Make The Commitment To Live God's Plan (V.17).

¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. ¹⁸ Wives, be submissive to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

Moms, "whatever you do in word or deed..." whether it something you say or something you do, "do all in the name of the Lord Jesus." Don't ever let anyone say to you that what you are doing doesn't matter! The greatest accomplishment of your life is raising up godly children. Pray for God to work out His plan in your children's lives and guide them in it. Also, always "be giving thanks to the Lord." Let your life be an offering in expression of gratitude & praise.

Support for Godly Mothers

- **A Word for Husbands (v.19).**

¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives and don't be bitter toward them.

You are to "love" your wives. The word for love used here means unconditional, non-judgmental, sacrificial love. You are not to be "bitter" towards them. There is a specific warning here about harshness, which means not

just physical brutality but also a cold, judgmental attitude. Don't call her "honey" and then treat her like lemon juice! Husbands, your job is to support your wife and help her fulfill her duties. Too often the father is a hindrance to mothers. Too many husbands have abdicated all spiritual responsibility to their wives. They leave family devotions up to their wife. The kids go to church only if the mother insists. Many mothers are exasperated because their husbands have no interest in leading their families. Their husbands are too lazy or disinterested to act as godly, biblical men.

- **A Word for Children (v.20).**

²⁰ Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

1. The Bible says children are to "obey your parents IN ALL THINGS." Why? Because your parents must answer to God not only for their lives, but yours as well. Obedience to your mother, children, honoring her no matter how old you are is "well pleasing to the Lord."

- **A Word For All of Us**

²³ Whatever you do, do it enthusiastically, as something done for the Lord and not for men, ²⁴ knowing that you will receive the reward of an inheritance from the Lord. You serve the Lord Christ.