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Qualities of a Godly Parent

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Anonymous Quote:

In the past week, more people in the world of commerce have wished me a happy Mother's Day than ever before. Many of you know I have neither birthed nor adopted a child and in years past these kinds of well meaning, reflective, and inaccurate utterances would spark me to quick anger and even a terse "I don't have kids." Assumptions can be restrictive and confining as humans. I think now, in addition to a slight age related mellowing, I'm more apt to think metaphorically and be thankful for every bit of energy in the world that nurtures, encourages, protects, empowers, celebrates, checks on and tends to, no matter where it comes from or from whom it originates. We need more of it not less.

Three Qualities Exhibited by a Godly Mother (Father, Parent):

1. Submits completely to God's will.
2. Does not have to be perfect
3. Never relinquishes that title

Luke 1:26-38

Jesus' Birth Foretold

²⁶ Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin ^[a]engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the ^[b]descendants of David; and the virgin's name was ^[c]Mary. ²⁸ And coming in, he said to her, "Greetings, ^[d] favored one! The Lord ^[e]is with you." ²⁹ But she was very perplexed at *this* statement, and kept pondering what kind of salutation this was. ³⁰ The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; ³³ and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end." ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, "How ^[f] can this be, since I ^[g] am a virgin?" ³⁵ The angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the ^[h] holy Child shall be called the Son of God. ³⁶ And behold, even your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age; and ^[i] she who was called barren is now in her sixth month. ³⁷ For ^[j] nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ And Mary said, "Behold, the ^[k] bondservant of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Footnotes:

- a. Luke 1:27 Or *betrothed*; i.e. the first stage of marriage in Jewish culture, usually lasting for a year before the wedding night. More legal than engagement
- b. Luke 1:27 Lit *house*
- c. Luke 1:27 Gr *Mariam*; i.e. Heb Miriam; so throughout Luke
- d. Luke 1:28 Or *woman richly blessed*
- e. Luke 1:28 Or *be*
- f. Luke 1:34 Lit *will*
- g. Luke 1:34 Lit *know no man*
- h. Luke 1:35 Lit *the holy thing begotten*
- i. Luke 1:36 Lit *this is the sixth month to her who*

j. Luke 1:37 Lit *not any word*

k. Luke 1:38 I.e. female slave

2 Timothy 1

Timothy Charged to Guard His Trust

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus ^[a]by the will of God, according to the promise of life in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved ^[b]son: Grace, mercy *and* peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I thank God, whom I serve with a clear conscience ^[c]the way my forefathers did, as I constantly remember you in my ^[d]prayers night and day, ⁴ longing to see you, even as I recall your tears, so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ ^[e]For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that *it is* in you as well. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷ For God has not given us a spirit of ^[f]timidity, but of power and love and ^[g]discipline.

⁸Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with *me* in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God, ⁹ who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity, ¹⁰ but now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹ for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle and a teacher. ¹² For this reason I also suffer these things, but I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him ^[h]until that day. ¹³ ^[i]Retain the standard of sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard, through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, the ^[j]treasure which has been entrusted to *you*.

¹⁵ You are aware of the fact that all who are in ^[k]Asia turned away from me, among whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes. ¹⁶ The Lord grant mercy to the house of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my ^[l]chains; ¹⁷ but when he was in Rome, he eagerly searched for me and found me— ¹⁸ the Lord grant to him to find mercy from the Lord on that day—and you know very well what services he rendered at Ephesus.

Footnotes:

- a. 2 Timothy 1:1 Lit *through*
- b. 2 Timothy 1:2 Or *child*
- c. 2 Timothy 1:3 Lit *from my forefathers*
- d. 2 Timothy 1:3 Or *petitions*
- e. 2 Timothy 1:5 Lit *Receiving remembrance of*
- f. 2 Timothy 1:7 Or *cowardice*
- g. 2 Timothy 1:7 Or *sound judgment*
- h. 2 Timothy 1:12 Or *for*
- i. 2 Timothy 1:13 Or *Hold the example*
- j. 2 Timothy 1:14 Lit *good deposit*
- k. 2 Timothy 1:15 I.e. the province of Asia
- l. 2 Timothy 1:16 Lit *chain*

Miracle at Cana

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there; ²and both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. ³When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus *said to Him, “They have no wine.” ⁴And Jesus *said to her, “Woman, ^[a]what does that have to do with us? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵His mother *said to the servants, “Whatever He says to you, do it.” ⁶Now there were six stone waterpots set there for the Jewish custom of purification, containing ^[b]twenty or thirty gallons each. ⁷Jesus *said to them, “Fill the waterpots with water.” So they filled them up to the brim. ⁸And He *said to them, “Draw *some* out now and take it to the ^[c]headwaiter.” So they took it *to him*. ⁹When the headwaiter tasted the water which had become wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter *called the bridegroom, ¹⁰and *said to him, “Every man serves the good wine first, and when *the people* have ^[d]drunk freely, *then he serves* the poorer wine; *but* you have kept the good wine until now.” ¹¹This beginning of *His* ^[e]signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.

Footnotes:

- a. John 2:4 Lit *what to Me and to you* (a Hebrew idiom)
- b. John 2:6 Lit *two or three measures*
- c. John 2:8 Or *steward*
- d. John 2:10 Or *have become drunk*
- e. John 2:11 Or *attesting miracles*; i.e. one which points to the supernatural power of God in redeeming grace

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