A Mom After God’s Own Heart

Devotional

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Let Your Light Shine

Do you desire that your children love God with all their heart? Then there’s something you can do about it. Pray! And put your desire for your children right at the top of your prayer list. Then be diligent to live a life that reveals your love for God. Ephesians 6:4 says to “bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord” (NIV). There’s a very simple way for this to become second nature: talk of the Lord. Talk about Him when you’re at home and in the car, before the kids go to sleep, and as soon as they wake up. A woman—a mother—who loves God is a light in darkness. Matthew 5:16 says, “Let your light so shine before men [before your children], that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Dear Father, let my lips sing praises, speak requests, and make frequent mention of Your mercy. Give my children ears to hear of Your goodness so that they turn to You, their heavenly Father, with ease and delight.
Mom, praying for your children will make a difference in their life. It took me awhile to discover the power of prayer—and I’m so glad I did! As a young mom, I’d made the decision to stay at home. And there were many times when I felt useless and ineffective. But when I was introduced to the idea of prayer as a ministry, that changed my perspective. I began praying for my children, around my children, and with my children. And what a privilege it was to teach my two girls to pray!

Psalm 34:8 says, “Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who trusts in Him!” What a blessing—as you cultivate a heart of prayer, you will taste and know that the Lord is good.

Lord, give me a heart of prayer for my children. Allow me to model what it means to go to You with my every need as I teach my family how You extend Your provision, peace, and purpose to Your children.
A Courageous Mom

It only takes a glimpse of email spam to see evil in action in this fallen world. It’s more than a little scary. But mom, you can make a difference! Moses’ mother, Jochebed, belonged to a sorority of mothers who gave their sons to God to use in the fight against evil. Samuel’s mother gave him up for God to use, and Mary saw her son Jesus offered up to die on the cross.

Psalm 37:1 encourages you not to “fret because of evildoers.” Instead of worrying or trying to solve every problem in your own power, devote yourself to raising godly children. The power of evil is helpless against the power of the truth you plant in your child’s heart and mind. You are a courageous, loving mom when you place your confidence—and your child—into God’s care.

God, I receive such comfort and assurance as I plant Your eternal truths in the heart of my child. I cannot control the existence of evil, but I can base parenting decisions on Your righteousness just as I can place every hope for my child in Your power.
Lunch out with friends... or quiet time with your Bible? Hmm. Sometimes this choice is really hard, isn’t it? Time for ourselves is important, but that priority takes second place to God’s calling to train our little ones. This is your highest and most noble calling. But we can’t give out what we don’t possess, so it’s vital to nurture a passion for God’s Word and His wisdom.

Spend some time each day reading the Bible. Share its life-giving truth with your children. It requires the sacrifice of time and energy, but the years you have with your children fly by so quickly. Psalm 119:11 says, “Your word I have hidden in my heart.” Your time in God’s Word is time He’ll use to make you a mom after His own heart. It’s time well invested!

_Lord, help me choose You and Your Word as my source of strength and refreshment each day. I want to deepen my understanding of Your love and Your will so that I become a mother who invests in her faith and family with everything she has and is._