



HAPPY
Mother's
DAY

MOTHER – THE BEACON FOR HER CHILDREN

Prov. 31:15, 19-21, 24, 27-28

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19 She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.

20 She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

21 She is not afraid of the snow for **her household**: for all **her household** *are* clothed with scarlet.

24 She maketh fine linen, and selleth *it*; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.

27 She looketh well to the ways of **her household**, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

28 **Her children arise up, and call her blessed**; her husband *also*, and he praiseth her.

Review

Our theme for 2017 is “Carry the Light.”

The conduct of a true Christian, one who is genuinely “born again,” is the outcome of a doctrinal foundation. **We are “living out our faith,” and our testimony indicates the quality of it, be it good or bad.**

As I believe, therefore I live.

- A believer’s testimony is never so clearly seen as it is in the place known as *home*.
- What a person believes is truly shown on a daily basis, and is witnessed by other family members.
- On this Mother’s Day, we will consider such an important testimony regarding motherhood, and how mothers are truly *The Beacon for Her Children*.

Beacon (noun)

1. A guiding or warning signal, as a light or fire, especially one in an elevated position.
2. A tower or hill used for such purposes.
3. A lighthouse, signal buoy, etc., on a shore or at a dangerous area at sea to warn and guide vessels.
4. **A person, act, or thing that warns or guides.**
5. **A person or thing that illuminates or inspires:**
The Bible has been our beacon during this trouble.

radio beacon

<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/beacon>

There are airport beacons:

There are beacons used in smartphones:

These various beacons have several things in common:

- Beacons are designed to send out signals.
- Beacons are designed to help others.
- Beacons are designed to get their messages received.



Introduction

- Mothers definitely send out signals, and...
- They are designed to help others.
- They also intend to get their messages received – “Are you listening to me?!?”

The children who follow the beacon of a godly mother will travel a better path of life than those who were not as fortunate to have such a mother.

M – is for MEMORIES that you created with your love

O – is for growing OLDER with grace from above

T – is for your TENDERNESS to calm the troubled heart

H – is for the HAPPINESS of our family in every part

E – is for ETERNITY we will have together with Christ as the WAY

R – is for REMINDING me of you, especially on every Mother’s Day

I. A GODLY MOTHER IS A BEACON OF CHARACTER, 31:15

“She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.”

- She has character and a great work ethic – “She riseth also while it is yet night...”

1 Thess. 1:3 Remembering without ceasing your **work of faith, and labour of love**, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;

Heb. 6:10 For God *is* not unrighteous to forget your **work and labour of love**, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that **ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.**

- She feeds her family – “...giveth meat to her household...”

Jn. 4:32 But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of. ...

34 Jesus saith unto them, **My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.**

Jn. 6:27 **Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life,** which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

Heb. 5:14 **But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age,** *even* those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

- She supports her supporters – “...a portion to her maidens.” (RESPONSIBILITY)

Psa. 123:2 Behold, as the eyes of servants *look* unto the hand of their masters, *and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the LORD our God*, until that he have mercy upon us.

II. A GODLY MOTHER IS A BEACON THAT IS CONSTRUCTIVE, 31:19 “She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.” 31:24 “She maketh fine linen, and selleth *it*; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.”

- She is making and mending – 31:19 – “She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.”

Making adults while mending the children

Mk. 1:19 And when he had gone a little further thence, he saw James the *son* of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the ship **mending** their nets.

Original Word: καταρτίζω

Transliteration: katartizó

Definition: (a) I fit (join) together; met: I compact together, (b) act. and mid: **I prepare, perfect, for his (its) full destination or use, bring into its proper condition (whether for the first time, or after a lapse).**

Properly, **exactly fit (adjust) to be in good working order**, i.e. adjusted *exactly* "down" to fully function.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/2675.htm>

Gal. 6:1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, **restore** such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

Heb. 13:20 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

21 **Make you perfect** in every good work **to do his will**, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.

- She produces quality – in purity (“fine linen”) and truth (“girdles”)

Psa. 40:10 **I have not hid** thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: **I have not concealed** thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation.

Eph. 6:14 Stand therefore, **having your loins girt about with truth**, and having on the **breastplate of righteousness**;

3 Jn. 1:4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

2 Tim. 1:5 When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

III. A GODLY MOTHER IS A BEACON OF COMPASSION, 31:20 “She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.”

- She is involved in others – “She stretcheth out her hand...she reacheth for her hands...”

She is judicious in helping – “...to the poor...to the needy.” (Not just “money” – but also gives out CHARACTER)

IV. A GODLY MOTHER IS A BEACON OF CONVICTION, 31:21

“She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household *are* clothed with scarlet.”

- She is willing to inconvenience herself! – “She is not afraid of the snow...”

Deut. 31:6 Be strong and of a good courage, **fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he *it is* that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.**

Isa. 41:13 For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, **Fear not; I will help thee.**

2 Tim. 1:7 For **God hath not given us the spirit of fear;** but of **power**, and of **love**, and of a **sound mind**.

1 Jn. 4:18 **There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear:** because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

Heb. 13:5 *Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, **I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.***

- She is focused on “the big picture” – “...for her household...”

V. A GODLY MOTHER IS A BEACON OF CONCERN, 31:27 “She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.”

- She is concerned about the direction of her family – where they are and where they are going – “She looketh well to the ways of her household...”

Psa. 143:8 Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: **cause me to know the way wherein I should walk;** for I lift up my soul unto thee.

Prov. 2:20 That thou mayest **walk in the way of good men,** and **keep the paths of the righteous.**

Prov. 22:6 Train up a child in **the way** he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Jn. 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way,** the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

- She is concerned to stay active – “...eateth not the bread of idleness.”

Prov. 19:15 Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; and **an idle soul shall suffer hunger.**

1 Tim. 5:13 And withal they **learn to be idle**, wandering about from house to house; and **not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies**, speaking things which they ought not.

Eccl. 10:18 **By much slothfulness the building decayeth;** and **through idleness of the hands** the house droppeth through.

1 Cor. 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, **always abounding in the work of the Lord**, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

- She is concerned for her family from an eternal perspective – “...all her household *are* clothed with scarlet.”

Isa. 61:10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for **he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness**, as a bridegroom decketh *himself* with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth *herself* with her jewels.

Rev. 7:14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have **washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

1 Jn. 1:7 But **if we walk in the light**, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and **the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.**

Conclusion

Heb. 6:9 But, **beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation**, though we thus speak.

10 For God *is* not unrighteous to forget **your work and labour of love**, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

11 And we desire that **every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:**

12 That ye **be not slothful**, but followers of them who **through faith and patience** inherit the promises.

Col. 1:10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, **being fruitful in every good work**, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

Motherhood – The Hope for Society

God at creation implemented a plan
A woman to complete unfinished man
Eve for Adam, to be loved, two as one
To be fruitful and multiply, the family begun
The foundation of society, crown of creation
Motherhood needed for civilization's continuation
The home, motherhood's prominent domain
To instruct, influence, inspire, and all to explain
For children's children society to impart
Comes above all from a mother's dear heart

1 Cor. 4:2 Moreover it is required in **stewards**, that a man be found **faithful**.