

# Mt Zion Christian Church Newsletter-MAY 2020

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## The Characteristics of a Godly Mother

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Mothers are important not only to the family but to society as well. Regardless of any challenges you may have faced in your relationship with your mother while you were growing up, she was given to you by God and played an essential role in your life. Even in Scripture, we find all kinds of mothers, and many of them show valuable characteristics of godliness. Timothy had a godly mother and grandmother who so greatly influenced him that he followed in their footsteps of faith.

The Characteristics of a Godly Mother Mothers are characterized in many different ways based on external beauty, wealth, or accomplishments, but the most important quality of a mom is godliness. This doesn't mean perfection, but she has a quality that serves as an important model for her children. No women will completely express every single one of these characteristics, but the ideal godly mother is one who is growing in all these ways:

### **A godly mother prays and reads the Word of God.**

This is not an occasional practice but has become the habit of her life. She believes Scripture and knows its instructions will help her become a better wife and mother. In fact, prayer and Bible reading affect every area of her life—how she dresses, handles herself, and works. Her conversation, character, and conduct are rooted in the Word, and her children are a reflection of this.

### **She is a mother who has learned to trust God for every need.**

Because she is praying, reading, and meditating on Scripture, she comes to know and trust God's promises. She is confident that He will meet her needs, whether physical, material, or emotional. Instead of focusing on what she lacks, she speaks of God's sufficiency in her life and is grateful whether He provides much or little.

### **A godly mother is generous.**

Even if she has little to share, she willingly offers it to others. Sometimes her generosity comes in the form of encouragement. Her desire is to offer words that build others up rather than tear them down.

### **She is obedient to God.**

Obedience honors God and is also profitable for her as well as for her children and husband. She understands that she is obeying an allpowerful, omniscient, loving God whom she can trust. Her goal is to obey the Lord and leave the consequences to Him. There is no need to worry because she knows He can handle any situation. She brings all her cares and concerns to God and leaves them in His capable hands. Even when the issues are serious, she can sleep without being troubled by anxious thoughts. A godly mother who trusts and obeys God gives her home an atmosphere of freedom, welcome, and love because she is not stressed by worry. Even difficulties at home cannot disrupt that peaceful atmosphere for long.

### **A mother who is godly is forgiving.**

This is essential for every follower of Jesus and is clearly taught in the Bible. Those who refuse to forgive live in stress and tension that soon overflows into the home. Forgiveness is a vital part of family life because the close relationships inevitably result in misunderstandings and conflicts. Forgiveness can restore peace and eliminate stress and tension in the home. Furthermore, all believers are told in Ephesians 4:32, "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you."

### **A godly mother has an attitude of persistence.**

When something needs to be accomplished, she knows what's required and keeps working until it is finished. Instead of waiting for someone else to do it, she jumps in to complete the task. Persistence applies to relationships as well as work. It's easy to stop communicating or walk away from difficulties in a relationship, but a godly woman doesn't give up. She keeps loving even when things are not going as she desires. Instead of giving in to discouragement, she turns to God in prayer asking Him for a pure heart and a forgiving spirit. And a godly mother faces life's demands without fussing, nagging, groaning, or comparing her situation with others' circumstances. She is determined to be the person God wants her to be.

### **A godly mother is a servant.**

This is a quality we should all have as followers of Jesus because He was a servant. A mother with a servant attitude doesn't live for herself, but for others. She serves her family in a variety of ways remembering that she is following in Christ's footsteps. She doesn't seek a reward or serve only when it's convenient, or when she feels like it. She understands that in serving her family, she is serving the Lord.

### **She lives an orderly life.**

For family life to run smoothly there must be organization, especially when children are in school because there are schedules to keep and tasks to complete. Without order in a family, there is confusion, frustration, anxiety, tension, and stress. Furthermore, an orderly life is something children need to learn in order to function well as adults. That's why it's so important to model it at home because children tend to pick up attitudes and habits from their parents. They need to develop characteristics that will build and enrich their lives.

### **A godly mother is an encourager.**

Children need the encouragement of their parents so they will feel valued and loved. This begins early in life when a baby is held close and expands to include words of encouragement as the child grows. Sometimes this takes the form of challenging them to persevere and do their best.

### **A godly mother loves unconditionally.**

Her love is not conditionally based on the behavior of her children or husband but is given without reservation. By her example, she demonstrates to her children how they too can love at all times.

### Happy Birthday

- 5/2 Nicholas Byrd
- 5/3 Caleb Day
- 5/5 Emily Tatum
- 5/7 Len Shue, Laura Alvis, Jordon King, Paul Young
- 5/8 Bernice Moore
- 5/9 Alvin Brooks, Katie Carter
- 5/10 Danny Jones, Paul Toellen
- 5/12 Waylon Younger, Michelle Guthrie
- 5/13 Joyce Parker
- 5/16 Teresa Moran, Rhonda Kernodle
- 5/18 Amanda Loy
- 5/20 Sandra Glasgow
- 5/21 Debbie Evans, Jane Collins, Judy Young, Tami Parker, Randall Wilkerson
- 5/22 David McSherry
- 5/23 Kellie Kirkpatrick, Catherine Bradley
- 5/25 Juanita Moore, Dallas Myatt
- 5/26 Chad Leach, Sandra Gentry, Tommy Younger
- 5/28 Mike Cocks, Stacey Young, Makala Van Dusen
- 5/29 Percilla Shepherd
- 5/30 Keith Allen

### Happy Anniversary

- 5/2 Ricky & Sue Ann Gentry
- 5/6 Jeffrey & Jasmine Kirby  
Jeremy & April Brooks
- 5/9 Jim & Rhonda Parker
- 5/14 William & Michelle Guthrie
- 5/17 Christopher & Story Rudder
- 5/21 Neal & Laura Stanfield
- 5/27 Dallas & Lou Ann Myatt
- 5/26 Dennis & Connie Yeatts
- 5/31 Chad & Traci Leach

### TO GOD BE THE GLORY

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Again, Angels, Believe, Bible, Christ, Confess, Day, Faith, Falling, Glory, God, Grace, Great I AM, Hands, Healed, Healing, Heart, Heaven, Holy Spirit, Jesus, Joy, Kneel, Know how to pray, Lamp, Let, Life, Lift, Light, Lord, Needed, Praise, Prayer, Psalms, Rose, Shadow, Shepherd, Show hope, Show Love, Show Meekness, Slay in spirit, Sorrow, Taken by Love, Third

After you have found all the words, put the leftover letters in the correct order to form the *mystery answer*.

March's answer: COMMANDMENTS



### From the Pastor's Desk

Hello Everyone!

It has been GREAT, to see so many of you at our Drive-In Worship Services. Many others have stayed in touch, through our Facebook Page and our church website: mtzionchristianchurch.net.

I know things are different now: from the way we are having to meet on Sundays, to almost everything else in our lives. But, God is still in control! Amen!

We have now added an FM Transmitter to make our social distancing on Sunday mornings even better. Now you can park and tune your automobile **FM Radio to 90.5** and listen to the service with your windows closed. It improves on our Social Distancing and when it gets hot you can sit in A/C or if it is raining you can stay dry.

I mentioned earlier during our quarantine, that I had a face for radio and not video...and now I will be on your radio! I told you so!!!!

Most of all, I want you to know how much I LOVE you...But God's LOVE for you is even GREATER!

We will weather this storm together and come out on the other side stronger and closer to God...If...We are encouraged by the love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...We must remember that Jesus didn't say there would not be any storms in our lives...But He did say...He would never leave us or forsake us, not even till the end of this age...He is closer than being by your side during this storm...He is within your heart your soul, through the Divine Holy Spirit of God!

I hope to see you each and every Sunday, as we gather at Mt. Zion, to Worship and to THANK God for His Great Love and many BLESSINGS!

Always remember...God LOVES you and so do !!

Pastor Rick