

Mothers Day 2025 – A Time to Honor our Mothers (sjm 5-11-2025)

A time to honor our mothers as without them we wouldn't be here. Not just here but in the condition, we are in today. As I look out into the congregation, I see many blessed and outstanding people. Much of that is a direct reflection of love and nurturing by our mothers. *"All mothers have given something & many have given much more"*

Sacrificing their money, time, energy, many taking on other jobs to assist financially with the family. Mothers bandage us up, encourage us, support us in our endeavors, sometimes long after we have left the nest.

To Honor 1) To bring a high respect or great esteem
2) An adherence to what is right!

Godliness – giving us a presence & understanding of God! Taking us to church, reading to us from the bible, giving us our first bible & most of all praying!

A Women can make or break a family. A Godly woman can breathe the life of God into kids, uplift a husband and pray us all through all obstacles.

A virtuous woman, often described in biblical texts like Proverbs 31, is characterized by strength, dignity, and a commitment to doing good. She is a valued contributor to society, a wise and reliable partner, and a source of comfort and support for her family.

Here's a more detailed look at what makes a virtuous woman: Key Qualities:

- **Strength and Dignity:** She is not defined by outward appearances but by her inner strength and self-respect. *Elegant! Often has a glow about her!*
- **Wisdom and Knowledge:** She possesses knowledge and understanding, enabling her to make sound decisions and navigate life's challenges. *(sometimes through the power of the holy spirit & often through the school of hard knocks)*
- **Dependability and Trustworthiness:** She is reliable and can be trusted to fulfill her responsibilities & commitments. *Many times without any type of rewards or acknowledgement*
- **Compassion and Kindness:** She shows empathy and kindness towards others, especially those in need. *They are some of the best givers - grass roots in the neighborhood, at school,)*
- **Hardworking and Diligent:** She is industrious & dedicated to her tasks, both in the home and in the community. *(rising a good deal before dawn)*
- **Faith and Devotion:** She has a deep faith and devotion to God, which guides her actions and influences her character. *(a missing component in many part of the natural world)*
- **Courage and Perseverance:** She faces challenges with courage and perseverance, never giving up on her goals or values. *(more importantly never giving up or shortchanging her beliefs in you)*

- **Patience and Forbearance:** She is patient & understanding, willing to forgive and offer support to others. *(if anyone can forgive it's a Mother)*

In essence, a virtuous woman is a woman of strong character who lives a life of purpose and integrity, reflecting God's love and grace in all that she does.

For those aspiring to be a Virtuous Women Proverbs 31 gives great insight!

¹⁰ If you can find a truly good wife, she is worth more than precious gems! ¹¹ Her husband can trust her, and she will richly satisfy his needs. ¹² She will not hinder him but help him all her life. . ¹⁵ She gets up before dawn to prepare breakfast for her household and plans the day's work; with her own hands she plants a vineyard. ¹⁷ She is energetic, a hard worker, . She works far into the night!

¹⁹⁻²⁰ She sews for the poor and generously helps those in need. . ^{22 23} Her husband is well known, for he sits in the council chamber with the other civic leaders.

²⁵ She is a woman of strength and dignity and has no fear of old age. ²⁶ When she speaks, her words are wise, and kindness is the rule for everything she says. ²⁷ She watches carefully all that goes on throughout her household and is never lazy. ²⁸ Her children stand and bless her; so does her husband. He praises her with these words: ²⁹ "There are many fine women in the world, but you are the best of them all!"

³⁰ Charm can be deceptive and beauty doesn't last, but a woman who fears and reverences God shall be greatly praised. ³¹ Praise her for the many fine things she does. These good deeds of hers shall bring her honor and recognition from people of importance. ^[b]