

## Introduction:

I know today is "Mother's Day" a day of showing appreciation toward women and mothers in particular. But this lesson isn't really about "mothers" as it is about God and His dealings with mankind using the acronym **MOTHERS**.

### I) **M** - is for mercy

#### A) **Mercy is one of those great qualities of God,** ***Exodus 34.6,7***

1. It is sometimes translated as loving kindness, pity, compassionate.
2. Mercy is not getting what you deserve, ***Psalms 145.8.***
3. Deals not just with God's actions toward man but His attitude toward man.
4. Mercy is often associated with grace and grace with mercy. Mercy is what made God's grace possible.

#### B) **God's mercy is seen throughout the Bible.**

1. In the first chapters of ***Romans***, Paul describes the deplorable state of Jews and Gentiles. In ***Romans 5:8*** God sent His Son to do for mankind what mankind could not do for himself.

2. All of us can relate to *Romans 11.31-32*.

## II) O - is for opportunity

### A) We God has given each of us the opportunity

1. To hear the Gospel of Christ. *Mark 16.15*
2. The opportunity to believe, repent of our sin, confess Christ, and be baptized.

### B) What if

1. He had selected only a small number of people who actually could hear, believe, repent, confess, and be baptized? All others would be lost.
2. What if we procrastinate until the opportunity is gone? We will be lost.

## III) T - is for time

### A) Time is what limits us and our abilities.

1. Our time on earth is limited, *Psalms 90.9, 10, 12*.
2. Job describes our days as "faster than a weaver's shuttle" *Job 7.6*.
3. Each passing day means we have used some of our time and we have less than before.

### B) Time is a blessed commodity.

1. To spend with our families, loved ones, serving God.

2. Behold now is the day of salvation, not is the time to serve God, *2 Corinthians 6.2*.

#### IV) **H - is for homes**

##### A) **The home as designed by God**

1. A loving mother and father.
2. The building block of every society is its homes.
3. Our homes is where we are trained and train the next generation.

##### B) **If you grew up in a loving home, you were blessed by God.**

1. Timothy was blessed with a godly mother and grandmother, *2 Timothy 1.5*
2. The church is blessed when there are families in the Lord's service. Ex. Going to services in Richardson, TX we would up at services sitting in the middle of a family group. Grandparents, parents, children, and grandchildren were all there together.

#### V) **E - is for Equality**

##### A) **God is no respecter of persons, *Romans 2.11*.**

1. Some have actually said this means God cannot judge between the good and the bad. Such is false, God judges us by our works.

2. However everyone and anyone can call upon the name of the Lord, *Acts 2.21*.

**B) This important character of God is stressed in many passages, *Galatians 3.27-28***

1. What if God played favorites? Judged some harshly and not others. Jesus died only for "the elect" or He simply did not like you.?
2. Could we argue with God and say He was not fair? Jesus came and died for everyone of us. Anyone can be saved as long as they come to obey Jesus.

**VI) R - is for Righteousness**

**A) What is righteousness?**

1. Definition is very broad - just, right living, a person living rightly.
2. Two approaches toward "righteousness"
  - a. Man seeking to establish his own standard, *Romans 10.3*
  - b. The second is looking to God, *Romans 10.4*

**B) Important to have a standard of "right living" and "righteousness"**

1. Otherwise man ends up trying to establish his own. Idolatry, situation ethics, always changing. *Jeremiah 10.23*

2. Christ died so we can be righteous and pure before God. *2 Corinthians 5.21*.

**VII) S - is for salvation**

**A) God has blessed us with His Son, John 3.16.**

1. The perfect sacrifice, the perfect example, the perfect law.
2. Salvation is what every person should be desiring.

**B) Are you saved?**