

What Are Mothers Made Of?

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Introduction:

Proverbs 31.27-30 is often used on Mother's Day, but one elementary school teacher wanted her children to write a nice card for "Mother's Day." To inspire them she asked a simple question, "What are mothers made of?"

I) Replies

A) What are some ingredients moms are made of?

1. God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world... and one dab of mean. (Debbie, age 5)
2. What are some ingredients that mothers are made of? They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly used string and duct-tape. I think. (Jeffery, age 6)

B) "What kind of little girl was your Mom?"

1. My Mom has always been my Mom... and none of that other stuff. (Luke age 6)
2. I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy. (Sarah, age 7)
3. They say she used to be nice. (Greg, age 5)

C) "Why do you love your mom?"

1. "I love my mom because she let me get a dog and then she let me sleep with it. I hope she lives forever." (Aden, Age 8)
2. "My mama is the best mama in the world. She lets me share the chocolates in her lamp table drawer. She reads to me, and we sit on the porch swing together." (Brianna, Age 6)
3. "I love my mom cause she lets me read my book under the covers with

a flashlight and gives me lots of chances to pick up my toys.” (Ethan, Age 7)

4. “My Mom – Nice, beautiful and pretty as a butterfly. That’s my mom. Clever as a whale, warm as a fuzzy bear. That’s my mom. Soft as a pillow. She laughs like an angel. That’s my mom. Caring, cool, and clever. She’s the best! That’s my mom!” (Jonathan, Age 8)

II) Moms In the Bible

- A) Jochobed: who cared so much for her son Moses, that she broke the law to keep him safe and teach him the faith of God

Exodus 2:1 And a man of the house of Levi went and took as wife a daughter of Levi. **2** So the woman conceived and bore a son. And when she saw that he was a beautiful child, she hid him three months. **3** But when she could no longer hide him, she took an ark of bulrushes for him, daubed it with asphalt and pitch, put the child in it, and laid it in the reeds by the river's bank.

Exodus 2:9 Then Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him.

1. There are a lot of mom’s who are as fierce as a bear when it comes to protecting their children.
2. She was willing is risk harsh punishment to protect her baby.

- B) An unnamed woman who appeared before King Solomon

1 Kings 3:16 Now two women who were harlots came to the king, and stood before him. **17** And one woman said, "O my lord, this woman and I dwell in the same house; and I gave birth while she was in the house. **18** "Then it happened, the third day after I had given birth, that this woman also gave birth. And we were together; no one was with us in the house, except the two of us in the house. **19** "And this woman's son died in the night, because she lay on him. **20** "So she arose in the middle of the night and took my son from my side, while your maidservant slept, and laid him in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom. **21** "And when I rose in the morning to nurse my son, there he was, dead. But when I had examined him in the morning, indeed, he was not my son whom I had borne." **22** Then the other woman said, "No! But the living

one is my son, and the dead one is your son." And the first woman said, "No! But the dead one is your son, and the living one is my son." Thus they spoke before the king. **23** And the king said, "The one says, 'This is my son, who lives, and your son is the dead one'; and the other says, 'No! But your son is the dead one, and my son is the living one.'" **24** Then the king said, "Bring me a sword." So they brought a sword before the king. **25** And the king said, "Divide the living child in two, and give half to one, and half to the other." **26** Then the woman whose son was living spoke to the king, for she yearned with compassion for her son; and she said, "O my lord, give her the living child, and by no means kill him!" But the other said, "Let him be neither mine nor yours, but divide him." **27** So the king answered and said, "Give the first woman the living child, and by no means kill him; she is his mother."

1. She was willing to make a hard choice when it came to her child, she choose life.
2. She loved her child so much, that she was willing to give him up forever, rather than see any harm come to him.

C) The mother of James and John

Matthew 20:21 And He said to her, "What do you wish?" She said to Him, "Grant that these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left, in Your kingdom."

1. We may see this as a selfish request but she wanted her two boys to be in the Kingdom of God.
2. She did not ask for herself but her boys.

III) The Power of Her Influence

A) There is little that compares with the influence of a mother.

1. "All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother"—Abraham Lincoln
2. "The hand that rock's the cradle rules the world"
3. To think poorly of womanhood, is to think poorly of mankind in general, because it is through woman that humanity has been built

1 Corinthians 11:11 Nevertheless, neither is man independent of woman, nor woman independent

of man, in the Lord. **12** For as woman came from man, even so man also comes through woman; but all things are from God.

B) Paul in **Titus 2**

Titus 2:3 the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things-- **4** that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, **5** to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.

1. Paul is not saying:
 - a. a successful woman is one who is a business owner or executive
 - b. women that they need to become a socialite
 - c. how to be a good employee at work
 - d. Or how to be loved and adored by everyone in the world
2. Paul is telling what makes for a godly wife and mother so that "Word of God blasphemed, or reproached."

C) The woman's power is her influence in the home. It is the woman's power to shape lives

1 Timothy 2:15 Nevertheless she will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control.

D) Peter instruction to women

1 Peter 3:1 Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, **2** when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear. **3** Do not let your adornment be merely outward-- arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel-- **4** rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.

1. When you get up in the morning thinking about what you are going to

wear for the day; remember: “Your beauty should not come merely from outward adornment”

2. More important is your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit
 - a. Without inner beauty, any outward beauty is “as a ring of gold in a swine's snout” - **Proverbs 11:22**
 - b. “Beauty comes from the inside out”
 - c. Too many young people think they are nothing because they have never been taught their true beauty is their inward beauty!

E) Timothy's mother and grandmother

2 Timothy 1:2 To Timothy, a beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. **3** I thank God, whom I serve with a pure conscience, as my forefathers did, as without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day, **4** greatly desiring to see you, being mindful of your tears, that I may be filled with joy, **5** when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also.

1. Timothy was a product of his upbringing.
 - a. Timothy's genuine faith came to him from his mother and grandmother.
 - b. Paul saw Timothy as a man of potential: strong in doctrine, strong in faith, one who could stand as a man of God: fearlessness, and with the power of love, and a sound mind.
2. It came from Timothy's mother and grandmother.
3. They left Timothy a legacy to be remembered.
 - a. What memories will your children and grandchildren have of you?
 - b. Will they remember your faith? A faith that is put into practice

every day? Not just on Sunday, but in good times and bad. A faith that is relentless and will not falter during difficulties or hardship?

IV) The Privilege of Motherhood

A) The story is told of a mother of a large family of children who was remarkably successful in her training. Her secret? She gave herself. She said,

1. "When my children were young I thought the very best thing I could do for them was to give them myself. So I spared no pains to talk with them to teach them, and be a loving mother to my children. I had to neglect my house many times. I had no time to indulge myself in many things which I should have liked to do. I was so busy adorning their minds and cultivating their hearts' best affections, that I could not adorn their bodies in fine clothes though I kept them neat and comfortable at all times.
2. "I have my reward now. My sons are ministers of the gospel, and my grown-up daughter is a lovely Christian woman. I have plenty of time now to rest, plenty of time to keep my house in perfect order, plenty of time to indulge myself in many ways, besides going about my Master's business, whenever He has need of me. I have a thousand beautiful memories of their childhood to comfort me. Now that they have gone out into the world, I have the sweet consciousness of having done all I could do to make them ready for whatever work God calls them to do. I gave them the best I could, myself."

B) **Proverb 31** portraying the beauty of a good woman

1. She is trustworthy - **verse 11**
2. Strong in her convictions - **verse 17**
3. Caring for the less fortunate and demonstrating compassion - **verses 19-20**
4. She is optimistic - **verse 21**

5. She is strong and dignified - **verses 22, 25**
 6. She is industrious - **verses 13-16, 24, 27**
- C) For all these things and more she had the unending praise of her family - **verses 28-31**

Conclusion:

Young people, when you get old enough to recognize your mother loved you enough to serve you, seeing it as a privilege to be there for you when you needed her, then you need to let her know how much you appreciated it what means to you because the payment for her work is praise from her family. Do as all godly women have done before you, pass it on.