

Mother's Day: What important thing should we know about your mother?

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Today's sermon: Something important you need to know about my mother, plus four Bible examples of mothers.

Quotes:

Trying to dress a kid is like trying to thread a sewing machine needle when the machine is still running. Cleaning the house with the kids at home is like trying to shovel the driveway during a snowstorm. Any child will tell you that the sole purpose of having a middle name is to know when you are really in trouble.

"Mother's Day Dilemma"

→ It is Mother's Day again. For many, it is one of the most meaningful days of the year. For others, it is a day of much pain.

→ I never face a Mother's Day without thinking of my mom and her courage. Every mother has a unique journey and we have the opportunity to help honor all the women who feel blessed to be called "Mom."

→ I remember the days when men would wear a boutonniere — red, signifying that your mother was still alive, or white, in memory of your mother? I can recall those years when we would anoint a Mother of the Year, and give a bouquet of flowers or box of candy to the oldest and youngest moms, the mother with the most children present, and so on. That is not a politically correct thing to do now. But Mother's Day was special for most of us.

→ We live in a different world, mothers whose marriages are failing, miscarriages and abortions, divorced, thinking of their prodigal children in "a far country" (Luke 15:13). Some are widowed; many lonely and some ecstatic about their lot. Preachers have quite an assignment. Some avoid the whole thing, but my prayer is that, when mothers walk out our doors, they will feel valued, significant and blessed. Why? Because a mother's love is as close to godly love as you can get.

Four Bible mothers

Lots of bad examples, lots of good examples. Flowers or weeds?

- Moses' mother, provided for physical well-being, inadvertently participated in God's future for his people. 57th president!
- Hannah, provided for spiritual training for Samuel, gratitude to God. Samuel is hinge person.
- Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist, mentor to cousin, agreed with strange name suggested by her husband, full of Spirit, home was context for disciple-making
- Eunice, mother to Timothy, Acts 16:1, Jewess and believer, married to a Greek, Released her son? 2 Timothy 1: Woman of sincere faith; Passed that faith on to her son