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Sisters in the Spirit Celebrating Women & Mothers!

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With all the scientific knowledge we have obtained, a child is still developed in the womb of a woman. Mothers are truly a gift from God because every man, woman, boy, and girl are birthed through a mother. Mothers are such a blessing from God, not because they are perfect but because God chose them to birth life!

Where would we be without our mothers and the grace of God? We may not exist considering the many mothers who abort children. This may have been the option your mother considered but God intervened and thankfully you are here today. Praise God!

Some of us experienced great relationships with our mothers while others of us experienced strained relationships with our mothers. Whether great or strained, we receive (d) love, strength, wisdom, knowledge, personality, insight, and the resilience to live from our mothers. In many cases, in their inability to adequately articulate it, our mothers loved us with such unconditional love that as children we cannot or could not comprehend until becoming a mother. Our mothers anchored us, taught us work ethic, relationships with others, and even things we choose not to repeat. ☺

Exod 20:12 informs us that we are to honor our father and our mother so that our days may be long. This is not a command of entitlement or an open invitation to treat children as we please, while requiring them to honor and obey us. Our children's honor is a place of humility because of the reward God has given us through their lives. We should likewise honor our children's life, teaching them how to honor our lives.

While God blesses us with the privilege of being godly women and mothers, He also imparts a tremendous responsibility upon us. As single and married godly women, we are examples to our nieces, nephews, cousins, and children in our community. Again, this is a privilege given to us by God and as we celebrate being nurturers of life, what does God require us to teach others as women of God, each day of our lives?

As we consider a few areas, consider what has been learned from parents, church, culture, or community and how it aligns with God's Word. The intentions may have been good but not always godly. Let us allow God's Word to lead and guide us.

HOW TO BE LIKE CHRIST

Our greatest responsibility is how to teach our children to be like Christ which ultimately flows out of our relationship with Him. We can only teach what we have learned and **LIVE!** In the long run, we cannot fake this because our children will know authenticity.

- Worship to God – Prov 31:30 (fears the Lord); Mark 12:29-31 (love the Lord); Matt 5:13-16 (salt and light to others)
- Grace, Mercy/Compassion and Forgiveness – Luke 6:36 (merciful); Prov 11:16 (gracious/kindhearted); Matt 6:14-15 (forgiving)
- True love without an agenda – Romans 5:8; John 13:34-35 (love for one another)
- Servant of God – Mark 10:43-45 (servant of all); John 13:14-17 (wash one another's feet)

HOW TO BE A WOMAN

When did you become a woman and who taught you? What were the spoken and unspoken messages you learned about how a woman is defined? Have you repeated those messages in the lives of those around you?

- Committed to Christ – 1 Cor 7:34-35 (Single serving God); Acts 16:13-15 (Lydia)
- Care and Cleanliness of your home – Prov 14:1 (builds her house)
- Dress and Style – 1 Tim 2:9-10 (appropriate for a woman who worships God)
- Attitude and Conversation – 1 Pet 3:3-4 (gentle and quiet spirit)
- Conflict Resolution – Matt 5:21-26 (reconcile before praying)

HOW TO BE A WIFE

Because our children are always watching us, we will teach them to love others relationally based on how we respect, love and care for our husband. This may seem small but it's not because everything we do from paying bills to how we choose to resolve conflict will become a model/method for our children to emulate as adults.

- Submission to God's chosen leadership in your home – Eph 5:22-24
- Respect and Response to your husband – Titus 2:3-5
- Care and Love for your husband – Prov 12:4 (crown of her husband); Prov 21:9 (quarrelsome and angry)

HOW TO BE A MOTHER

Psalm 127:3 reminds us that children are a reward from God and as mothers we are blessed to nurture their lives. Even though our children exhibit independence as toddlers, they need our continued guidance throughout life. We should always remember that because a child does not ask to be born, he/she should never feel guilt from a parent for existing. As a mother, we should impart love, security and strength.

- Hospitality and Love in your home – 1 Pet 4:8-11 (love, hospitality, service)
- Care and Love for your children – Prov 10:1 (joy and not grief)
- Ability to teach, train and guide knowledge and wisdom for life according to God's Word – Deut 4:9, 6:6-9, 11:18-21; Prov 22:6
- Ability to discipline out of love and not guilt or condemnation – Prov 29:15, 17