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Religious Liberty*

Who can find a virtuous woman?...She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed...

Proverbs 31:10a, 26-28a

Join us for...

“Punching Holes in the Darkness: Equipping Christians To Bring Light to the Critical Issues of Our Day”

A presentation by Julaine Appling, WFC president

Thurs., May 10, 6-8 p.m.,
Domenico's Italian
Restaurant, Beloit

Thurs., May 24, 6-8 p.m.,
Appleton Pizza Ranch

Thurs., June 7, 6-8 p.m.
Tula's Cafe, Rhinelander

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Moms Matter

The title of this article says it all—moms really do matter. As Mother's Day approaches, we want to remind and encourage all moms: You matter!

In a culture where every attempt is made to deny and down-play the differences between men and women, it's important we understand women bring unique contributions to parenting. They bring contributions no man, no matter how hard he tries, can bring to the rearing of a child. Moms endear themselves to children in ways significantly different from the ways dads do.

Moms matter because in God's created natural order, women bear children. The child's earliest bond is with his/her mother *in utero*. Scientists tell us that preborn children hear; so we know these little ones hear the sounds of their mom's voice. Studies have



shown that an unborn baby's heart rate often slows when they hear their mother talking, indicating there is comfort in the sound of her voice.

Moms nurture, comfort, sympathize with, advise and discipline differently from men. Children turn instinctively to mom when the tears come, when the bumps, bruises, cuts and scrapes come and later when the emotional challenges of the teen years are unleashed. That's because moms offer wide-open arms of love, soft kisses and comforting words.

Moms cheer-lead. They encourage and constructively criticize with love. They help girls become women and boys become men. It's moms who put bows in little girls' hair, who match shoes to outfits, who help teens experiment with makeup, who teach their daughters how ladies sit, talk, and interact socially. Moms help boys to

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Pray...

- That elected officials will recognize what is best for children when it comes to family structure. Pray that God will help them to take a stand based on factual information and not on what pop culture activists demand.
- For all the moms in your church, married and single, that God will grant them daily grace, wisdom and strength for loving and nurturing their children.
- That people will be attracted to the Gospel as they see the wonderful difference it makes in the lives of Christian moms and Christian families.
- For the salvation of our elected officials, that they will come to know the Savior “who will have all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth.” I Tim. 2:4.
- That our elected officials will govern in such a way that we may “lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.” I Tim. 2:2.
- That pastors and all of God’s people will, like Paul, declare “all the counsel of God” (Acts 20:27), and that our lives will faithfully reflect what we teach.

understand how women are uniquely different from men. It’s moms who listen to little boys’ dreams and encourage them to keep trying when things are hard. Boys rightly grow up with an instinctive desire to protect their mom; no one hurts a boy’s mother and gets by with it.

Moms aren’t dads; dads aren’t moms. That’s not how God designed it. The role of dads is just as important as the role of moms, but it is a different role. Both distinctive roles are critical to the upbringing of children. When we try to say maleness and femaleness don’t matter, we deny the obvious. Worse yet, we deny children what is best for them and promote the profoundly mistaken notion that God’s design is of no consequence. Are we really wiser than God when it comes to knowing what children need?

As it relates to parenting, the “magic” isn’t the number two, which is what homosexual activists want people to believe. The so-called “magic” is male and female—specifically, a married dad and mom. If government is really interested in the next generation of taxpayers, workers, teachers, scientists, artists, musicians, inventors, thinkers, and entrepreneurs, then it should be doing everything it can to make sure children really do have what is in their best interest—a married dad and mom. Government should be thinking “gold standard” not “no standard” when it comes to children.¹

Moms really do matter. Our public policies and laws would do well to recognize the significant and unique contributions of moms. They give their children what only a woman—a mom—can give to children; and we are all so much better for the influence of a mother. All of us at Wisconsin Family Council thank all of you mothers. We know you matter. We pray God’s blessings on you on Mother’s Day and every day.

¹We believe God’s Word, the Bible, is the final and sufficient authority on marriage and family structure. For those interested in research that documents the wisdom that God’s way is best, refer to “Why Marriage Matters, Third Edition” published by the Institute for American Values. (Reference to this work does not constitute WFC’s endorsement of IAV or any of its positions.)

About Wisconsin Family Council

Wisconsin Family Council is a 501 (c)(3) organization that has been advancing Judeo-Christian principles and values in Wisconsin since 1986. We have largely done this by informing Wisconsin citizens, policymakers and churches about the important legislative and cultural issues so that they can be involved in strengthening, preserving and promoting marriage, family, life and religious liberty in our state.

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