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Honor thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise:) That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

Eph.6:2-3

For current information on dates and locations of upcoming events, please be sure to visit wifamilycouncil.org/events.

Speaking of moms and motherhood, if you don't have your "Choose Life" license plate yet, this month would be a great time to fill out your application for one. For ordering information, visit www.chooselifewisconsin.com. 100% of the income generated from the sale of these specialty license plates goes to pro-life pregnancy care centers in our state.

More Than "Just a Housewife"

A "Family Circus" comic strip back a number of years ago pictured a Census employee interviewing a mom surrounded by her four children. He's filling out the form for her and answers his own question as to her occupation with, "just a housewife."

The mom is frowning, and we see her thoughts as she fills in the job description for "just a housewife:" teacher, cook, gardener, nurse, veterinarian, accountant, news commentator, seamstress, laundress, referee, chauffeur, child psychologist, coach, cheerleader, etc.

Aren't moms amazing? A mom is a true jack-of-all-trades.

Even in the modern world, with the convenience that technology lends to running a household, moms need a wide variety of skills and interests in order to rear their children.



Mom is a truly irreplaceable entity in the family unit. We've always known that, but we now have the social science data to back it up in the face of the redefinition of the family in today's culture. Children who do not live with their married, biological mother and father are, on average, at a higher risk for child abuse, behavioral and developmental problems and substance abuse, just to name a few of the pathologies. And we're talking about two times higher risk and more for each of these.

That's the gold standard, if you will, for families; a married mother and father together rearing their biological children. Sadly, because of an epidemic of divorce, cohabitation, the redefinition of marriage and the breakdown of the family, more and more children are missing out on their birthright of a married mother and father. That is a tragedy.

Despite what modern psychologists would often have us believe, love alone is not enough to rear a child. Parenting takes the shared skills, resources, sacrifice, perseverance, dedication, vision and commitment of a married mother and father.

It's impossible to over emphasize the significance of your

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We know this issue of Church Connection may touch a nerve in an unwelcome way for many in our culture.

It is not our intention to be divisive or hurtful. At the same time, Scripture compels us to tell the truth to ourselves and our culture. God's plan for family is non-negotiable and experience and studies inform us that it is what is best for children. We do everyone, especially children, a disservice if we do not speak the truth.

In light of that, we encourage you to pray for all the women in your church who are moms.

Pray that:

- Married moms will be faithful to their marriages and a blessing to their children.
- Single moms will have special grace for their unique circumstances.
- Every mom will recognize the power and testimony of her life and example in the lives of her children.
- Expectant moms will recognize and value the sanctity of the life that has been conceived.
- There will be revival in our country, that would result in the salvation of souls, and the realization that motherhood is a sacred gift and honor.

role, moms, in your child's life. A friend at a baby-shower—a mother of 8 children—shared some very wise advice with the young, first-time mother being honored. Her excellent advice highlights a mom's significance in and influence on her child's life.

She used an acrostic for "LEARN" to make her points.

L, she said, is for "looking," being observant. Learn about your child or children. You know them better than anyone else and care for them as only a mother can. Your observations are well informed and what you learn about your child will help you understand him/her better and enable you to discipline and train your son/daughter more effectively.

E is for "exegete." Now, that's not a very common word; but it means to critically analyze your child, your parenting, and the dynamics of your family and then apply your analysis with experiments that creatively reach your goals for your children. It may mean trying various ways to motivate and teach your child new skills or disciplines. Your careful analysis and experiments will help you hone in on the learning and teaching styles that best motivate and instruct your child.

A is for "acknowledge authority." Mom, your authority is God; and He holds you responsible for the emotional, physical, mental and spiritual nurturing of your children while they are in your care. You do your children an invaluable service by teaching them the concept of authority and their responsibility to God and fellow human beings. Your example of acknowledging the authorities in your life speaks volumes to your children.

R is for "reading"—widely and responsibly. Again, you set the example for your children. Read together; instill a love for learning and reading in your children.

N is for "no disobedience." Start training your children to obey at a young age with appropriate and consistent discipline. We do our children a great disfavor if we fail to teach them to observe instruction or protect them from experiencing the consequences of their wrong behavior.

Moms, your intentional parenting is crucial to your child's future. It's a role only you can play. We are so grateful to all of you mothers for your sacrifice, dedication and service as you raise the next generation of Jesus followers. We appreciate you and honor you this Mothers' Day!

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 freedom in our state.

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