

# CHURCH CONNECTION

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## THE PERFECT MOM

**A**re you the perfect mother? Did you have a mom who was the perfect mother? Actually, these really aren't fair questions because in a fallen world there is no such thing as a perfect mother. The good news is, no woman is expected to be the perfect mom. For those who are moms or who expect or hope one day to be a mom, the good news is you can be a good mom—even an outstanding mom—without being perfect.

Many books have been written on motherhood, and we can't go into that kind of depth here. But we do want to suggest some observations that may be both practical and encouraging.

**A good mom prays for her children.** No mom can do everything, not even everything that sometimes seems to be demanded of her. However, every mom can pray for her children. We know God hears and answers the prayers of His children. And in light of that truth, what better gift could you possibly give your children, than the gift of bringing them before God's throne in intercessory prayer? So, pray earnestly and often for your children, for their salvation, for them to follow the Lord, for them to love the Lord and His Word, for them to be wise in their relationships, for them to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. No matter the age of your children, bless them with the gift of a praying mom!

**A good mom does her best to make sure her children know the Lord.** While we believe this is the responsibility of both a mom and a dad, without question moms often

### Please Pray!

**Pray for the moms**—and dads—in your church. Pray they will be godly parents and that the families in your church will be protected from the attacks launched against them daily.

**Pray for your pastor.** Pray that God will help him guard his heart and that he will have a close walk with the Lord. Pray that he will be encouraged daily in the work of the ministry.

**Pray for your elected leaders.** Pray that God will give them courage and wisdom to do what is right. Pray for their salvation. If they are believers, pray they will walk with the Lord and honor Him with their leadership.

**Pray for LEAD Wisconsin** (July 15-21). We are close to maxed out with registration, but we need some young men and women (age 19-25) to serve as counselors, as well as some folks (age 25+) who can serve as volunteers. Apply online at [leadwi.org](http://leadwi.org).

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STRENGTHENING,  
PRESERVING & PROMOTING  
MARRIAGE, FAMILY, LIFE &  
RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

*"When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also."*

1 Tim. 1:5

play a key role in the spiritual lives of children. In fact, Paul observes that Timothy's faith came to him through the ministry of his godly mother and grandmother (II Timothy 1:5).

**Then, too, a good mom loves her children unconditionally.** They are loved just by virtue of the fact that they are your children. You don't love them for what they do but simply because they are yours. You love them the way God loves us.

Not because we are worthy, but because we belong to Him.



**A good mom also seeks to ensure she has a good marriage relationship.** One of the best gifts any parent can give their children is the gift of a home where the married mom and dad love the Lord, love each other, and love their children. No home is perfect; but any home where love, respect, and appreciation for one another are the norm is going to be a home that is a little bit of heaven on earth.

Proverbs 31:10-31 outlines characteristics of a virtuous woman. We aren't sure there are many women who could live up to the description in this passage; so perhaps the outline is more suggestive than imperative. At any rate, what we know for sure is that the crowning characteristic of the virtuous woman is that she fears the Lord (Prov. 31:30), and the result of fearing the Lord is that "she shall be praised." Being a mom isn't easy, but it is easier when your priority is to walk with God. You don't have to be perfect to be the perfect mom for the children God has given you!

## SALT AND LIGHT

Jesus said, *"Ye are the salt of the earth; but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven"* (Matthew 5:13-16). Are marriages and families in our churches thriving? If not, why not? Are we being salt and light in our own families? Are we pursuing God's agenda—Christ-likeness—for relationships in our families? Just as there is no such thing as the "perfect" mom, there is no such thing as the "perfect" family. The question, mom and dad, is, are you seeking to pursue grace and truth in your family? May God grant you wisdom and grace to do exactly that.

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