

CHURCH CONNECTION

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MOMS WHO MAKE AN IMPACT

Mother's Day is just around the corner. We hope that you have/had a good relationship with your mom, but we know that is not true for everyone. And of course, no mom on the planet is a perfect mom. But every mom makes an impact on her children and has the opportunity to make that impact positive and godly. So whether you had one of the best moms in the world, or your relationship with your mom is/was "complicated," we think it is good and right to have a special day honoring moms.

Maybe you're a mom who is struggling to know how best to positively impact your children in a culture that is hostile to the very idea of a "nuclear" family, i.e., a family composed of a married mom and dad committed to each other and to raising their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. And no doubt about it, the culture we are in is daily launching attacks against your children. We are indeed surrounded by darkness, and it is tempting to give in to despair. But don't. You are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses who can testify that no matter how dark the night, God's Word is still sufficient for all the needs of His people, in all places and at all times.

Trust the Lord. He will not give you more than you can handle with His help. God said "I will never leave you nor forsake you," and that is a promise you can cling to. He is a good God Who does not make mistakes. God has sovereignly placed these children in your life either through birth or adoption. So what can you do to be a mom who makes a godly impact?

Pray. God assures us that when we pray in His will He hears our prayers (1 Jn. 5:14). If you

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Prayer & Praise

LEAD Wisconsin camp is almost full for this year. Please pray the Lord will do a special work in the hearts of the campers and please pray that the Lord will provide the counselors we need.

Pray that good men and women will be elected to office in the fall election. And pray for them once they are in office that they will do what is right and best for our state and country.

Pray that God will raise up laborers for the harvest, Luke 10:2.

"Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised."

Prov. 31:30.



ask God for wisdom, He will give it to you (James 1:5). If you ask God to work in the hearts and lives of your children, rest assured He will do that. He may do it in ways you don't understand or that you don't prefer, and His timing may not be your timing, but He is working nonetheless.

Love your children (I Cor. 16:14). That might seem obvious, but in reality, sometimes children can be hard to love. Love them anyway. Tell them you love them. Demonstrate love for them in how you treat them, the words you use, and the tone of your voice. Surprise them with an occasional

note in their lunch box, or a special treat or favorite snack.

Read to them, or when they are older, have them read to you (Cf. Col. 4:16). Sharing a good book together can be a wonderful and powerful bonding experience, not to mention educational.

Memorize verses with them (Col. 3:16). What an incredible blessing for a child to hide God's Word in his/her heart at an early age. Your memorizing God's Word also serves as a powerful example.

Keep the lines of communication open (Cf. Eph. 5:19). Your home should be a safe haven for them to share their joys and frustrations, their fears and blessings, their hurts and successes.

Thankfully, God hasn't called you to be the perfect mom, and His "grace is sufficient for thee," (2 Cor. 12:9). But in so many ways, you can be a good mom who works at integrating biblical principles into her life and the life of her children. In doing so, you will be a mom who makes a godly impact.

A HELPFUL RESOURCE FOR MAKING AN IMPACT

We get it. The days are dark. The culture is intent on capturing the hearts and minds of our children, and works at it non-stop, 24-7. But you are not in this battle alone. You have the power of God's Spirit and the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. You have your church. And you have resources like the helpful book *Mama Bear Apologetics: Empowering Your Kids to Challenge Cultural Lies*, by Hillary Ferrer (Harvest House Publishers). You will be grateful for the blessing that all of these resources can be to you if you take advantage of them.

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