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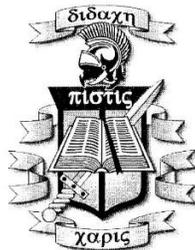
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## *Preface*

Before you begin your Bible study, you should be sure that you are in fellowship, under the control of God the Holy Spirit, so that He can make spiritual truth understandable to you. You can do this by naming any known sins to God the Father and accepting the forgiveness provided by the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross.

*1 Jn. 1:9 “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”*<sup>†</sup>

If you have never believed in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior, the issue for you is faith in Him. The Lord Jesus Christ made perfect provision for your salvation and eternal security. You need only tell God the Father that you accept the accomplished work of Christ on your behalf.

*Jn. 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”*

*2 Cor. 5:21 “He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”*

*Eph. 2:8, 9 “For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.”*

*Acts 16:31 “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved...”*

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<sup>†</sup> This and subsequent quotations from Scripture are taken from the New American Standard Bible.

## **MOTHERS ARE HUMAN TOO**

Often it is difficult for us as children, even as we grow up and become older children, to keep in mind that mothers have the same feelings and fears that we have. We prefer to think that mamas are above that. How often have you heard (or said), “Yeah, Mama, but you just don’t understand”? Well, she may understand much more than you think. Mothers have to fight the same battles as everyone else. Sometimes they win those battles, and sometimes they lose.

While many times we romanticize mothers and idealize motherhood, The Word of God has much to say about both that enables us to see them in the proper perspective: Mothers are human too. In this brief study, we will examine seven very human characteristics of mothers as illustrated in Scripture.

## DESPERATION

Mothers can be overtaken by their circumstances just like anyone else. Some mothers have a tendency to become very desperate, and desperate people do desperate things. Although mothers often try to hide their desperation from us (and sometimes do a great job), eventually that desperation will show itself.

Sarah was an example of desperation. Those of you who have studied the life of Abraham might be able to sympathize with her somewhat. She lived with Abraham, and from some of the things we know about him, we know that living with him would not have been easy at times. For instance, it took Abraham twenty-five years to advance spiritually to a place he should have reached in a matter of weeks. On two occasions he even lied about Sarah, saying that she was his sister, in order to save his own neck. So, we might sympathize with Sarah, but Abraham's failures do not excuse her.

Desperation usually comes when we get our eyes off the Lord and onto our circumstances and ourselves. Abraham's name originally was Abram, meaning "exalted father." Later, God would change his name to Abraham, meaning "father of many nations;" however, Sarah was unable to bear children! Abraham would have to introduce himself as the father of many nations, but he had no children, and maybe this added to Sarah's desperation. In her desperation, she failed to trust the Lord and took matters into her own hands, rather than waiting to see how the Lord would fulfill His promise. She thought she could solve her problem herself, without the Lord. Sarah was just like us: we think we can solve our problems without the Lord's help, but we cannot. We only make things worse.

### *Gen. 16:1-6*

Now Sarai, Abram's wife had borne him no children, and she had an Egyptian maid whose name was Hagar. <sup>2</sup> So Sarai said to Abram, "Now behold, the LORD has prevented me from bearing children. Please go in to my maid; perhaps I will obtain children through her." And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. <sup>3</sup> After Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Abram's wife Sarai took Hagar the Egyptian, her maid, and gave her to her husband Abram as his wife. <sup>4</sup> He went in to Hagar, and she conceived; and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her sight. <sup>5</sup> And Sarai said to Abram, "May the wrong done me be upon you I gave my maid into your arms, but when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her sight May the LORD

judge between you and me." 6 But Abram said to Sarai, "Behold, your maid is in your power; do to her what is good in your sight." So Sarai treated her harshly, and she fled from her presence.

This episode demonstrates Sarah's desperation. It also demonstrates to us how she lost this battle, making a difficult situation even worse, by taking matters into her own desperate hands rather than waiting on the Lord.

## DOUBTFULNESS

In addition to being desperate, mothers are often doubtful where their children are concerned. The strong emotional tie between a mother and her children can become a weakness for her. Since this is true, children can and do become the source of much frustration.

In Genesis 12, God had promised Abraham that he would have many children. Since she had passed the age of having children, Sarah, in her human viewpoint and doubt, ruled out God's power to fulfill His promise. Because of her lack of faith, she decided to make things happen herself rather than wait on the Lord. She gave her Egyptian maid Hagar to Abraham as his wife. When Hagar conceived a child by Abraham, Sarah was immediately despised in her eyes.

Things just got more complicated, as they always do when we take matters into our own hands because of our doubt. Because of her doubt, Sarah acted desperately, bringing all this trouble with Hagar upon herself, Abraham, and her children. Notice again that it was a child around which her doubt centered.

The Lord had a marvelous plan, but Sarah doubted it. When she heard the Lord say that she would have a child this time next year, she laughed! However, God has a wonderful sense of humor, and He would have the last laugh because Sarah would have Isaac, which in the Hebrew means "laughter." Even in all this desperation and doubt, the Lord was still there, faithfully waiting for Sarah to trust Him. He had not abandoned Abraham and Sarah; His wonderful plan for them had not changed. He had promised them a son, and He fulfilled His promise in spite of her doubt. We find the rest of the story in Genesis 21.

*Gen. 21:1-3*

Then the LORD took note of Sarah as He had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as He had promised. <sup>2</sup> So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the appointed time of which God had spoken to him. <sup>3</sup> And Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore to him, Isaac.

A wonderful principle to take from this account is that even when we are doubtful, God remains faithful. *"If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself."* (2 Tim. 2:13) What an encouragement to those of you who are mothers! Maybe you have faced doubt and desperation as Sarah did, maybe you have taken matters

into your own hands as she did, and maybe things have not turned out so well, as in Sarah's case. Do you doubt the Lord, wondering if He is able to straighten out this situation that you have gotten yourself into? Are you wondering if He is really able to do what He promised in His Word? Doubt and desperation are human traits that must be overcome by faith, faith that God is able to fulfill His promises to you and to your children. Mothers must, by faith, put their children into the Lord's hands. If we choose desperation and doubt rather than faith, we may find ourselves becoming very deceptive.

## DECEPTION

In Genesis 27, we read the story of Rebekah, the wife of Isaac, which presents us with a case of deception by a mother in regard to her children. God had told Rebekah that the older of the twin boys she carried in her womb would serve the younger. In essence, Jacob, who was younger, would become preeminent, in contrast to the custom of the ancient world. Although the Lord had given this promise to her, when Rebekah saw that Isaac was about to give to the firstborn, Esau, the blessing of the birthright, she took matters into her own hands, as mothers have a tendency to do, in order to prevent this from happening. She advised Jacob to deceive his blind father by going in to him disguised as his brother Esau. Jacob had already stolen Esau's birthright, and all that remained was to receive Isaac's blessing.

Does God need our help to work out His plan? No, He does not. But Rebekah was assuring herself that what God had told her would become true. Had she trusted in His promise and waited for His timing, God would have brought about the preeminence of Jacob over Esau without any compromise to His integrity. We can never say that we have been tempted by God to sin, but Rebekah, because she was unwilling to trust the Lord to work out His plan for the elder to serve the younger, rationalized her deceptive action. Taking matters into her own hands, she attempted to fulfill the promise by her own means. Actually, Rebekah's action caused a tremendous rift between Jacob and Esau that the Lord repaired eventually, but it was not until Rebekah was out of the way that He was able to come in and remedy the situation. God had a perfect plan that did not include Rebekah's deception. What if she had not acted as she did? As stated above, He would have kept His promise in a manner consistent with His integrity.

Mothers have a tendency to want to make things right, to bring things about as they think they should be, rather than turn a situation over to the Lord and trust His wisdom, His omniscience, and His sovereignty. It is very difficult to leave a situation in the Lord's hands and watch children—not small children but older children—make mistakes and do things that we do not approve of. What if this? What if that? God has all the answers to the questions in “iffy history.” He does not allow us to know all the “iffies,” but He knows them, and that means that His plan is perfect. God's plan is based on what He knows, and He knows everything—everything that you and I have ever done, are doing at the present, and will ever do in the future. We never surprise God. It is impossible to do so. Mothers must learn this. Mothers, you do not have to become deceptive, to violate principles of integrity, to make things come out “right.” Do not throw away your trust in the Lord because if you do, you will be disappointed.

## DISAPPOINTMENT

As you know, mothers can be disappointed where their children are concerned. In Proverbs 6, Solomon instructs children to listen to the commandments of their fathers and to not forsake the teachings of their mothers.

*Prov. 6:20-23*

My son, observe the commandment of your father, and do not forsake the teaching of your mother; 21 Bind them continually on your heart; Tie them around your neck. 22 When you walk about, they will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you; and when you awake, they will talk to you. 23 For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching is light; and reproofs for discipline are the way of life...

Sometimes it is difficult for children, especially older children, to recognize and accept the wisdom of their parents. “But mama, you just don’t understand.” “But mama, you just don’t know what a wonderful person he/she is.” “But mama, you just don’t know.” Well, mama just might know a lot more than you think.

Now look at Proverbs 10:1. *“The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son makes a father glad, but a foolish son is a grief to his mother.”* A foolish son is one who does not heed instructions, especially instructions based on the Word of God, even refusing common sense principles that come from the Word of God. You can always count on a foolish son or daughter to disappoint his or her mother. Maybe you sons and daughters have felt disappointment. Well, mothers are human too, and as they watch their children make bad decisions, they also face disappointment.

Proverbs 17:25 tells us, *“A foolish son is a grief to his father and bitterness to her who bore him.”* Bitterness and disappointment are a very real problem for parents, especially for mothers. It is very painful for parents to watch their children make mistakes from bad decisions. Because of these bad decisions, parents encounter disappointment and bitterness of soul, many times weeping tears in secret, tears that their children may never see, but real nonetheless. This is so true with children who are brought up under the teaching of the Word of God who should know better but do not remember and apply what they have been taught.

Proverbs 29:15 says, *“The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child who gets his own way brings shame to his mother.”* It is painful to stand by and see our children make bad decisions. Sometimes, too, mothers may blame themselves for perhaps not

disciplining their children as they should have. It is easy for parents to give in at times and let children have their own way. But, mothers, you can trust your children to the Lord even in these situations. You have to understand that although you have a tremendous love for your child, God's love for your child is far greater than even yours, and He can compensate for your mistakes. When we place our trust in Him and give our problems over to Him, He is able to take our mistakes and our bad decisions, those of the parents and those of the children, and bring blessing out of them. His love is unwavering, undiminished, and unconditional, greater than we can even conceive of from the human perspective. We have to learn to trust our children to the love of God, which is perfect love. This is hard for mothers to do, I understand that, but we just have to do it. And when we learn to do it, we experience great dividends. When you learn to trust in connection with your children, even in desperate situations where you face the tendency to doubt, even when you are tempted to become deceptive and try to make things work out "right," even when you suffer disappointment, it is possible to become a very decisive mother.

## DECISIVENESS

A mother with Bible doctrine in her soul, who by faith applies it to her daily life, becomes decisive. Sometimes she is called on to make decisions that she knows are right yet very painful. People looking at those decisions from the outside often do not know where she gets the strength to make those difficult decisions and wonder where that kind of strength comes from. Bible doctrine and faith are the answer.

Moses' mother, Jochebed, had to make such a decisive determination, a painful one, but one that she knew was right. She made that decision based on the strength of the Lord.

*Exod. 2:1-9*

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a daughter of Levi. 2 The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was beautiful, she hid him for three months. 3 But when she could hide him no longer, she got him a wicker basket and covered it over with tar and pitch. Then she put the child into it and set it among the reeds by the bank of the Nile. 4 And his sister stood at a distance to find out what would happen to him. 5 The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the Nile, with her maidens walking alongside the Nile; and she saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid, and she brought it to her. 6 When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the boy was crying. And she had pity on him and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children." 7 Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call a nurse for you from the Hebrew women that she may nurse the child for you?" 8 Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go ahead." So the girl went and called the child's mother. 9 Then Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him.

What an amazing story! But this is not the whole story. How could a mother do this? The Hebrew children were in peril. They were being slaughtered. It was a desperate situation. We discover more about this mother in Hebrews 11:23. *"By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's edict."*

By faith Jochebed and Amram were able to hide their son, and they were not afraid. Why were they not afraid? They trusted this child to the Lord; they were willing to put him in the Lord's hands. Jochebed made a very good decision from a position of strength—dependence on the Lord. The key to their lack of fear was faith. They left the situation to the Lord, and did you see how the Lord turned that around? Sure enough, God honored Jochebed's faith. Pharaoh's daughter retrieved Moses from the water and took him to be her very own son. She saw Miriam standing nearby and told her, "Go, call a nurse..." Of course, Miriam went and called mama, and mama went. Jochebed was able to rear her son Moses, who was to become the most powerful man in Egypt other than Pharaoh himself. He was in line for the throne of Egypt and would have been the next Pharaoh. However, Jochebed instilled in him the principles of her faith in God; she instilled in him the history of the Jewish people and God's promises. Because of this training, Moses was able to leave Egypt by faith and later return to Egypt by faith. Do you see what happened? Moses' parents passed the baton of faith to their son. (I deal with this in my book The Shield of Faith.) The rest is history: the plagues, the parting of the Red Sea, the deliverance of Israel. The mighty nation of Israel came out of Egypt because these parents, this mother, made a decision to trust in the Lord. The doctrine that Moses learned from her, I am sure, became quite a challenge to him later on, as it was this information that gave him the motivation and the strength to eventually turn his back on Egypt and follow the Lord.

How would Jochebed have known that she was preparing a child who would become the only man that the Lord would talk to face to face? Listen, those of you who are mothers: Never underestimate what the Lord can do! As parents, we are so apt to do this because we are so eager not to trust. We become desperate, or doubtful, or deceptive. We wallow in our disappointment rather than become decisive and turn our children over to the Lord. In trusting His love, His righteousness, His justice, and His perfect plan, there is rest. In Romans 8:28 we are told that "*God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.*" I know, it pains you mothers even more than it pains us fathers to see your children make their mistakes, and it pains you to think that your children will suffer too because of the bad decisions of others. This is very difficult to deal with, but again, the key is faith. Leave it in the Lord's hands. Those who trust the Lord become not only decisive, but also dedicated.

## DEDICATION

This is the story of Hannah, an example of those who illustrate dedication in fulfilling their spiritual responsibilities to the Lord as wives and mothers. Let us begin with 1 Samuel 1:9-11.

Then Hannah rose after eating and drinking in Shiloh. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat by the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. *10* She, greatly distressed, prayed to the LORD and wept bitterly. *11* She made a vow and said, “O LORD of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant and remember me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a son, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and a razor shall never come on his head.”

Hannah desired to have a son, a son totally dedicated to the Lord who would take the Nazarite vow, signifying his dedication. In verses 22-28, we are told that the Lord answered Hannah’s prayer. She became pregnant and had a son. When the time came to prepare for the yearly trip to Shiloh, Hannah said to her husband that she would wait until it was time for her child to be weaned, then go up to appear before the Lord.

*1 Sam. 1:22-28*

But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, “I will not go up until the child is weaned; then I will bring him, that he may appear before the LORD and stay there forever.” *23* And Elkanah her husband said to her, “Do what seems best to you. Remain until you have weaned him; only may the LORD confirm His word.” So the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him. *24* Now when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with a three-year-old bull and one ephah of flour and a jug of wine, and brought him to the house of the LORD in Shiloh, although the child was young. *25* Then they slaughtered the bull, and brought the boy to Eli. *26* She said, “Oh, my lord! As your soul lives, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the LORD. *27* For this boy I prayed, and the LORD has given me my petition which I asked of Him. *28* So I have also dedicated

him to the LORD; as long as he lives he is dedicated to the LORD.” And he worshiped the LORD there.

It is important that mothers become dedicated to the Lord and their relationship with Him. They must become dedicated in seeking the Lord and dedicated to fulfilling their own spiritual responsibilities. We know that as a result of Hannah’s dedication, Samuel went on to become a very strong spiritual influence in the land. Again, here was a mother who was willing to turn her son over to the Lord and trust His wise plan for Samuel’s life. It took a lot for Hannah to do this, but she recognized God’s grace in her life, and she was willing to trust this grace in the life of her son.

To be able to trust the Lord and His wonderful plan for your child’s life is the most wonderful lesson you as a Christian mother can learn. To be able to commit that child to the care of the Lord and prayerfully leave him there, what a challenge! The ability to reflect back on the grace of God that has been demonstrated in your life can become a source of great strength in your soul. Your trust, your confidence, and your love become motivating factors to continue to seek the Word of God and grow spiritually. Thank God for dedicated mothers! Thank God for mothers who have come to trust Christ and who have been willing to turn the lives of their children over to the Lord!

The reference to weaning in this passage is very important. Of course, these days we think about weaning a child at the age of six months. In this context, however, Samuel was at least four years old. So Hannah had at least four years, maybe more, with him during which she trained him, teaching him and instructing him in the things of the Lord. She was dedicated to the Lord in passing on to her son the principles of grace, integrity, and responsibility. Through this faithful mother, God was preparing a man for the hour of crisis, a man who would assume tremendous spiritual responsibility.

Many of us as parents fail to realize the wonderful blessings that come with training our children in the things of God and learning to entrust their welfare to Him. Remember that we must stay away from that desperation, that doubt, that deception, which cause us to be overwhelmed by disappointment. We cannot allow this if we are to continue in our decisiveness and dedication and become devoted.

## DEVOTION

Thank God for mothers who are devoted! A wonderful passage that deals with a woman's devotion and her role as a wife and mother is found in Proverbs 31. This passage describes for us the woman of spiritual valor and the mother of spiritual valor.

Proverbs 31:10 says, "*An excellent wife, who can find? For her worth is far above jewels.*" The concept of spiritual valor comes from the Hebrew word *chayil*, translated "excellent" in this verse. It communicates the concepts of bravery, valor, integrity, excellence and strength. This passage presents the spiritually dedicated, decisive, devoted wife and mother.

In Proverbs 10:25-30, seven characteristics of her spiritual strength and valor are mentioned.

1. "*Strength and dignity are her clothing...*" This, of course, is her inner beauty, which comes from the Word of God, Bible doctrine. As a result of having this inner beauty, the passage goes on to say, she...
2. "*Smiles at the future.*" Here is that trust, that dependence upon the Lord that avoids desperation, doubt, deception, and disappointment. She smiles at the future. Why? Because she has confidence in the Lord, she is a woman motivated by faith.
3. "*She opens her mouth in wisdom...*" She knows and applies doctrine to the circumstances of life. She emphasizes divine solutions, not human solutions. This is the mother of spiritual valor. Surely, she can offer a lot of human solutions, but she disregards them for Bible doctrine. In obedience to the Word of God, she says what is correct and does what is right, and often this means to remain quiet. Sometimes the better part of wisdom is to keep the mouth closed. But when she does speak, what comes out of her mouth is wisdom.
4. "*And the teaching of kindness is on her tongue...*" Whom is she teaching? She is teaching her children, obviously, but also anyone else who may be listening and observing her actions. The Hebrew word translated "kindness" here is *chesedh*, which means "grace," and it presents the concept of unwavering or unflinching love as an expression of grace orientation. She is gracious in dealing with her family. She is the kind of mother who does not hold grudges. She readily forgives. She does not spew the venom of arrogance or emotional sins toward her husband or

her children. She is a delight to have around because she is gracious. She instructs kindness and graciousness in dealing with people. Demonstrating kindness and grace orientation sometimes comes in the form of keeping our opinions to ourselves. Mothers, you may think you know best where your children are concerned and think you have to communicate this to everyone around you, but sometimes this is not a good idea. Sometimes it is better to be quiet, to express kindness simply by demonstrating a quiet spirit. As a result of all these things...

5. *“She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness.”* She does not eat the bread of idleness—human viewpoint! She does not wallow in self-pity! “Oh, my children just don’t love me.” A mother of spiritual valor understands that children become busy, they have their own families, and they have many things going on in their lives. It is natural for mothers to have hurt feelings, but mothers of spiritual valor must, through the filling of the Spirit, rise above the natural and look to the Lord. We all need to understand His grace, His love, and His integrity. We need to realize that regardless of the circumstance, He is giving us an opportunity to apply the principles of doctrine that we have heard and that we have learned. Do not miss that opportunity! If you seize the opportunity by faith, what is spoken of in verses 28-30 will happen to you.

*Prov. 31:28-30*

Her children rise up and bless her; Her husband also, and he praises her, saying: 29 “Many daughters have done nobly, But you excel them all.” 30 Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, But a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised.

6. *“You excel them all.”* She demonstrates contentment and tranquility in the circumstances of life. By this she brings maximum glory to the Lord. And finally it is declared that she...
7. *“Fears the Lord.”* The “fear” referred to here is the Hebrew word *jare*. It does not mean to be afraid of the Lord. It means to trust Him, as Jochebed had to trust and as Hannah had to trust Him.

Proverbs 31:31 calls for this woman to be rewarded. It tells us, *“Give her the product of her hands, And let her works praise her in the gates.”*

## CONCLUSION

Mothers, I hope this will encourage you to become a woman of spiritual valor. My desire for you is that you avoid the pitfalls of desperation, doubt, and deception. To deceive means to try to manipulate. Stay away from manipulation. If you do, you will avoid being overcome by disappointment. Disappointment may come, but it will not overwhelm you. Learn to be a mother who is decisive, who operates on the basis of faith and makes decision on the principles of Bible doctrine. As Jochebed did, pass that baton of faith on to your children. Be a mother who is dedicated in seeking the Lord. Make the study of His Word number one priority in your life. Be a mother who is devoted, first to the Lord, then to your husband and children. If you do these things, you will become a woman of spiritual valor, and your children will rise up and call you blessed.

In closing, I want to give you seven principles related to the fact that **we are responsible to people, but we are *not* responsible for people.**

1. We cannot fix everybody's problems or make those problems go away.
2. We cannot take responsibility for what might go wrong in people's lives.
3. We cannot make people happy, stable, or secure. They must find these things for themselves in their own relationships with the Lord Jesus Christ.
4. We are all products of our own decisions, and we must all face the consequences of our decisions.
5. Therefore, since we cannot provide happiness for others, we must be careful not to allow them to rob us of our own happiness through worry, fear, anxiety, guilt, self-pity, frustration, anger, or any other reaction or form of self-absorption.
6. Do not try to do for people or bring into their lives those things that only God can. We cannot make people grow or advance spiritually. We cannot make them love the Lord.
7. However, we can love them, support them, pray for them, and stay out of the way while we let the Lord do what He has to do.



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