(Mother’s Day Sermon)

(#26) What is your tongue saying to your children?

POINT: Train & teach your children while they are still young. When they grow up, lessen your words of authority. Adult children resent & often rebel against harsh words of criticism & correction.

In love, discipline, teach and correct while they are young. You should be lessoning your rod of correction as they grow older. The teen years are really a preparation time for adulthood. Teens still need discipline and rules to follow. Be consistent with your teens. Don’t be tough and then give in for no apparent reason. Strive to build that trust in your children while they are small, so by the time they reach those teen years, you will be able to trust them and they can trust your judgment and rules more & more.

(#27) Are you fulfilling your duties as a godly mother?

POINT: Mothers, you are responsible for the atmosphere, love & climate in your home. Fathers are too. But mothers, you are very influential in your home around your husband and children, for good or for bad. Remember how influential Eve was to Adam? It wasn’t for good, though.

Don’t be lazy. Set an example. Idleness breeds gossip, discouragement, addictions and other negative behavior patterns.

(vs.#28) Do your children & husband respect you?

POINT: It is every woman’s desire, whether married, single, with or without children, to have respect.

If your children don’t respect you, don’t give up. When you continue to do the Biblical, right choices & live the godly lifestyle, your loved ones will eventually respect your faithfulness to God.

Your godly, motherly influence, is having an impression on your children. Whether they verbalize it or not, they are watching you.
Above all, remember that you are pleasing God by setting a Christ-like example in your home to others.

(vs. #29) Are you above the average mom?

POINT: Don’t do what is expected of you as a mother. Go beyond the call of duty & realize, “whatever you do in word of in deed, do it all in the Name of the Lord…” (Col. 3:17)

(vs. 30) Are you allowing the Holy Spirit to bring out your inner beauty?

POINT: Don’t be an embarrassment to your husband & children by a sloppy, outward appearance. People will notice cleanliness & modesty. As important as outer beauty can be, your personality & inner beauty will outlast the fleeting, youthful complexion, clothes, make-up & jewels.

Inner strength, confidence and kindness will leave an lasting impression on most people who meet you.

When you respect God, and strive to please Him (John 8:29), God will show His favor to you.

(vs. #31) Are you using the talents & abilities God has gifted to you?

POINT: Don’t waste your life away by feeling sorry for yourself. Everyone (at one time or another) has received unjust treatment or bad breaks from society. Use your difficult times to strive harder & not quit.

Do what you can do with what God has given you. Your life, talent, abilities & love will speak for itself to others.

God will make sure others do notice your “fruits” if you stay humble & give Him all the glory.

CLOSING REMARKS:
Be the best Mom & woman of God you can be. Put God first & serve others with a Christ-like attitude. Remember, take some time for yourself. Don’t feel guilty when you treat yourself to some pleasures in life. You are worth it! Take some time out for YOU, to re-fuel, re-energize, and re-new your walk with God and love for others. God will bless, restore, and surge you with His peace, joy and contentment. You are valuable. Don’t ever forget it. God has designed YOU to be one of a kind. Unique. Special. Gifted and loved.

“...her own works shall praise her in the gates...(Prov. 31:31)

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