

Top Job
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1 Samuel 1:8-28
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*Proverbs 29:15 The rod of correction imparts wisdom,
but a child left to himself disgraces his mother.*

Doing the top job well requires four commitments

- 1) Commit to prioritize **motherhood**. (1 Samuel 1:5-8)
 - a) Choose to **make your mark** as a mother.
 - b) Choose to please Heaven instead blending **into culture**.
 - i) God's **recognizes** parenting. Malachi 2:13-16
 - ii) God **values** children. Psalm 127:3
- 2) Commit to **pray** for your children (1 Samuel 1:9-16).
 - a) Pray **passionately** for your children
 - b) Pray **expectantly** for your children - *James 5:17*
 - i) Whose prayer does God answer? God answer's the prayers of **people like me**.
 - c) Pray **preventatively**:
- 3) Commit to **persevere** (1 Samuel 1:19-23).
 - a) Persevering prayer involves **emotion**.
 - b) Persevering prayer involves **integrity**.
- 4) Commit to perform your **vows** (1 Samuel 1:24-28)
 - a) Keep your word **gladly**.
 - b) Keep you word **completely**

To do your best at the "Top Job"

- To say yes to being the best mother possible you are going to have to **say no** to some other things at least for a while.
- Help your children say **yes to the best** for them by helping them say no to what will harm them. Nonstop TV and electronics is not good for them.
- **Play** with them. **Pray** with them.
- **Teach** them and **train** them.
- Stop trying to **buy their love**; stop trying to **be their buddy** – be the parent.
- Rear them **carefully**; give them to God **completely**. You are doing a job for God. You are rearing **godly** seed.