



“The Power of Influence”

Specific ways Christian moms can influence their families in a godly manner



I Timothy 5

Commendation is given to women who were mothers and who had a strong and godly influence in the way they carried out the role of Mother.

- **Verse 14** commends mothers who *“manage their homes and give the enemy no opportunity for slander.”*
- **Verse 5** commends women who *“put [their] hope in God and continue night and day to pray and to ask God for help.”*

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- **Verses 9-10** commend the mother and wife who *“...has been faithful to her husband, and is well known for her good deeds, such as bringing up children, showing hospitality, washing the feet of the saints, helping those in trouble and devoting herself to all kinds of good deeds.”*

Mothers should influence with **PRAYER**, like Hannah

- The basic lesson here is that God is pleased to answer prayer! And, often He will bless the lives of others significantly.
- I Samuel 1:1-2: Hannah was childless.
- I Samuel 1:3-4: She responded in a prayerful manner,
- I Samuel 1:5-6: and the result was that God answered her prayer.



Mothers should influence through devotion and loyalty, like Ruth



- **Ruth 1:16,17** - Here we have a beautiful and heart-warming story of familial love and friendship between Ruth and her mother-in law, Naomi.
- This was clearly an unusual display of love, devotion and loyalty! It is an outstanding example of the sort of devotion and loyalty mothers need to show toward their families and friends



- **Ruth 2:3** - Ruth's devotion was not a mere matter of "words" and emotional displays. She went out and worked hard with her hands to take care of Naomi.
- Ruth was rewarded for her devotion [God sees and is pleased with such devotion. He will reward it!]

Mothers should be interested in the Word of God, like Mary



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■ **Godly mothers have in view the concerns of their children's eternal souls!**

- ✓ They know the truth of God's Word; that the devil *"walks about like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour"* **1 Pet. 5:8.** And they take steps to be certain the devil's prey will not be their children.
- ✓ They know and recognize the dangers, like **1 Cor. 15:33**, *"Be not deceived, bad company corrupts good morals."*

- ✓ They see the need for the kind of in depth instruction their children need in the Word of God that is referred to in **Deut. 6:6-9!**
- ✓ They see, as the only sufficient resources, what God has provided in the promises of His Word and in the teaching about God **II Peter 1:3-4.** They recognize these resources as the key to escaping the corruption that is in the world; for themselves and for their children!
- ✓ They see the promises of God as precious gold and silver and they collect them and treasure them **Prov. 2, 7 & 8.**

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- **Luke 10:42** - Mary chose the good part!
- **John 11:32-35, 38a; vv. 43-44** - Mary was privileged to SEE the life-giving power of God's Word in action [The resurrection of Lazarus]!

Mothers should influence through their **demonstration of faith**, like the Queen of Sheba

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Mothers should influence with an **open heart**, - like Lydia!

- The key word with Lydia was “open”!
- **Acts 16:13** - She was open to a prayer meeting.



Mothers should influence through their **example of humility**, like the Canaanite woman



- **Matt. 15:22** - She came to the right person
- She came with the right attitude, - humility!
- She was rewarded for her humility