

"When a woman possessing faith and spiritual maturity enters into a nurturing relationship with a younger woman in order to encourage and equip her to live for God's glory."

*Spiritual Mothering* by Susan Hunt (Crossway, 1992)

1. **What is Spiritual Mothering?**
  - a. What Scriptural examples of this kind of spiritual mothering does Hunt use?
2. Who can be a spiritual mother?
3. Who is called to be a spiritual mother?
4. **What are some Mothering characteristics?** (see page 15)
  - a. How do you see any of these in the life of the Scriptural examples in #1?
  - b. How have you seen any of these in your own relationships?
  - c. Do women find joy and satisfaction in nurturing and being nurtured?
5. Read the Spiritual Mothering Challenge #2 on page 20.
6. Choose from the list on the back
  - a. One person to contact and encourage because they have displayed some of the spiritual mothering characteristics for your benefit. Directly thank them for being 'gentle' or 'thoughtful', etc.
    - i. This would probably be somebody you know more than at a mere 'acquaintance' level, though not necessarily
  - b. One person to pray for this next month. You may contact them directly as well. Pray that you would display some of the spiritual mothering characteristics toward them, and pray that both of you would truly grow in the fruits of the Spirit as God blesses your relationship to Him and each other.
    - i. This should be someone you do not know real well, and are not a close biological relative with.
  - c. Feel free to pray for and contact more than just these two women! ;-)