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5 “T’s” of Mothering

Leaving a Legacy

Mother’s Day

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How a Mother...

1. **T**_____ people.

Luke 6:32 "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' love those who love them."

Luke 6:35 But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.

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Proverbs 31:25 She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.

[26] She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.

Proverbs 31:30 Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

Psalm 119:10 I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands.

*Psalm 119:165 Great peace have they who love your law, and **nothing can make them stumble.***

Zephaniah 3:17 The Lord your God is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory. He will rejoice over you with

gladness, he will renew in his love, he will exalt over you with loud singing.

3. T in wisdom; disciplines folly

Deut. 6:5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. [6] These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. [7] Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. [8] Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. [9] Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

Proverbs 22:15 Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline will drive it far from him.

“Folly”

- a. The refusal to live for God,
- b. The proud belief that God is not needed,
- c. The proud belief that I know better what I need than God,
- d. I don’t need anyone to tell me what to do, including you!
- e. My greatest pursuit is my own fulfillment,
- f. I will pursue all of the above, even if it means causing others grief or pain.

Why is folly so hard to deal with?

- a. It lies in the heart.
 - b. Folly is “bound up” in the heart.
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c. Pain is the only thing that is powerful enough to jolt it.

Proverbs 13:24 He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is careful to discipline him.

Proverbs 29:15 The rod of correction imparts wisdom, but a child left to himself disgraces his mother.

4. T and T others.

1 Thessalonians 2:7 ...but we were gentle among you, like a mother caring for her little children.

⁸ *We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us.*

⁹ *Surely you remember, brothers, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you.*

Philippians 2:3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. [4] Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Proverbs 31:20 She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy.

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Genesis 3:16 To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you."
