

# **Mother's Day Message: What does a Christian home look like? Ephesians 5:22-33; 6:1-4**

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**1. (Ephesians 5:22-33) Husbands and Wives, Mothers and Fathers, one of the most important things you can do for your children is to love each other.**

Malachi 2:13-17

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| <p><b>Love is the overflow of joy in God which causes me to give sacrificially to meet the needs of others.</b></p> |
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**2. (Ephesians 6:1-4) The Father's and Mother's Responsibilities:  
Both... Love and Provide, Teach, Discipline and Model/Mentor/Disciple  
Father's Role: Leader, Provider & Protector**

Luke 2:52

1Thessalonians 2:7-12

1Timothy 5:8

1Thessalonians 4:11-12

Deuteronomy 6:5-7

Proverbs 13:24; 22:15

**The Most Important Thing that Parents Can Teach their Children:**

**...To Treasure Christ;**

**...To Turn from the Broken Cisterns and to Drink from the Spring.**

1 Peter 1:18-19, 13

Jeremiah 2:13

1 John 2:15-17NLT

Jeremiah 17:5-8

Habakkuk 3:17-18

Philippians 1:21; 4:4, 12, 13

**3. The Mother's Most Important Career/Ministry/Calling:  
Godly Homemaker/Nurturer**

Titus 2:4-5

1 Timothy 5:14

1 Timothy 2:9-15

# The Family

The Baptist Faith and Message Statement (SBC 2000)

God has ordained the family as the foundational institution of human society. It is composed of persons related to one another by marriage, blood, or adoption.

Marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. It is God's unique gift to reveal the union between Christ and His church and to provide for the man and the woman in marriage the framework for intimate companionship, the channel of sexual expression according to biblical standards, and the means for procreation of the human race.

The husband and wife are of equal worth before God, since both are created in God's image. The marriage relationship models the way God relates to His people. A husband is to love his wife as Christ loved the church. He has the God-given responsibility to provide for, to protect, and to lead his family. A wife is to submit herself graciously to the servant leadership of her husband even as the church willingly submits to the headship of Christ. She, being in the image of God as is her husband and thus equal to him, has the God-given responsibility to respect her husband and to serve as his helper in managing the household and nurturing the next generation.

Children, from the moment of conception, are a blessing and heritage from the Lord. Parents are to demonstrate to their children God's pattern for marriage. Parents are to teach their children spiritual and moral values and to lead them, through consistent lifestyle example and loving discipline, to make choices based on biblical truth. Children are to honor and obey their parents.

Genesis 1:26-28; 2:15-25; 3:1-20; Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Joshua 24:15; 1 Samuel 1:26-28; Psalms 51:5; 78:1-8; 127; 128; 139:13-16; Proverbs 1:8; 5:15-20; 6:20-22; 12:4; 13:24; 14:1; 17:6; 18:22; 22:6,15; 23:13-14; 24:3; 29:15,17; 31:10-31; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; 9:9; Malachi 2:14-16; Matthew 5:31-32; 18:2-5; 19:3-9; Mark 10:6-12; Romans 1:18-32; 1 Corinthians 7:1-16; Ephesians 5:21-33; 6:1-4; Colossians 3:18-21; 1 Timothy 5:8,14; 2 Timothy 1:3-5; Titus 2:3-5; Hebrews 13:4; 1 Peter 3:1-7.