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Sermon in a sentence: Let us give supreme honor to our godly Mothers – they are gifts from God.

Congregational reading: 2 Tim. 1:1-7 NKJV

Scriptures: 2 Tim. 1:5-7; Gen. 3:20; Pr. 1:8; Pr. 31:1,26

We pause again on this special day to give praise to God for providing us with our mothers: Women of Worth, Daughters of Zion, Maternal Angels, “Mom.”

The 5th Commandment instructs us to honor our mother, the woman who brought us into the world and invested her life into us. I believe the overwhelming majority of women would agree with me that there is no higher calling, no greater responsibility, no greater joy, no greater fulfillment, no occupation more worthy, than that of being a mother!

A mother gives life (Eve, the first mother: Gen. 3:20).

A mother gives nurture – her hugs, her cuddles, her kisses, her smile, literally give strength to her children.

A mother's touch is therapeutic – it wipes away tears, strokes all the places that hurt, and demonstrates her strength. Look at your mother's hands sometimes. Hold them in your own and caress them. Remember her touch, and the many, many times she has caressed you!

A mother's love always seeks the best for her child (e.g. the two mothers before Solomon: 1 Kg. 3:26; the Shunamite woman's son/Elisha: 2 Kg. 4:18-37).

A mother's voice brings peace in the midst of a storm. When a baby cries, feeling upset and stressed, when a toddler or adolescent has experienced some of the issues and problems associated with life, Mom's voice is like the balm in Gilead. There is great comfort in just hearing her voice.

A mother provides for her children – she will gladly deprive herself and do whatever is necessary to meet the needs of her child (e.g. Samuel's mother Hannah (1 Sam. 2:19)).

A mother does everything in her power to protect her child (e.g. Moses' mother Jochebed (Ex. 2:1-4)). She is like a lioness on the lookout for danger and is ever vigilant.

A mother teaches her children. Our mothers have taught us most of the important lessons we have learned in life. These lessons may have been verbal or non-verbal, formal or informal, but she has been our teacher (Pr. 1:8; 31:1,26).

A mother has tremendous insight – she *knows* her child. It's tough to fool your Mom.

A mother is a trusted adviser (even if she is counseling us to do wrong (e.g. 42 year old King Ahaziah and his mother Athaliah: 2 Ch. 22:2-3)).

A mother is full of compassion – her heart aches for her child (e.g. Sisera's mother (Jud. 5:28); Jesus' mother and unnamed aunt beside His cross (Jn. 19:25)).

A mother's encouragement spurs us on to great accomplishments and her approval is a gift more precious than gold.

A mother's prayers go straight to God's heart because they come straight from *her* heart! She makes intercession for her children and there is no sound more beautiful than hearing her prayers and worship to God. A mother's prayer has power.

A mother's faith is transferred to her child (1 Tim. 1:5). If your child chooses not to serve God in their later years, let it not be because you didn't share the things of God with them. Keep the faith! Teach the faith! Live the faith!

A mother is usually the glue that holds her family together.

Our mother is a key influencer that we naturally imitate (Ezek. 16:44).

Be a true mother of Zion! Live so that your children will view your life as a shining memorial to motherhood!

THE ONE WHO FOLLOWS ME

(Author unknown)

**A careful mother I ought to be,
A little one is following me
I do not dare to go astray
For fear she'll go the selfsame way.
I cannot once escape her eyes,
Whatever she sees me do, she tries.
Like me she says she's going to be
That little one who follows me.
She thinks that I am good and fine,
Believes in every word of mine;
The base in me she must not see
That little one who follows me.
I must remember as I go
Through summer's sun and winter's snow
I am building for the years to be
That little one who follows me.**

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