



Scripture for the week of May 9: HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!

This week we will be having a Scripture from different parts of the Bible to show you as a child how to respond to your Mother and to show Mother's how they should be towards their children. I hope this blesses both Mothers and children and you see the importance of your roles.

Sunday, May 9:

Scripture: Read Exodus 20:12: "Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." (KJV)

Questions: How well do you do at honoring your Mother? Did you know that this is one of the ten commandments? Are you willing to honor your Mother today? Will you reach out and let her know how thankful you are for her? Do you also see what happens when we honor our Mother?

Prayer: Lord, I know that not all of us have had great examples in our Mothers. But you still call us to honor her. Help us to reach out, especially today, to let our Mothers know how much we appreciate them and to thank them for bringing us into this world.

Monday, May 10:

Scripture: Read Deuteronomy 4:9: "Only be careful and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them." (NIV)

Questions: Do you see as a Mother we are encouraged to teach our children and grandchildren what you have seen God do? How well did your Mother teach this to you? Have you thanked her for this? If you are a parent, how well do you do at teaching this to your children?

Prayer: Lord God, I am thankful for what You have done in my life. I know I should be thankful to my Mother if she did this in my life. I also know that I should treasure these moments that I have seen Your movement and share them with others, especially my children. Help me to be more open about Your involvement in my life.

Tuesday, May 11:

Scripture: Read 1 Samuel 27: "I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of him." (NIV)

Questions: Did you have a praying Mother? Have you thanked Your Mother for praying for you? Are you a Mother who prays for her children? If you don't have children yet, will you commit that you will be a praying Mother or Father? You do recognize the importance of praying for your children, don't you?

Prayer: Lord, teach me how to be a Mother who prays. Or if I am not yet a Mother, teach me to be a person who prays for those I love. Help me to realize the importance of prayer for those who I care about and help me to respond to others who I believe need prayer.

Wednesday, May 12:

Scripture: Read Proverbs 23:22-25: "22 Listen to your father, who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old. 23 Buy the truth and do not sell it—wisdom, instruction and insight as well. 24 The father of a righteous child has great joy; a man who fathers a wise son rejoices in him. 25 May your father and mother rejoice; may she who gave you birth be joyful!" (NIV)

Questions: Do you find this Scripture difficult? Do you or will you love your Mother when she is old? Do you listen to your Father? Do you think that your Father and Mother rejoice and are joyful because of you? Do you give them reason to rejoice and be joyful about you?

Prayer: Lord God, I realize that I am not the perfect child nor do I have the perfect Mother. Show me though how to improve our relationship so that I can be obedient to Your word. Although we have had our ups and downs, I pray that I may be a child or parent who does rejoice in what You have given me.

Thursday, May 13:

Scripture: Read Proverbs 1:8-9: ““8Listen my son, to your father’s instruction and do not forsake your mother’s teaching. 9They will be a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck. (NIV)

Questions: How well have you done in listening to your Father’s instruction and listening to your Mother’s teaching? Do you see the results if you do this? Will you be open to listening to your parents and trying to build that relationship even though your relationship might be strained? Parents, will you try to open that door to better communication with your children even though the relationship might be strained?

Prayer: Lord God, help me to put aside any hurt that I might have towards my parents or my children. It is only with your help and by Your Spirit that those relationships can be healed. Give me the courage to take the first step.

Friday, May 14:

Scripture: Read Proverbs 31:25-27: “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. 27 She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. 28 Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her.” (NIV)

Questions: As a woman, do you find these verses difficult? Do you have a desire to at least try to live like the woman described in these verses? If you are a man, how do you support your wife to live up to these verses? If you see any of these virtues in your Mother will you encourage her by praising her this day?

Prayer: Lord, if I am a woman, help me to be better at living up to what this Scripture says. If I am a man, let me be an encouragement to my wife as she tries to live up to what this Scripture says about her.

Saturday, May 15:

Scripture: Read Proverbs 31:28-31: “28Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: 29Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all. 30 Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. 31 Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.” (NIV)

Questions: If you are a Mother, do you think your children think you are blessed? Does your husband? Do you fear the Lord? What do you think this means to you? If you are a child, do you honor your Mother for all that her hands have done?

Prayer: Lord God, help me to be more encouraging to my Mother or to women who have seemed like a Mother to me. If I desire, teach me to be more like this Scripture says I should be. I want to live a life where others call me blessed. I also want to learn what it means to fear You in a positive way.