



*With Love on Mother's
Day*

A MOTHER'S DAY GIFT FROM KAREN PULLEY

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Whether we are mothers ourselves or are daughters, I would like to talk about the influence that we have as women.

We don't have to look very far as we see in the book of Genesis that Eve, the first woman, greatly influenced her husband to do something the Lord told them not to do. How important it is that we walk in the fear of the Lord and walk according to His Word!

Proverbs 31 is a beautiful picture of what the Lord is shaping us into, so we need not avoid this chapter as many women might, who feel inadequate compared to this Proverbs 31 woman.

We all need an older godly woman who we look to as a mentor, just like Mary the mother of Jesus had Elizabeth the mother of John the Baptist. We also need a younger woman that we can pour into.

In an article called "Mothers, the Maker of Men," we learn that every great man in history was influenced by a God-fearing woman, who faithfully taught him the Scriptures and who practiced what she preached. Consider this - why does my grandson love to eat salad? Because he sees his mother loving hers!

Abraham Lincoln talked about his mother, who read him the Scriptures at a very young age. Susanna Wesley, whose two sons became the famous John and Charles, selected the Bible as the first book her children would ever read. Suzanne Edwards, wife of the famous 18th century clergyman Jonathan Edwards, was another mother who displayed this sort of vital interest in developing her children in the ways of the Lord. Many of them went on to become college presidents, professors, lawyers, judges, and holders of public office, even a vice president of the United States. In each case, as busy as these mothers were without any modern conveniences like dishwashers and washing machines, these mothers took time to teach their children!

Theodore Roosevelt said:

When all is said and done, it is the mother, and the mother only, who is a better citizen than the soldier who fights for his country. ... The mother who does her part in rearing and training aright the boys and girls who are to be the men and women of the next generation, is of greater use to the community, and occupies, if she only would realize it, a more honorable as well as more important position than any man in it. She is more important, by far, than the successful statesman, or businessman, or artist, or scientist.



The successful mother, the mother who does her part in rearing and training the boys and girls who are to be the men and women of the next generation, is of greater use to the community if she would only realize it! The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world!

King Solomon said in Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Karen Pulley

Crops And A Child

I have seed to raise and I plow the field
And I plant my crop with care.
And I thank the Lord for the rain he sends
As I watch them growing there;
But I don't sit down with a book by day
And let my crop run wild,
For crops won't grow by themselves I know--
Is it different with a child?

I've a boy to raise and I want a man
When his growing days are done;
And a man must work for the crop he wants--
Is it different with a son?
Will strangers care for my wheat out there
Where the weeds grow rank and wild,
If my crop would shrink if I idled there--
Dare I idle with my child?

Yes, I'll work for him and I'll pray for him,
And I'll do the best I can.
For the Lord has given me a son to raise
And I want to raise a man.
Yes, my eyes are set on the harvest years
When the long hard task is done,
So I'll pull the weeds from his life myself,
For I dare not shirk my son.

The Missouri Counsellor



The Opposite of the Proverbs 31 Woman

By Karen Pulley

It's easy to find a woman who lacks virtue.
They're a dime a dozen, not worth very much.
The people around her find it hard to trust her.
She does no good but evil all the days of her life.
She does not like to serve or work willingly with her hands.
She has to be prodded.
She doesn't bring much with her to any given situation, or her family.
She often sleeps late and misses many opportunities.
Her cupboards are bare.
She does not have a head for business.
She lacks creativity and drive. She is not very motivated.
Her merchandise does not amount to much.
She is very weak.
Her lamp goes out early and doesn't burn very bright.
She rarely sees the needs around her and therefore does not go out of her way to help.
She is consumed with herself, her own little world.
She spends her energy on herself.
She is a fearful woman. Her outlook is bleak.
Her household is left exposed and unprotected from the elements.
She doesn't even realize the enemy always uses her.
She doesn't work much, therefore she doesn't have much profit or gain.
Weakness and disrespect are her clothing.
She has much to be sad about.
Not much good comes out when she opens her mouth.
She rarely has anything nice to say. She has a critical spirit.
She speaks all that's on her mind.
She is un-attentive to her household.
There is much she does not notice.
She is idle and lazy, her children don't have much good to say about her.
Her husband has even less to say about her.
There are many ungodly women in this world but she excels them all.
She worries about her outward and neglects the inner woman,
therefore she lives in deceit and vanity.
She has no heart for the things of God.
She inspires no one, she has an empty heart therefore empty hands.
Her life will amount to nothing of lasting value.
She will not be missed all that much and won't be fondly remembered.
Her legacy is short lived.



I Am's of Jesus

Are you starving, malnourished, and weak?
He is the BREAD OF LIFE (John 6)

Are you thirsty, dried up, and parched?
He is the LIVING WATER (John 7)

Are you in darkness, stumbling, and confused?
He is the LIGHT OF THE WORLD (John 7 & 8)

Are you wandering in need of care, protection, and guidance?
He is the GOOD SHEPHERD (John 10)

Are you dead, lifeless, or grieved over a loved one's death?
He is the RESURRECTION and THE LIFE (John 11)

Are you lost? So many ways... choices... and decisions...
He is THE WAY, THE TRUTH, and THE LIFE (John 14)

Are you barren, unfruitful? He is THE VINE (John 15)

I AM YOUR SHIELD, YOUR EXCEEDINGLY GREAT REWARD Genesis 15

Anonymous



ABC's for Mothers

Although things are not perfect
Because of trial or pain
Continue in thanksgiving
Do not begin to blame
Even when the times are hard
Fierce winds are bound to blow
God is forever able
Hold on to what you know
Imagine life without His love
Joy would cease to be
Keep thanking Him for all the things
Love imparts to thee
Move out of "Camp Complaining"
No weapon that is known
On earth can yield the power
Praise can do alone
Quit looking at the future
Redeem the time at hand
Start every day with worship
To "thank" is a command
Until we see Him coming
Victorious in the sky
We'll run the race with gratitude
Exalting God most high
Yes, there'll be good times and yes some will be bad, but...
Zion waits in glory...where none are ever sad

Anonymous



A Mother's Bible

(Application ideas from God's Word)
By Karen Pulley

1. The mother without a vision for her children will see them perish. (Proverbs 29:18)
2. What does it profit a mother if she should gain the world, yet lose her own children? (Matthew 16:26)
3. If you lose your life for your children you will find them, but if you keep your life for yourself, you will lose them. (Matthew 10:38)
4. Mothers ought always to pray and not to faint. (Matthew 18:1)
5. Who can find a mother that gives her life for her children? For her price is far above rubies. (Proverbs 31:10)
6. In whatsoever state my children are in, big or small, I will learn to be content. (Philippians 4:11,12)
7. Although my children shall not blossom, neither shall I see immediate fruit, and the labor of my housework shall fail and my garden shall yield no meat, my friends shall be scarce in this time and my cupboards yield no bread yet will I rejoice in the God of my salvation. (Habakkuk 3:17, 18)
8. But what things were gain to me those I counted loss for times with my children. (Philippians 3:7)
9. Yea doubtless, and I count all things loss but that my children may know the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus our Lord for whom I have given up many things and do count them but worthless, that I may win my children for Christ. (Philippians 3:8)
10. Despise not the day of small children. (Zechariah 4:10)
11. For I reckon that the sufferings of present, being a mother, are not worthy to be compared to the glory of seeing my children in heaven. (Romans 8:18)
12. Greater love hath no mother than this that she lay down her life for her children. (John 15:13)



The Virtuous Woman Today

(A Take-Off from Proverbs 31)

By Karen Pulley

Who can find a godly, responsible, loving, caring woman? For her worth is far above diamonds or rubies. The heart of her husband safely trusts her (with the credit cards), so he will have no lack of gain. She does him good and not evil (no bounced checks) all the days of her life. She seeks practical things for the home and works willingly with her hands. (She can do without the latest new kitchen gadget.)

She rises while it is yet night (no oversleeping) so she can spend time with the Lord, which enables her to give her children spiritual food. She sends them on their way prepared in the Lord for the day.

She considers a good bargain and buys it. She is a wise business woman. She is not ashamed to shop at Kmart instead of Macy's when she can save some extra money (she is not "born to shop"!). From her saved money she makes a good investment. She girds herself with strength. She is spiritually fit and physically fit. (By working hard she doesn't need to do aerobics).

She is content that she has done a good job (her "self-esteem" comes from her labors) and her lamp does not go out at night. She extends her hand to the poor around her. Yes, she reaches out her hands to the needy. She looks for needs and opportunities to serve and is not just into herself. (Her kids also serve with her.)

She is not fearful or afraid. She and her household are clothed with the armor of God. They are ready for battle. She makes things and sells them. She is able to make extra money by watching kids, cleaning houses, teaching music lessons, laundering, typing, taking care of elderly (or a number of other ways to be at home with the children).

She is full of good works and has the joy of the Lord. She opens her mouth with good, sound advice, and on her tongue is never the neighborhood gossip. But the law of kindness is on her tongue.

She watches well over the ways of her household. She does not have time for mindless soap operas or game shows. She is not lazy or idle (or does not talk too much on the phone). Her house is neat and orderly, but she is not a fanatic. Her



children rise up and say, “Mom, you’re awesome!” Her husband also, and he says, “Baby, you’re the greatest! There are many great women out there, but you’ve got them all beat!”

She doesn’t care if she doesn’t look like she just walked out of a beauty parlor or stepped off a magazine cover. She knows that is empty, because her true beauty comes from Jesus shining through her. The figures may all go to pot, the hair-styles flop, but she has what will make people sit up and take notice. She does keep up her appearance, and her family does look nice, but she has eternal values and goals which make her far more valuable in God’s eyes.



Thoughts for Mother

A widow, left with five little boys, was honored at a banquet. She had reared the boys to be noble, upright men. "Explain to us how you did it," asked the toastmaster. She said, "The secret lies in an occasional pat on the back. It gets positive results if given young enough and low enough!" *Walter B. Knight*

When all is said, it is the mother, and the mother only, who is a better citizen than the soldier who fights for his country. The successful mother, the mother who does her part in rearing and training aright the boys and girls, who are to be the men and women of the next generation, is of greater use to the community, and occupies, if she only would realize it, a more honorable as well as a more important position than any man in it. The mother is the one supreme asset of the national life. She is more important, by far, than the successful statesman, or businessman, or artist, or scientist. *Theodore Roosevelt*

"Mothers, and not churches or theological seminaries, make the faith of a people."
Martin Luther

"A child of five, if properly instructed, can as truly believe and be regenerated as an adult."
Charles Spurgeon

"Whom shall He teach knowledge? And whom shall He make to understand doctrine? Them that are weaned and drawn from the breast."
Isaiah 28:9

"Higher than every painter, higher than every sculptor, and all artists do I regard him who is skilled in the art of forming the soul of a child."
Chrysostom

"They pass so soon the days of youth, the children change so fast. Quickly they harden in the mold, and the plastic years are past. Then shape their lives while they are young; this be our prayer and our aim. That every child we meet shall bear the imprint of His name."
Martha Snell Nicholson

"If we do not teach their hearts today, they may break our hearts tomorrow."
Unknown



The Child in the Godless Home

By Martha Snell Nicholson

Think of your child in his Christian home, see him in prayer at your knees; Then think of the child in the godless home, what manner of chance has he? What chance to learn why the Savior died, and why His blood was shed, Will he only learn Salvation's Plan too late when he is dead? "As the twig is bent the tree inclines." A child is a tender plant, And a child needs God as a flower needs light, and soul can die from want.

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me" "Dear Savior, can there be a greater service, a sweeter task than to bring a child to Thee?"

A Wise and Unwise Mother

Author Unknown

A mother sat by a warm fireplace, reading the Bible with a pleasant face,
Til a child came up with a childish frown and pushed the Bible saying, "Put it down!"
Then the mother, slapping his curly head, said, "Troublesome child, go off to bed,
the Words of the Bible I must know, to train you up as a child should go."
And the child went off to bed to cry, and hated religion by and by!

Another mother pursuing the Book, with a smile of joy and an intent look,
til a child came up and jogged her knee and said of the book, "Put it down, take me!"
Then the mother sighed as she stroked his head, saying softly, "I never shall get it read,
but I'll try by loving to do God's will and His love into my child instill!"

That child went off to bed with a sigh and loved the Lord by and by!



Having the Greatest Effect

By Karen Pulley

Do you know how many godly mothers have raised up godly men? Spurgeon, Moody, Wesley, and so many others. Someone said, "God gives us better mothers that we might have better men," and "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." Mothers, don't ever underestimate your influence but rather let's stop and consider it - is it a godly or foolish influence? Consider all the damage that an ungodly mother can do. Jezebel had such an influence on her family that she almost destroyed the whole nation.

Proverbs 14:1 says, "Every wise woman builds her house, but the foolish pulls it down with her hands."

Are you building up your house or tearing down your house? Is there love, warmth, peace, compassion, understanding, respect (shown to your husband and children), adoration, praise given through your words and actions? Or is there anger, bitterness, tension, belittling, disrespect, no love, no adoration?

Mothers are admonished in Titus 2:4... "to love their husbands, to love their children, (notice the order, you were a wife first, then a mother. Your husband needs love too.), to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.

In Light of Eternity

By Karen Pulley

What was it You saw in me that made You call my name, yet so often I fail to see
my son just the same.

Someday he'll be a man of God, but today no fruit I see. Oh God, let not my
selfishness hinder what he could be.

A wretched sinner was I yet You walked on earth for me. Why can't I give my life
for my son, patient and lovingly?



Here are some good questions to ask yourself...

1. Since my house is an extension of myself, what is it portraying (neat or sloppy, a caring touch or lack of attention)?
2. What is the main focus or center attraction of my home? Is it the TV or the Bible? (Godly oriented or worldly oriented?)
3. What is the atmosphere of my home? Is it tense or relaxing? Is it a haven and a refuge? Or is it hectic and noisy?
4. Are the children a help in the home or a hindrance? Have they been taught chores and responsibility? How well trained are they?
5. Do my husband and children feel loved and appreciated when they walk in the door or do they feel like intruders on "my time" (your life is not your own)?
6. Do I guard my time with the Lord jealously so that I will be the wise, loving, patient mother I should be? ("...without Me you can do nothing," John 15:5, yet "I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me," Philippians 4:13)
7. How hospitable am I? Do I reach my hands out to the poor and needy of my neighborhood? (Some may never go to church, but they will come to your house for dinner.) Am I a light in my neighborhood?
8. How well do I know each child? (Their strengths and weaknesses?)
9. Do I look well to the ways of my household? I.e. - Do I discipline when it needs to be done? (Proverbs 29:15... "a child left to himself brings shame to his mother.")
10. Am I teaching and modeling Jesus Christ to my children?
11. Do I rule over my own spirit when stretched with time pressure, fatigue, and unruly children?



Mothers with Young Children

Mothers, God never gives us a command without giving the wisdom and ability to follow through with it. Isaiah 40:11 says, "He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those who are with young." Deuteronomy 6:6-7 says, "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart: (to love the Lord your God with all your heart); you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up."

Mothers, you are the best teacher your child could ever have. Don't sell yourself short.

Those of you mothers with young kids, train them now, before it is too late. Children are like wet cement, shapeable and moldable for a short period of time. Those of you mothers that say it is too late for that or that you wish you could do it over - prayer can reach the most unteachable heart. How often do you pray and intercede for your children?



Mothers with Older Children

Mothers with older children, you can still have a great and mighty influence in their lives, through PRAYER. How much time do you spend interceding for them and their friends as well? All hell cannot tear a child away from a praying mother.

Consider this song Matthew Ward wrote about his mother called, "The Power of Love":

I walked into her room and saw her there,
She knelt so silently, I knew she was in prayer.
There was a presence in the room I'd felt before,
But I was frightened, so I turned and closed the door.
Love was calling out my name.

Looking back on that day, it's plain to me,
My Mama's heart was crying out for my release.
It took years for me to be finally free.
Her prayers were answered, though she never lived to see that
Love was calling out my name.

Love has the power to make the weakest man tower
To make the strongest man cower.
God has no end to His power.
Love is a fire whose flames reach higher and higher,
Love burns with endless desire to see us whole.

I understand my mother's heart for me
Wanting Jesus to make me all that I could be.
Now the situations changed, I'm on my knees
Praying for my baby's eyes to see someday that
Love is calling out her name.



Prayer for Our Children

By Amy Carmichael

Father, hear us, we are praying,
Hear the words our hearts are saying,
We are praying for our children.

Keep them from the powers of evil,
From the secret, hidden peril,
From the whirlpool that would suck them,
From the treacherous quicksand, pluck them.

From the worldling's hollow gladness,
From the sting of faithless sadness,
Holy Father, save our children.

Through life's troubled waters steer them,
Through life's bitter battle cheer them,
Father, Father, be Thou near them.
Read the language of our longing,
Read the wordless pleadings thronging,
Holy Father, for our children.

And wherever they may bide,
Lead them Home at eventide.

From Toward Jerusalem



With Love

Mothers, I hope this packet has encouraged you this Mother's Day and that you realize that you have the most important job in the world! Motherhood is the building of eternal lives -what could be more important!

Psalm 127 says that children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb is His reward. Do you see your children as a reward, a blessed gift? Amy Carmichael called children "little jewels from God." Do you see your children as jewels? Now, they might be diamonds in the rough and you can't see them as jewels, but they are of infinite value to God! Let me encourage you mothers, your labor is not in vain. Being a mother is a tremendous privilege from God, for He has entrusted to you a life that will be eternal.

We Would See Jesus,
Karen Pulley