

A MOTHER'S HEART by Lucinda Davidoff May 8, 2022

A mother's heart is a reflection of the heart of God.

A mother's heart reflects the unconditional love of the Father.

A **mothers heart is tender** - grieving for the loss of those that are wounded by the enemy and those that have been deceived.

A **mothers heart is fierce** - fighting for the freedoms of our children and guarding against lies that want to creep in.

Mothers speak up and confront and do not turn a blind eye to little foxes that want to destroy and devour the sheep.

A **mothers heart is healing** - binding up the wounds of the broken and applying the anointing oil of gilead to the hearts that need comfort

A **mothers heart is one of instruction** - teaching her littles to know and heed and love the word of God..she is always preaching and sharing and admonishing according to the word of God.

A **mother's heart is proud of her children** - and boasts in the gifts God has given each of her children knowing that every child carries greatness within them, every child is a BLESSING and a reward from the Lord. There is NO exception. She praises her husband and her children and they know they are blessed.

A **mother's heart is light hearted and fun** - cause her joy comes from within. She lightens every mood with a heavenly perspective.

A **mothers heart is to nourish her children** - making sure they eat healthy food, have good clothing and making sure every need is met

A **mothers heart is protective** - and ensures the safety of her children at all times. She surrenders them daily to the ultimate protector Father God.

Nothing in life will make you as happy, as exhausted and as incredibly proud as motherhood.

Having a mother's heart is innate to being a woman- by creating us as women God invites us into mothering others. And we don't need to wait to be married, or to

have children to experience the deep joy of having the heart of a mother for others.

Motherhood is not a feeling. It is a commitment to God's calling on your life as a woman. That means that we step into the calling by faith. Man hasn't called us, so man can't approve us. God has called us and predestined us and also qualified us to be women in the army of God.

So because of this calling and because we step into it by faith we also COMMIT ourselves to become ALL a mother should be.

That means we have to develop certain attributes of motherhood that we lack or fall short in.

Yes we can become better mothers by faith. Learning from Godly women of faith that have gone before us. Learning from the word. Asking the Holy Spirit to grant us wisdom and revelation on how to deal with each child.

In fact **Isaiah 54:1** "Shout for joy, O barren woman, who bears no children; break forth in song and cry aloud, you who have never travailed; because more are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a husband," says the LORD. **2** "Enlarge the site of your tent, stretch out the curtains of your dwellings, do not hold back. Lengthen your ropes and drive your stakes in deep"

God invites us into stepping into spiritual motherhood and enlarging our hearts to have the capacity to mother more, to take more ground by stretching out our dwellings so more can come in and experience the Shepherd heart of the Father. As mothers we make room for that...

In Isaiah 54 the prophet paints the picture for us so that we can be provoked to deeply commit to adopting children into our dwellings.

How many people are in need of having someone in their life that would step into mothering them, loving them unconditionally and speaking to the greatness within them?

Yesterday as I switched on my phone and a headline popped up of an inmate that was murdered in prison. And my heart grieved for his loss. But also grieved for those that murdered him. 3 lost men that were once young boys.

Will we lend our hearts to mothering?

Like the human heart is the most important organ in the body, the role of a mother is in the family

The heart as an organ in is the muscle at the center of your circulation system, **pumping blood around your body as your heart beats**. This blood sends oxygen and nutrients to all parts of your body, and carries away unwanted carbon dioxide and waste products.

The blood that is deficient of oxygen goes back to the heart to be pumped through the lungs to be replenished with oxygen. The oxygenated blood is pumped back to the left side of the heart which then pumps the oxygenated blood to every cell in the body.

Mothers we are the hearts and our heart muscle needs to be strong so that when our families, loved ones and strangers come to us depleted we have the life giving blood, the oxygenated blood to offer them.

As mothers we need to be immersed in the life giving blood of Jesus appropriating the life giving properties of the blood of Jesus for our husbands and our sons and daughters.

As mothers we need to be immersed in the word of God so that the two edged sword comes out of our mouths dividing rightly the word of God and cutting off lies and curses and every ungodly weapon fashioned against our children.

For us as moms to truly have the Fathers heart we need to look after our own hearts first.

The truth is a broken heart, and a damaged heart does not work effectively.

So as moms we start by firstly giving our hearts to Jesus.

1. Give your heart to Jesus

This speaks of complete surrender. And transferring your trust to Jesus. Asking Him to be Lord of your life. Oh what peace, what comfort, when Jesus is first in your life,

Jesus said in **Matthew 6:21**, “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

Is Jesus the LORD of your life?

This is why God insists on worship of him alone.

It’s for our peace, enjoyment and rest as his sons or daughters. To worship anything else brings sorrow and destruction.

2. Guard your hearts

The word heart occurs 862 times in the Bible. Half of those times are mentioned in the Wisdom Literature and the Prophets. It appears more than holy, blessed, or sacrifice.

Proverbs 4:23

New International Version

Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

New Living Translation

Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.

New King James Version

Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it *spring* the issues of life.

Above ALL you guard – your marriage, family, bank account, passwords, your car or house – guard your heart with more vigilance than anything else.

We guard our hearts by filtering our emotions, desires, thoughts, and responses through his Word.

He is the watchman that protects our souls.

Joseph guarded his heart from his circumstances. Since he was continually looking to God for understanding he became BETTER not BITTER. As a result, God showed favor to Joseph using his protected heart to save not only his father's family and the nation of Israel but Egypt.

We must learn what it feels like to be protected by God's peace, and stay there.

Philippians 4:7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

He knew to whom his heart belonged and gave him peace despite life's desperate situations.

1 Peter 5:7 Fear and anxiety steal the peace of God in our hearts.

Jesus guarded His heart from fickle uncommitted followers that were following Him for the signs and miracles.

John 2:23 Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast day, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did. **24** But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all men, **25** And needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man.

So Jesus didn't commit himself to people in order to get their affirmation- he didn't NEED them to affirm Him. His affirmation came from God.

In the same way we guard our hearts from those that follow us with an agenda and not purity of heart.

We guard our hearts from what comes into our spirits.

Psalm 1:1 We guard our hearts from the wrong friendships

Blessed *is* the man

Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,

Nor stands in the path of sinners,

Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

2 But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD,

And in His law he meditates day and night.

3 He shall be like a tree

Planted by the rivers of water,

That brings forth its fruit in its season,

Whose leaf also shall not wither;

And whatever he does shall prosper.

3. Align your heart with truth

Psalm 24:3 Who can ascend to the hill of the Lord ? or who may stand in His Holy place

Who may ascend the hill of the temple from the harsh realities of life to blessed worship in God's presence? The psalm answers,

4 He who walks uprightly, and works righteousness, and speaks the truth in his heart.

Psalm 51:6 Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, And in the hidden *part* You will make me to know wisdom.

Truth in our hearts is being honest with ourselves about where we don't align with God's word.

Truth in our hearts is being honest with others about things in our relationships that don't align with unity or with God's word.

Many people would rather "keep a false sense of peace" than walk in truth and correction towards others.

John 10:10 The enemy tempts us to ignore the Spirit's promptings in our minds of things we need to address to walk in truth.

Are you ignoring the deceptions in your life? Are you ignoring relationships that are not right and pretending they are?

And the Psalm continues by describing the life of such a righteous person, one who may indeed dwell in God's holy hill:

Psalm 15:3 He who does not backbite with his tongue, nor does evil to his neighbor, nor does he take up a reproach against his friend; **4** in whose eyes a vile person is despised, but he honors those who fear the Lord; he who swears to his own hurt and does not change; **5** he who does not put out his money at usury, nor does he take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things shall never be moved.