

A GRACE-FILLED MOM

"But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children—" Psalm 103:17 (NIV)

❖ A Grace-filled Mom has a SPECIAL HEART.

"After sacrificing the bull, they took the child to Eli. 'Sir, do you remember me?' Hannah asked. 'I am the woman who stood here several years ago praying to the Lord. I asked the Lord to give me this child, and he has given me my request. Now I am giving him to the Lord, and he will belong to the Lord his whole life.' And they worshiped the Lord there."

1 Samuel 1:25-28 (NLT)

1. A Grace-filled Mom knows that her children are a GIFT from GOD.

"Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a real blessing."

Psalm 127:3 (TEV)

2. A Grace-filled Mom understands the need for GOD'S HELP.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

3. A Grace-filled Mom wants what is BEST for her CHILDREN.

"Once I was young, and now I am old. Yet I have never seen the godly forsaken, nor seen their children begging for bread."

Psalm 37:25

❖ A Mom's Heart on OVER-DRIVE: The Danger of Separating FEELINGS from FAITH.

"If you refuse to discipline your children, it proves you don't love them; if you love your children, you will be prompt to discipline them." Proverbs 13:24

1. There is the danger of being OVER-PROTECTIVE.

"It's like this: When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child does. But when I grew up, I put away childish things."

1 Corinthians 13:11 (NLT)

2. There is the danger of being OVER-INDULGENT.

"Discipline your children while you still have the chance; indulging them destroys them."

Proverbs 19:18 (MSG)

3. There is the danger of being OVER-INVOLVED.

"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh? So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."
Matthew 19:5-6 (NIV)

❖ Attributes of a Grace-filled Mom.

"We will not hide these truths from our children but will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord. We will tell of his power and the mighty miracles he did."
Psalm 78:4 (NLT)

1. A Grace-filled Mom has UNCONDITIONAL LOVE.

"Can a mother forget her nursing child? Can she feel no love for a child she has borne? But even if that were possible, I would not forget you!"
Isaiah 49:15 (NLT)

2. A Grace-filled Mom demands PROPER RESPECT.

"'Respect your father and mother' is the first commandment that has a promise added: so that all may go well with you, and you may live a long time in the land."
Ephesians 6:2-3 (TEV)

3. A Grace-filled Mom teaches REAL RESPONSIBILITY.

"Teach your children to choose the right path, and when they are older, they will remain upon it."
Proverbs 22:6 (TLB)

4. A Grace-filled Mom establishes CLEAR BOUNDARIES.

"Correction and discipline are good for children. If they have their own way, they will make their mothers ashamed of them."
Proverbs 29:15 (TEV)

5. A Grace-filled Mom protects her children from the WORLD'S TEMPTATIONS.

"Do not give any of your children to be sacrificed to Molech, for you must not profane the name of your God. I am the Lord."
Leviticus 18:21 (NIV)

6. A Grace-filled Mom exemplifies a HEART for GOD.

"(Timothy) I know that you sincerely trust the Lord, for you have the faith of your mother, Eunice, and your grandmother, Lois."
2 Timothy 1:5

7. A Grace-filled Mom rejoices as Her children FOLLOW CHRIST.

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth."
3 John 1:4 (NIV)

❖ Closing Thoughts: Thanks, Moms, for having such a HEART filled with GRACE for us.

"Her children respect her and bless her; her husband joins in with words of praise."
Proverbs 31:28 (MSG)