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## MOM, YOUR WORK MATTERS TO GOD

**JUDGES 2:10 (NLT), "After that generation died, another generation grew up who did not acknowledge the Lord or remember the mighty things He had done."**

**TRUTH:** We are always one generation away from those following behind us not knowing the things that really matter, the values that set us apart from the world.

### **I. THE IMPORTANCE OF GODLY MOTHERING THE NEXT GENERATION (Psalm 127:3; Matthew 18:10 AMP, Matthew 19:14, 18:6).**

**TRUTH:** All children matter to God.

**TRUTH:** The Bible doesn't encourage having children; it commands it (Genesis 1:27-28).

**TRUTH:** Children rub off the rough edges of self-absorption that can easily dominate our lives.

**INSIGHT:** All of us need children in our lives, whether our own or someone else's.

### **II. MOTHERS MATTER TO GOD.**

Sally Clarkson: *The Mission of Motherhood*

**TRUTH:** The most important work of a mother is ensuring her children know the truth about Jesus (2 Timothy 1:5).

**TRUTH:** Building a legacy is no cakewalk.

### **III. HOW TO HELP A CHILD**

How you gain access to the heart of your child:

1. Acceptance, Matthew 18:5

**TRUTH:** All kids are needy at the most inconvenient times (Psalm 103:13-14).

2. Guidance, Psalm 32:11

**INSIGHT:** You are teaching your child something about God. The question is what is it?

3. Correction, Proverbs 10:17

**TRUTH:** Terrible things happen to the child whose had no correction and never learned to obey authority (Proverbs 19:18).

**TRUTH:** There are two words every child must learn early on to obey implicitly: "come" and "no."

**TRUTH:** Teaching a child early on, "come" and "no," sets them up to receive blessings from God in life.

#### **IV. CHILDREN WE DON'T KNOW NEED US.**

**TRUTH:** There are children at risk everyday all over the world (Proverbs 31:8).

#### **INVITATION:**

1. Would you pray: "God, would You show me how to become a voice for vulnerable children? How can I lend my voice in their behalf?"
2. Is there a place in your heart that says, "I don't think our family's finished. I think God has someone else for us"?
3. Missions month this October will focus on orphans and how we can partner with Compassion International.
4. As we leave today remember James 1:27, "Pure and undefiled religion is this: to take care of orphans and widows in their suffering."
5. All of us are orphans without a heavenly home; are you ready to be part of God's forever family?