



**"THE GIFT AND GOAL OF MOTHERS"**

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**1 TIMOTHY 5:1-2 (NIV); TITUS 2:3-5 (NLT)**

**I. THE TWO GREATEST MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS, Exodus 20:12**

**TRUTH:** If you honor your mother, you will be blessed by God in return.

**QUESTION:** How can you make the mother in your family feel significant and loved?

#1. Give her the gift of acceptance.

**TRUTH:** Acceptance means you realize that of all the women God could have chosen to be your mother, He chose your mom to be the vehicle in bringing you into this world (Numbers 23:19 ESV; Proverbs 3:5-7 ESV).

#2. Give your mother the gift of appreciation.

**QUESTION:** Ever thought how much easier your mother's life would have been without you?

**QUESTION:** When's the last time you told your mother, "Thank you," "I love you," "I appreciate what you do for me"?

**II. EVERY GODLY WOMAN IS A SPIRITUAL MOTHER.**

**TRUTH:** There is a need for women who will take on the role of being a spiritual mother for the next generation.

**INSIGHT:** God says there is a need for women in every church who will be godly mothers to the next generation of women coming behind them.

\*Dietrich Bonhoeffer years ago said this: "A righteous person is one who lives for the next generation."

**TWO REMINDERS TO OLDER CHRISTIAN WOMEN:**

1. How you live matters.

**TRUTH:** Pastor Titus was to teach older women to live lives worth emulating by younger women.

**FIVE CHALLENGES:**

a) Remain teachable.

b) Watch how you live.

c) Stay active in ministry.

**TRUTH:** Christians may retire from a career but not from serving God and others.

d) Watch your mouth.

e) Be above reproach.

2. Who you mentor matters.

**TRUTH:** The spiritual training of your children belongs to you, not children's or student ministry.

**INSIGHT:** Tons of Christian homes are teaching their kids how to get a university education and how to make a living but not how to make a life by putting Christ first.

**INVITATION:**

1. The Bible is clear to families: Honor your mothers! How? Acceptance and appreciation.

2. Paul's command to older women is clear: Invest in younger women. How? Teach younger women how to love:

a) How to love their husbands

b) How to love their kids

c) How to lovingly care for their homes

**TRUISM:** You can impress people from a distance, but you'll only impact them by being up close and personal.