

Lilies of the Valley Newsletter

Mothers of the Bible Word Search

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MARY
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RACHEL
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RUTH
SARAH
ZILPAH

Luke 12:27-28 "Consider the lilies how they grow"

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"When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also."

2 Timothy 1:5

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Hats Off to Mom



Mother and Daughter Brunch

Guest Speaker: Amy Clarke

May 5th

11:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events

June 12th Footprints of Jesus

July 17th – Annual Mini-Golf

Aug.- Revival and Pam Long

Ladies Prayer Time Tuesday Mornings

10:00a.m.



Q&A???

Why do we believe what we do? We will take a look at various questions and topics so we can KNOW what we believe and why.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15

“How can an infinitely holy and merciful God condemn creatures He loves to everlasting punishment?”

It is not so much that God condemns any one to everlasting punishment as that men and women condemn themselves to everlasting torment by refusing the mercy and grace of God. Many men not only choose sin but they also choose to refuse the wonderfully gracious redemption from sin that God has provided. If men will not allow themselves to be saved from sin, they must necessarily continue in it, and if they continue in it, they must necessarily suffer torment as long as they continue in it. The time must come, sooner or later, when repentance becomes impossible, and so of course salvation becomes impossible. The everlasting torment which any one may endure will be simply the inevitable result of his own deliberate and persistent choice of sin.

“What must one do to get to heaven?”

There is just one thing that any one needs to do to get to heaven, that is, to accept Jesus Christ as his personal Savior, surrender to Him as His Lord and Master. “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me” John 14:6. Again He says: “I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture” John 10:9. Any one who receives Jesus becomes at once a child of God, an heir of God, a joint-heir with Jesus Christ (John 1:12; Rom. 8:16,17).

Any one can know whether he is already on the way to heaven or not by simply asking himself the questions:

“Have I received Jesus Christ? Have I taken Him as my Sin-bearer, the One who bore my sins in His own body on the cross? (Isa. 53:6; 1 Peter 2:24; Gal. 3:13). Am I trusting God to forgive my sins because Jesus Christ bore them for me? Have I taken Jesus Christ as my Lord and Master? Am I confessing Him as my Savior and my Lord before the world as I have opportunity?”

If any one can answer yes to these simple questions, he may know he is on the way to heaven. Of course, if one has really received Jesus as his Lord and Master, he will prove it by studying His Word day by day to know His will, and by doing His will as he finds it revealed in the Bible.



SCRIPTURAL GUIDE FOR TEACHABLE MOMENTS

PROCRASTINATION

Procrastination - v. To put off doing something that you have to do simply because you don't want to do it.

Psalms 119:60 *"I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments."*

Matthew 24:44 *"Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."*

Luke 14:18-20 *"And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come."*

Colossians 3:17 *"And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him."*

In what areas do you find yourself procrastinating?

What are some consequences of putting things off and leaving them to the last minute? When you procrastinate you may run out of time and not get it done or may do a poor job because you rushed to finish.

Do you do things immediately when you are asked or do you procrastinate and/or make excuses to the point that someone has to ask you to do it again? Read Psalm 119:60 and Luke 14:18-20.

Have you been procrastinating about accepting Christ as your Savior? Read Matthew 24:44.

Take Action:

Is there anything that you need to take care of that you have been putting off? Make an action plan to complete the task. Think of a small reward to help motivate you. Read Colossians 3:17

The things people procrastinate about are usually the things they dread doing. Make a habit of doing these first. Often, you will find the job was not as bad or took as long as you thought it would and you will feel an inner satisfaction not having it hanging over your head. Also, you will not be put in a bind later on if something else comes up that you need to do or would rather do than completing what you procrastinated about.

The Great Need For Godly Mothers!

By: Mike Riley

Mothers, do you want to be a godly mother in the Lord's eyes as well as in the eyes of your children? Here are six great needs that need to be visible in your life:

1) Model Yourself After Godly Mothers — Strive to be as humble as Mary (Luke 1-52), as prayerful as Hannah (1 Samuel 1:1-28; 1 Samuel 2:1-11), as faithful as Sarah (Genesis 17:19; Genesis 18:11; Genesis 18:9-14; Hebrews 11:11), as kind as Ruth (Ruth 1-3), as sacrificial as Jochebed (Exodus 6:20; Exodus 2:1-3), as courageous as Rahab (Joshua 2:1-22), as instructive as Eunice and Lois (2 Timothy 1:5), as wise as the mother of Lemuel (Proverbs 31:1-9), as joyful as Elizabeth (Luke 1:36-44). Rise to the challenge of being the kind of person you would want your children to imitate, by imitating these righteous women.

2) Obey The Lord Yourself — It's pointless to try to persuade your children to do what God commands if they don't see you obeying Him in all that you do. There's much truth in the old axiom that states, "children become what they see" (cf. Philippians 4:9; Philippians 3:17). If you want your children to grow into faithful Christians, they need to "see" their mother faithfully following Christ. Children come equipped with a powerful hypocrisy detector and are not easily fooled by any "do as I say and not as I do" behavior.

3) Teach Your Children God's Word — Moses instructed the Israelites with God's wise counsel, "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart. And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up" (Deuteronomy 6:6-7). The world has much to reach your children — you have to get to them first.

4) Honor Your Own Parents And Husband — If you want your children to respect you, they need to see you show the proper honor to your parents, living or deceased. The principle found in Ephesians 6:1-3, has lifelong application. If you want your children to eventually become loving husbands or wives, they need to observe your example in the conduct of your own marriage. Let them see the truth and beauty of Ephesians 5:22-33 at work in your home.

5) Encourage Your Children Often — Children, like flowers in the garden, need nurturing. Let your children "hear" that they are loved and valued, and let them hear it often. Praise their good efforts, and help them learn from their mistakes. Show them that you regard them as a heritage from the Lord (Psalm 127:3).

6) Rebuke When Necessary — Don't be afraid to admonish your children for wrongdoing (Proverbs 13:24; Proverbs 22:15; Proverbs 23:13). Correction must be done without breaking the child's spirit, but if the child never receives correction, he or she cannot mature (Proverbs 13:24; Proverbs 19:18; Proverbs 22:15; Proverbs 23:13; Proverbs 29:15; Proverbs 29:17).

The joys and blessings received by children who have experienced a godly mother and grandmother, cannot be over emphasized (cf. 2 Timothy 1:5; 2 Timothy 3:15). In the words of the old song, "Put them all together, they spell M-O-T-H-E-R." Next to "Christian," it's the most beautiful title any woman on earth can wear.



Devotional



Watch Your Thoughts!

Watch your thoughts because your thoughts become your words.

Watch your words because your words become your actions.

Watch your actions because your actions become your habits.

Watch your habits because your habits become your character.

Watch your character because it becomes your destiny.

I Peter 5:8 tells us that Satan is our great enemy, and that he is like a hungry lion walking around looking for victims that he can tear apart. He knows all of our weak points, and he makes himself aware of all our circumstances. He looks for ways to pervert our judgment and to doubt God's plan and purpose for our lives. Just like a roaring lion, that wants to destroy his prey, Satan wants to destroy our lives and our testimonies. This verse tells us to be sober and to be on guard of Satan's devious plans.

He continuously tries to infiltrate our thoughts with his thoughts. His unending goal is to replace God's truth with his lies. He knows that if he can control our thoughts, he can control our behavior. Satan wants to fill our minds with negative thoughts about our circumstances and other people.

Next time you begin to have thoughts that are full of hate, vindictiveness, revenge, and despondency, take those thoughts captive and bring those thoughts into obedience to Christ and His Word. Destroy those old strongholds of negative thinking. (II Corinthians 10:3-5)

Philippians 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; ... think on these things.

Think positive thoughts of faith, love, purpose, and determination. These are the thoughts that will help you stay physically and spiritually healthy.

By: Judy Lewis

Visit Mrs. Lewis' blog - <http://given2hospitality.com/>

The What & Why of Modesty & Feminine Apparel

By: Pamela Spurling

“In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold or pearls, or costly array; but (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.”

1 Timothy 2:9-10

What is Modesty and why is it so important for the Christian woman to understand, dress & behave modestly? Modesty is the voluntary personal responsibility to behave & dress in such a manner as to not purposely draw attention to oneself, to not think proudly of oneself and it's a decision to protect from purposeful or "unintended" enticement in inappropriate ways & places. This is crucial for a Christian woman; first and foremost because we're representatives of the LORD Jesus Christ and secondly, if we're married, we're a reflection of our husband.

It's critical to pay attention to the message and *the signal* our clothing is sending and to make sure, very sure, that the message our attire is giving is in line with the Word of God. If style & type of clothing is something you're wrestling over in your mind, or if you're feeling convicted about dress, and what in this world should a Christian woman be wearing, then pray, discuss these things with your husband or, if you're a young woman at home, your parents. Many will have ideas and convictions about what *you* should wear, but what matters most is what the LORD is directing and what your husband prefers. Please, dear sister in the LORD, don't entice others or provoke others to openly view the gift you are to reserve only for your own husband.

Pray together & examine
what you're wearing each day and why!