



GOSPEL FAMILY

Family Devotions for Mother's Day Weekend

Family Time in the Word:

Read Proverbs 31:10-31

PRAISE GOD FOR WOMEN WHO FEAR THE LORD

Family Teaching: King Lemuel wrote this chapter, using a Hebrew acrostic to describe a woman who fears the Lord (v. 30). Each verse begins with a different letter of the Hebrew alphabet, revealing 22 blessings of a woman who fears the Lord. Such a woman is a treasure (v. 10). She is trustworthy (v. 11), cares for her household (v. 15), serves the needy (v. 20), is clothed in strength & dignity (v. 25), and teaches with wisdom and kindness (v. 26). Her family responds to this God-fearing woman with blessing & praise (v. 28).

Family Discussion: Why is it such a treasure to find someone who fears the Lord? Which attribute of the Proverbs 31 woman stands out to you the most? How can our family encourage the Godly women in our lives? How can we bless them? How can we praise God for these women?

Family Prayer: Close with a time of prayer together.

BRING THE WORD OF GOD INTO THE HOME

Family Time in the Word:

Read 2 Timothy 1:3-5 & 3:14-17

Family Teaching: As Paul encourages Timothy in the faith, Paul is reminded of the legacy of faith that was passed down to Timothy from his mother and his grandmother. These were women of faith who disciplined Timothy. He grew up hearing the Word of God in his home. In chapter 3:14-15, Paul reminds Timothy that he was taught the Scriptures (sacred writings) from childhood. Timothy is to continue in what he was taught, in what he firmly believed. The Word of God leads to salvation through faith in Jesus (v. 15) and equips us for every good work (v. 17). Bringing the Word of God into the home leaves a legacy of faith from one generation to the next!

Family Discussion: Who first taught you the Word of God? Why should we teach the Bible in the home? What does it mean to "continue in what you have learned and believed?"

Family Prayer: Close with a time of prayer together.

Family Time in the Word:

Read Psalm 127:1-5

CHILDREN ARE A BLESSING FROM GOD

Family Teaching: This short Psalm reminds us that we are completely dependent upon the Lord (v. 1). We need the Lord to build our house and watch over our family. While we have many prayers for our home, we are to flee from anxious thoughts, bring our needs to God in prayer, and then rest in the Lord, trusting in His power (v. 2). And as we trust our homes with the Lord, we remember that our children are gifts from God (v. 3). So let us pause today to praise God for our children and let us remember that they are a blessing. Children are a heritage from the Lord and a great reward.

Family Discussion: Are there any family issues that cause you to worry today? What concerns do we need to bring to God in prayer? What are some of the ways that the Lord watches over our family? What are some of the blessings that children bring? How can we praise God for these blessings today?

Family Prayer: Close with a time of prayer together.