

What's a Mother to Do?!?

Scripture Reading:

Proverbs 3:11-24

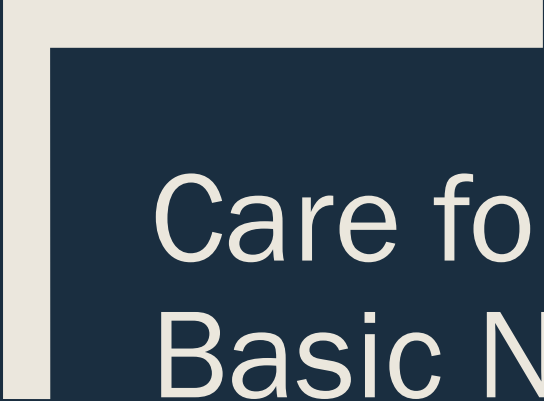
INTRODUCTION

- **The questions and concerns of a mother are numerous as she raises her children from infancy to adulthood. This oft asked question has been repeated in books and even television advertisements: “What’s a mother to do?!?”**
- **This morning we want to look at what God’s Word has to say in three foundational answers to that question.**



Care for Basic Needs of Children

- Love of kindred - especially a parent for children and children for parents
 - *Vine's Dictionary of NT Words:*
 - Found only 2x in the negative form in the NT, “without natural affection” – Rom 1:31, II Tim 3:3
 - *Examples in the animal kingdom*
 - *Abortion is against nature*



Care for Basic Needs of Children (continued)

- Emotional warmth
 - *To cherish – 1 Thess 2:7*
 - *Repetitious needs supplied:*
 - Feeding
 - Laundry
 - Cleaning the home
 - Personal hygiene

Training Children for Adulthood (Proverbs 22:6)

Responsibilities

- ***Personal limitations - Rev 22:15, 23:13***
- ***Personal and family chores - Work yourself out of work!***
- ***Obey societal laws and governmental authorities – Rom 13:1-4***

Reading

- ***Bible stories (age appropriate)***
- ***Christian material and biographies***

Read to listen to their cares, concerns, questions

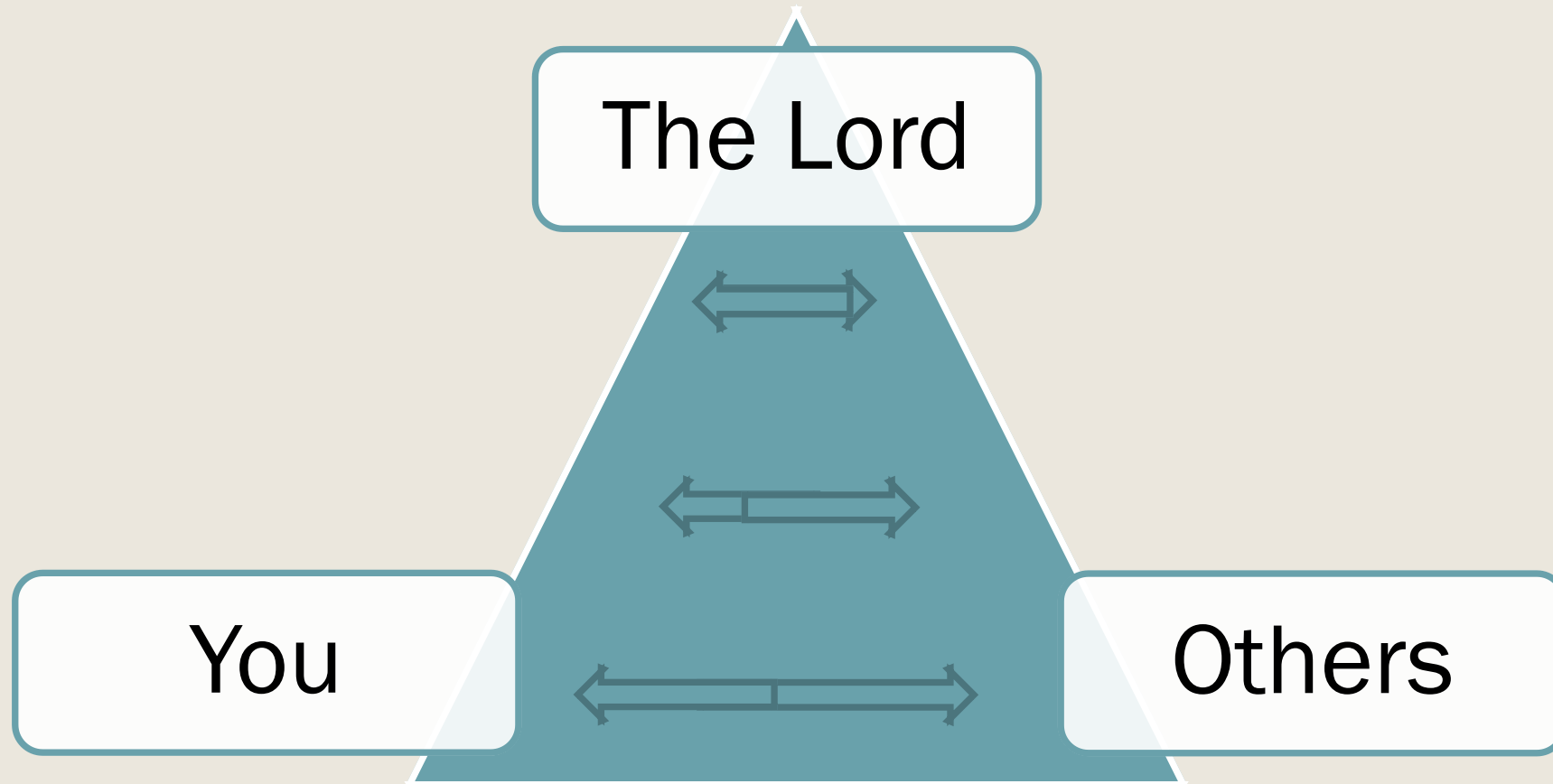
- ***Ready answers, even “I don’t know” or, “I’ll look into that” cf I Per 3:15b***



Living Out a **GROWING** and **PERSONAL** Relationship to your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

- Put Christ first in your life – Rom 12:1-2
 - *Above your children – cf Matt 10:32-37*
 - *Spiritually feed yourself*
 - Personal Bible reading and study
 - Pray
 - *Worship*
 - *Supplication*
 - *Intercession*
 - *Asking*

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CONCLUSION

- God's written Word provides the believe with the answers to ALL our questions.
- Moms – keep looking to your Savior and Lord AND His Word