



THE PURPOSE OF A GODLY MOTHER

Scripture Reading:

Proverbs 1:1-9

INTRODUCTION

**Our humanity consists of spirit, soul,
and body (trichotomy) – I Thess 5:23**



**God's purpose for a mother who is
'well-devoted' (godly), is to nurture this
totality of her children's persons.**

PROVIDE FOR THE PHYSICAL NEEDS OF HER CHILDREN

- **The Basics:**

- Food – Rom 16:14

- Clothing – Prov 31:19 -21

- Protection and safety – Lk 2:41-49

PROVIDE FOR THE EMOTIONAL NEEDS OF HER CHILDREN

- Isa 49:15
 - A woman's compassion for her son
- I Thess 2:7-8
 - Paul's illustration of his care and concern for the saints at Thessalonica
- Lk 2:35
 - Mary's emotional grief because of Jesus' suffering

PROVIDE FOR THE SPIRITUAL NEEDS OF HER CHILDREN

- **Respond FIRST to God's provisions for her own spiritual needs:**
 - Knowing Christ as her own Savior
 - Growing in her salvation to know Him as her Lord —
Rom 12:1-2
 - The result will be a good and encouraging testimony to her children

PROVIDE FOR THE SPIRITUAL NEEDS OF HER CHILDREN

- **Second: Instruction in the fear of the Lord –
Prov 1:7-8**
- **Third: Placing God's will for your children
ahead of your own will (cf Matt 10:37)**
 - “not worthy of me” = ‘not holding a proper value of
Me’
 - Be fond of your children by being fond of your Lord

CONCLUSION

Prov 22:6 “Train up a child...”

Physically

Emotionally

Spiritually



Certainly, such training is the ultimate purpose of a mother, but also ‘surrogate mothers’ (relatives, friends, SS teachers, etc), also have the opportunity and privilege to be involved in assisting mothers in fulfilling God’s purpose.