

Show “Epic Mother’s Day Sequel” video.

Today is Mother’s Day. Let’s talk about God’s greatest gifts to Mom. Before we do, here are some last minute gift ideas. 10. A Hawaii vacation... postcard. 9. The Walking Dead, Season 7. 8. A Kris Bryant Cubs jersey. 7. A day to clean “mother nature”. 6. Star Wars china. 5. “Mom juice” mugs. 4. Donald Trump socks. 3. Licki Brush. Lick your cat. Like a cat. 2. Teenagers that text back. 1. A St. Bernard puppy!

So, what are God’s greatest gifts to Mom? First, Her vocation. We don’t use the word much. It comes from the Latin, *vocātiō*, meaning “a call, a summons by God”. It is an occupation to which a person is specially drawn or for which he/she is suited, trained, or qualified. Pastor William Barclay (1907-1978) once said, “There is no greater task, responsibility and privilege in this world than for Mom to make a home.”

Second, Her voice. Throughout the Scriptures, we hear about the importance of a woman’s voice. We may not always want to listen to her. But, she is to teach and train! Proverbs 22:6 (NKJV) says, “Train up a

child in the way they should go, and when they are old they will not depart from it.” Proverbs 31:26 (NIV) says, “A woman of noble character speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.”

Third, Her victory. Mom, I know you often feel defeated and discouraged. Remember 1 Corinthians 15:56-58 (NIV), “The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.”

What is our greatest gift to Mom? To Value her! Proverbs 31:10 (NIV) says, “A woman of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies.” Take time today to say to your Mom, “I love you! Thank you!” Rise up, praise her, and called her blessed. And, if your relationship with her is strained, take time to forgive. Be Jesus to her. Be righteous. Be the first to return, reach out, reconcile, and restore.

Let’s pray. Lord, Ephesians 6:1-3 (NIV) says, “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ‘Honor your father and mother’—which is the first commandment with a promise—‘so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.’” Lord, here today, we pray for and praise all the women, wives, and mothers. Lord, help us honor, respect, and value them as precious gifts. Amen