

The Sacred Calling of a Mother: Perspective Matters

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#1. Perspective matters: **How you view your relationship with your husband matters.**

Our relationship with our husbands *deeply impacts* our motherhood.

What is God's picture of a Christian marriage?

Philippians 2:2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and in purpose.

Ask yourself:

#2. Perspective matters: **How you view your life as a mother matters.**

Luke 9:23-25 Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self?"

Ask yourself:

#3. Perspective matters: **How you view what motherhood is matters.**

Not a frustration

Not a juggling act

Not just a picnic

Motherhood is the shaping of a life.

*Jeremiah 18:1-6 This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord :
"Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you my message."
So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel.
But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the
potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him. Then the
word of the Lord came to me: "O house of Israel, can I not do with you as
this potter does?" declares the Lord . "Like clay in the hand of the potter,
so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.*

Ask yourself:

#4. Perspective matters: **How you view your relationship with God matters.**

Your own heart first

*Ezekiel 3:10-11 "Son of man, let all my words sink deep into your own heart first.
Listen to them carefully for yourself. Then go to your people... NLT*

*1 Timothy 4:15 Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that
everyone may see your progress. NIV*

*1 Timothy 4:16 Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because
if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers. NIV*

Ask yourself:

#5. Perspective matters: 'How you view your role as a mother matters.

Pass it on

Proverbs 31:26 She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. NIV

Proverbs 1:8 Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. NIV

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 ...The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

Ask yourself:

Questions to pray about:

How do you think your relationship with your husband impacts your mothering?

How do you feel about your life being poured out as a mother?

What is one thing that you want to trust God to change in your perspective about mothering, or wifehood?