

THE POWER OF MOTHERHOOD

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CHAPTER 1: “Mothers are God’s Idea”

My Summary

This chapter was a reminder that mothers were a major part of YHWH’s design from creation. We’ve been given a very valuable mission and we should completely embrace our calling.

Direct Quotes from Nancy

- Motherhood originated in God’s heart
- What does it mean to embrace motherhood? It means to put your around it and hug it tightly &; to totally accept it to make it your life work!
- Paul writes to Timothy about the older widows who are to be supported by the church (1 Timothy 5:9-10) **1Ti 5:9-10**
Do not enrol a widow unless she is over sixty years of age, having been the wife of one man, well reported for good works, if she has brought up children, if she has lodged strangers, if she has washed the feet of the set-apart ones, if she has assisted the afflicted, if she has closely followed every good work.
- Only when we embrace motherhood with all our hearts that we will truly enjoy it. Even though we devotedly love our children, if we do not wholeheartedly accept the role of mothering, we will never experience the true glory of motherhood.
- As you embrace your divine calling, start confessing that you love motherhood....When you wake in the morning, immediately thank the Lord for giving you the priveledge of being a mother.
- When you go out to the kitchen to prepare breakfast for your children, tell them, “Children, I love being your mother!”When you confess these powerful words, changes will take place in you, in your children and in your home
- God wants us to ‘abound’ in mothering
- Dear mother, God is your employer. It is God who has ordained you to mother the children that He has graciously given you. When you feel frustrated and no one appreciates your daily service in the home, (yes, I have felt like that many times!) remember that you are working for the Lord! You are training your children for God and for the purposes that He has planned for them.
- EXTENDED MOTHERING We notice also that the widow portrayed in 1 Timothy 5:10 had a big other heart. Not only did she embrace her own children, but also her mothering extended beyond her four walls to the needs of others outside her home

Highlighted Discussion Question:

“#3 Read 1 Timothy 2:14-15. In what ways do you think the performance of our motherhood duties will protect us from getting into deception?”

Scripture

Col 3:23-24

And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Master and not to men, knowing that from the Master you shall receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Master, Messiah, you serve.