

# An Old-Fashioned Christian Mother

1Ki 2:19

## Introduction:

1. Everything was all right because mother was the queen of the house. She was not a queen like Esther, she was not royalty like the queen of England. A needle was her scepter, purity was her robe, holiness was her crown and we youngins were her subjects. She had no throne of marble, no crown studded with diamonds, she had no robe of velvet. All that mattered to us was that she was the greatest mother to us in all the world. Mama smoke a cigarette, not a chance. Mama drink beer, yeh when the pope becomes a Baptist. Mama say a cuss word, yeh the day after the NAACP and the KKK have a merger. She was more than a queen:

When I came in hurt – she was a nurse

When I had a splinter - she was a surgeon.

When my hair was too long – she was a barber

When my shoe came apart – she was a cobbler.

When my tooth was loose – she was a dentist.

When I had problems – she was a psychologist.

When we kids were fighting – she was a judge.

She was my buddy when she got out Chinese checkers or dominos  
She owned Dorcas' needle, Florence Nightingale's compassion,  
Hannah's prayers, Mary's purity. She possessed Elisabeth's faith and  
Martha's stove, and Mary's alabaster box of ointment and Esther's  
courage. She was an old-fashioned Christian mother.

2. Solomon sitting on his throne - his mother came to ask him something
3. The king calls an attendant and has a chair (throne) brought and set on his right side for his mother.
4. Solomon wanted to honor his mother and today is set aside for us to honor our mothers

## I. A Christian Mother Loves Her Savior

### A. *She is Saved – Rom 10:9*

9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

1. She realized that she was a sinner
2. She realized that sin has a terrible penalty
3. She found out that Christ died for sinners
4. She has put her full faith and trust in His finished work

**B. She Serves the Lord – Ja 2:17**

17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

1. She is happy to serve at home
2. Her faith is a working faith
3. Her faith can be seen at home

**C. She Takes a Stand for the Lord – Ja 4:7**

7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

1. In a world void of Christian values – she has them
2. Even when the her husband doesn't love the Lord
3. When the bills need to be paid – the tithe is paid first
4. When a child goes astray

**D. Example of Mary Magdalene**

1. She was at the cross of Christ  
Mat 27:56 Among which was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's children.
2. She was at the sepulcher  
Mat 27:61 And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre.
3. She was first to see the risen Lord  
Mark 16:9 Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.

**II. A Christian Mother Loves Her Church**

**A. She Attends It's Services – Heb 10:25**

25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

1. Even when she has to get up early to get breakfast for the family before church
2. Even though she has to get the kids ready
3. Even after working hard all week and Sunday is her only day to sleep

**B. She Gives to Support It – Rom 12:8**

8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that showeth mercy, with cheerfulness.

1. Like the widow who gave the two mites
2. She gives her service
3. She gives her time

**C. She Prays for It – Col 4:2**

2 Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;

1. She prays for her pastor
2. She prays for the members
3. She prays for the missionaries
4. She prays for the sick

**D. Example of Priscilla**

1. Paul found Priscilla and Aquila in Corinth – Acts 18:2,3
2. They helped Paul in Ephesus – Acts 18:18-19
3. They taught Apollos – Acts 18:24-26
4. Rom 16:3 Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus:
5. 1 Cor 16:19 The churches of Asia salute you. Aquila and Priscilla salute you much in the Lord, with the church that is in their house.

**III. A Christian Mother Loves Her Bible**

**A. She Believes It – 2 Tim 3:16**

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

1. She knows that it is inspired
2. She knows that it answers today's questions
3. She accepts the teachings
4. She accepts the reproof
5. She accepts the correction
6. It is her rule for living

**B. She Lives It – 1 Pet 1:25**

25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

1. She practices what she reads
2. She has a good testimony
3. Her children know that she is genuine
4. She influences her children

**C. She Enjoys It – 2 Tim 1:12**

12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

1. It is a treat to read the Bible
2. She sees her children follow in her steps
3. She sees them saved by the same book
4. She enjoys motherhood

#### **D. Example of Lois and Eunice – 2 Tim 1:5; 3:15**

1. Timothy's faith came from his mother and grandmother  
2 Tim 1:5 When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.
2. They taught him the Bible  
2 Tim 3:15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

### **IV. A Christian Mother Loves Her Home**

#### **A. She is a Crown to Her Husband – Prov 12:4**

4 A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones.

1. He is proud that she is his wife
2. It is a joy for him to come home
3. She is glad to be his helpmeet
4. She is Faithful to Her Husband – 1 Cor 7:10  
10 And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband:
5. She is virtuous – Prov 31:10  
10 Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.
6. Her husband can trust her – Prov 31:11  
11 The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.

#### **B. She Provides for Her Household – Prov 31:15**

15 She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.

1. She works hard around the house – outside the home
2. She sees that everyone has what they need
3. They always have groceries and clean clothes

#### **C. She Loves Her Children**

1. They Are Her Heritage – Ps 127:3  
3 Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.
  - a) She helps teach and train them
  - b) She points them to the Lord early in life
  - c) She hopes to see them in heaven

2. They Honor Her – Prov 31:28

**28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.**

a) *They honor and respect her*

b) *“All that I am or hope to be I own to my angel of a mother.”  
Abraham Lincoln*

c) *General Douglas MacArthur “My sainted mother taught me devotion to God and love for my country which have ever sustained me. To her I yield anew a son’s reverent thanks.”*

d) *Dwight Eisenhower – “Mr. president – You have met all the major world leaders, who is the greatest man you have ever met?”*

*“The greatest person I ever met was not a man, but a woman” Eisenhower said without a moment’s hesitation. “She was my mother. She never had much schooling but she was wise in God’s wisdom. She went to school to the greatest of all books, the Bible. Once when I was a boy, my brothers and I were playing a game with my mother. I did not like the hand of cards that I was dealt. I remember that night mother put her cards down. ‘Boys I want to tell you something, especially you, Dwight. You are playing a game in your home with your family under loving circumstances. We all love each other here and I have dealt you an impossible hand. Now, she said, when you get out in life where they don’t like you so much, you are going to be dealt many a bad hand. What are you going to do? You are to pray to God. You are to trust God and like a man you must play out the hand that has been dealt you.’” Eisenhower said that that was one of the wisest things he learned in his youth*

e) *Dr. G. Campbell Morgan had four sons. They all became ministers. At a family reunion, a friend asked one of the sons, “Which Morgan is the greatest preacher?” While the son looked at the father, he replied, “Mother!”*

**Conclusion:**

When 17-year-old W.P.L. Mackay left his humble Scottish home to attend college, his mother gave him a Bible in which she wrote his name, and a verse of Scripture.

College was only the beginning of the lifestyle which saddened his godly mother. At one point he sank so low he pawned the Bible to get money for whiskey. His mother prayed for him until she died.

Eventually, Mackay became a doctor in a city hospital. One day a dying patient asked for his “book.” After the man died, Mackay was curious to know what book could be so precious, so he searched the

hospital room. He was surprised to find the very Bible he had pawned years before.

He went to his office and gazed again at the familiar writing, noticing many pages with underscored verses his mother had hoped he would read. After many hours in that office, Mackay knelt and prayed to God for mercy.

W. P. Mackay, the physician, later became a minister. The Book he once treated so lightly became his most precious possession.

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