

A Godly Mother, an Ambassador of God

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An ambassador is a diplomatic official of the highest rank sent by a sovereign or state to another as its resident representative. An ambassador executes his office from a diplomatic mission in a foreign country which is known as an embassy.

In the Bible, we learn that "We are citizens of the state (commonwealth, homeland) which is in heaven (Philippians 3:20 AMP.). From that heavenly commonwealth, Christ the King sends His followers as ambassadors into the world as seen in Mark 16:15, "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" and in John 20:21, "As My Father hath sent Me, even so send I you." The apostle Paul also expresses that fact in 2 Corinthians 5:20, "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ" and in Ephesians 6:20, "For which I am an ambassador in bonds" when he refers to himself and all Christians as ambassadors of Christ.

A mother, an ambassador of Christ in the home. A godly mother is an ambassador in her home by divine mandate. Her home, therefore, becomes the embassy from which she operates and the following examples show that just like Jesus, her duties are multi-faceted.

A mother, a teacher. Quite often, the spiritual wellbeing of the home is the responsibility of the mother who is motivated by Joshua 24:15, "As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." Throughout the ages, many devout men and women have testified that they first heard the Word of God while sitting on their mothers' laps. A mother teaches her children God's way, instills in them the principles in 1 John 2:15-17, resulting in strong morals -- virtuous daughters and honorable sons (Proverbs 22:6).

A note to you....



Integrity ... a quality which promotes adherence to moral and ethical principles and yields soundness of character. Both Christians and non-Christians claim to possess integrity, but who, from God's perspective, is a person of integrity?

Psalm 26 gives the profile of such an individual. The writer is so convinced of the principles therein that he calls it "mine integrity", he trusts in God (verse 1) and requests divine examination of his heart (verse 2). In verse 3 he points to another important step in the process, "I have walked in Thy truth" and henceforth records various activities that undoubtedly contribute to his integrity. Jesus said in John 15:5, "Without Me ye can do nothing." So the only way mortal man can have integrity is by trusting in the LORD and walking with Jesus, Who is the *truth* (John 14:6). It stands to reason, therefore, that the man whose life mirrors Psalm 26 is, from God's perspective, a person of integrity.

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Shalom,

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A mother, an example-setter. Like Jesus, a mother is a role model in word, work, association, prayer, praise, worship and other sacred service. She is humble, seeks first the kingdom of God and is self-sacrificing (John 13:15-16). As the apostle Paul she can confidently say, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ" (1 Corinthians 11:1).

A mother, a physician. Like Jesus, the great Physician, a mother attends to the physical and spiritual needs of her household. She soothes, encourages and reassures a hurting child while applying the Word of God as a salve where needed. Jesus' command in Luke 9:2, "... to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick," is willingly obeyed by the mother.

A mother, a hunger eliminator. Like Jesus, the mother is concerned about the physical well-being of her house and is skilled at producing satisfying feasts at a moment's notice (Matthew 15:32-38). As the virtuous woman in Proverbs 31:15: "She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household."

A mother, a wife. As a Christappointed ambassador, a mother is also a wife, a role which presents additional opportunities for her to submit to Christ and her husband. Consider the following divine directives which bring peace and orderliness in the home: "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord" (Ephesians 5:22); "But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God" (1 Corinthians 11:3). Here in scripture the divine hierarchy in the home is outlined -- God, Jesus, man, woman (and, may we add, children). If this order is adhered to, Christ will really be the King of the home, everyone a royal subject and the joy of Joshua 24:15, "As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD" will be a reality. She will be successful in her assignment.

A mother in the home is also an adviser, an arbitrator, an accountant, a listener, a peacemaker, a problem solver and a friend. She attends to each circumstance with godly wisdom and impartiality, making her home an ark of salvation, a citadel of prayer and praise. No wonder "Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her" (Proverbs 31:28).

A mother, an ambassador of Christ to

the world. The divine mandate in Mark 16:15 is, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," and that means *every creature* within and outside the home. In obedience, she must *go out* into the highways and byways, touching humanity with the gospel of Christ in word and deed.

The duties of a mother as an ambassador to the world parallel her role in the home. She works (i) as a teacher, introducing Christ to a lost world; (ii) as an intercessor, interceding for others as divinely directed; (iii) as a physician, healing the physically and spiritually sick and destitute; (iv) as a preacher and evangelist, proclaiming the gospel of Christ; (v) as a consoler, motivator, mother to the motherless or just a sympathetic listener. She is never idle and always mindful of 1 Corinthians 15:58, "Be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."

Attitude of a mother. The psalmist says, "Serve the LORD with gladness" (Psalm 100:2). A mother must serve with joy, for she belongs to a happy God; she must serve with love, for she is sent by the One Who is love; she must serve with urgency, because the King's business requires haste; she must be mindful of 2 Timothy 4:2, "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine"; and she must have the mind of Christ as recorded John 4:34, "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and to finish His work."

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International regulations establish that embassies are the sovereign territories of the countries they represent and are not bound by the laws of the host country. A mother as an ambassador of Christ, therefore, must adhere to the laws of heaven, the *home* country, at all times. However, she must be circumspect so that she does not violate the laws of the *host* country, and render "... unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's" (Luke 20:25). She is ever mindful of Romans 13:1-2, "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation."

Like the apostle Paul, a mother as an ambassador of Christ will undoubtedly testify, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7), and at the end of her commission the King will say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant ... enter thou into the joy of thy Lord" (Matthew 25:21).



By the Word of Their Testimony

I have had a re-birth and deliverance from witchcraft because of the acidic prayers on your prayer line. I have learned to close the doors of my life to negative influences and decided to totally submit all the affairs of my life to God. OS, New York

Listening to you every morning is the grace of God to me. I have experienced answer to prayer, healing and deliverance. May God continue to bless you and the ministers of GMHS. Sis. V

I asked God my Father to deliver my daughter-in-law as he delivered the Hebrew women and He granted my request. Praise His holy name.

The government back home owed my husband since 2011, but now he has been paid. Please let my brothers and sisters know that God is on this prayer line. Thank You, Lord Jesus. AE, Georgia

In 2012, the IRS informed me that I owed back taxes and that I must pay within 15 days. I informed them that I did not owe, but they maintained their decision that I must pay. During a visit to their office they informed me that I did not owe the money. I later found out that a household enemy had been using my social security number to claim taxes for my grandchild for four years. I thank God that this has been resolved. AR, Georgia

My second son wore dread locks for many years which created problems for him. He did a diploma course and was not successful. He attended university for four years but we are now battling to get his results. I asked him to cut his hair and participate in the last 70 Days Prayer and Fasting Program so he could get his breakthrough. He did and soon afterwards received an acknowledgement from the school. I am happy and grateful to God Almighty for my son now has a job. What can I render to God for all His goodness to me? Praise the Lord!

I was introduced to the prayer line by a friend from Canada and joined on a Wednesday morning. Little did I know that joining the prayer line would save my daughter and her entire family. Four men with knives, a gun and hammer broke into their home, tied them up and robbed them. They took their new SUV, jewels, personal items and their bank card, and before they left warned that if the account number is incorrect and if there is a tracking device on the SUV, they will be back to kill everyone. After they left my granddaughter freed herself and everyone else. Thanks be to God – we escaped without a scratch. The SUV was recovered and most of the robbers are in jail. Thank God for GMHS, MFM and all the ministers. I pray that God will continue to bless you. ND, MA

I have been a prayer line partner for over four years and have seen the goodness of God in my life. I have experienced a lot of trials but the Lord always shows me the way. I thank God for this prayer line. Sister M.

Thank God Almighty for me and my family. My husband and I finally welcomed our first child after ten years of marriage. It has been a struggle with family pressures and troubles because he is Yoruba and I am Igbo, but the Lord delivered me and crowned me with victory. I also became a registered pharmacist in August 2013. For testimonies of good health, financial provision, happiness and progress for every member of my family, for all my battles that were divinely won, all other blessings and the GMHS prayer line and ministers, I say, "Thank You, Lord Jesus."

I am writing to say "Thanks" for praying for me and my family. It is wonderful to know that we can get on the phone in prayer and get results. I thank God for healing my neck and back, that the surgery of my 91 year old mother was successful, that my surgery was successful, that I will not die prematurely and my mother will not bury me. I praise God for long life and a prosperous 2014.

By the Word of Their Testimony (Cont²d)

Soon after joining the prayer line I participated in the 70 *Days Prayer and Fasting Program*. I prayed for God to open the womb of my daughter-in-law and, to His glory, she gave birth one year later to a baby boy. I also want to thank God for delivering me from the power of stroke which afflicted me in 2011. I am totally healed, praise God. He has enabled me to witness the arrival of my grandchild and carry him in my arms. I also pray that I will carry and care for more grandchildren, in Jesus' name. May the Lord bless you and the ministers on the prayer line.

My daughter, who recently completed her RN program, was denied a license due to an arrest that occurred when she was in elementary school. Although she passed many fingerprinting and background checks during her nursing career, she reached this roadblock. I brought this case to the Almighty God and received prayer support from the GMHS prayer line. She made many trips to police departments and courts to acquire necessary documents and everything moved smoothly through God's grace. In two weeks she received another letter from the responsible department issuing her license. God heard our prayers and delivered her. I praise His name!





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