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## Honoring Mothers

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Over a hundred years ago, one described the honor of a good mother. He stated:

What the mothers of the nation are today, the children very largely will be tomorrow...The prosperity and progress of the world of tomorrow depends upon the mothers of today...It makes all the difference...if a boy can recall the memory of a good mother. And...whether a girl has a good mother or a bad one...A man never gets over the disaster of a bad mother. He never gets away from the benediction of a good one.

This was true when written; it is as true today. Sadly, today, we see many bad mothers—indeed bad fathers too. Thus, it is so vital that we encourage good mothers and honor them for their labors. Remember what has been well stated, “For the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world” (William Ross Wallace).

May 10, 2026 [changed, editor], is the day that has been set apart in this nation as a day to honor mothers and motherhood. This was first suggested way back in 1872. It was given Presidential approval on May 9, 1914, when Woodrow Wilson signed a resolution recommending that all government departments observe Mother’s Day. The following year, the President was given the authority to proclaim Mother’s Day as a day to be observed each year.

Mother’s Day is of human origin—but the principle of honoring mothers is one that is of ancient, indeed, Divine origin. In the long ago,

the children of Israel were commanded to honor their mothers (Exo. 20:12). Christians are commanded to do the same (Eph. 6:2). Giving honor to whom honor is due is indeed a New Testament command (Rom. 13:7).

When we study the book of Proverbs, we see that it provides much information about motherhood, mothers, and honoring such. Proverbs is a book that is given to us for the purpose that we might be instructed in wisdom. Originally, it was given that young men might: “know wisdom and instruction; To perceive the words of understanding; To receive the instruction of wisdom, Justice, and judgment, and equity; To give subtilty to the simple, To the young man knowledge and discretion” (Pro. 1:2-4). Note the first piece of wisdom that is given: “My son, hear the instruction of thy father, And forsake not the law of thy mother” (1:8). More wisdom is imparted in such passages as: “A wise son maketh a glad father: But a foolish man despiseth his mother” (15:20) and “A foolish son is a grief to his father, And bitterness to her that bare him” (17:25). Note also the joy that a righteous son will bring to his mother:

The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice:  
And he that begetteth a wise *child* shall have joy of him. Thy father and thy mother shall be glad,  
And she that bare thee shall rejoice (23:24-25).

Truly, a righteous son will bring great joy to his mother.

Again, note what the inspired write states in Proverbs 31:30: “Favour *is* deceitful, and beauty *is* vain: But a woman *that* feareth the LORD, **she shall be praised**” (31:30). Let us thank God for

godly mothers and grandmothers and praise them.

**Happy Mother’s Day!**

*Deceased*

## But You Knew That!

*Doug Post*

Jesus said: “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God” (Mat. 4:4). Most of us recognize the need for regular Bible study. Our spiritual health requires regular nourishment from God’s Word. But in our private lives, we often do not study as regularly as we should. This week let’s remind ourselves that **we should read and study the Bible every day, but you knew that!**

Many of us have heard the Bible preached and taught all our lives. Specific phrases, passages, and stories are so familiar they are second nature to us. But the familiarity with which we recognize certain things as being from the Bible is not the same thing as an actual working knowledge of the Bible itself. No matter how familiar the sound of certain things is to us, if we cannot use the Bible daily in the ways God intends for us to use it, then we need to study it more.

Paul spoke about “rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Tim. 2:15—NKJV). “Rightly dividing”

means more than correctly distinguishing the Old Testament from the New. It means being able to use the Scriptures accurately and skillfully to meet the needs of real life. The Bible is not a museum relic to be put on a shelf and admired; it is a living document that continues to inspire and guide us. It is a working tool designed for daily use. Time spent each day developing our working knowledge of God’s truth is time well spent.

Quality study of the Bible is as pleasurable as it is profitable. Just as we enjoy good food, the person who deeply feels his need for God—that is, the person who hungers and thirsts for righteousness (Mat. 5:6)—finds meditation on the Word of God deeply satisfying. To the one who loves God deeply, the precepts of God are more to be desired than “gold, yea, than much fine gold: Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb” (Psa. 19:10). The Scriptures are not only for “converting the soul” (19:7), but they are for “rejoicing the heart” (19:8).

Life is rough. The negative pressures on our spiritual lives are heavy, almost beyond our ability to bear. We need the Bible—and we need to see our need for the Bible! In our families, there is no greater work than helping our children and grandchildren form strong habits of daily Bible study. They will not be likely to develop those habits, however, if they do not see their parents and grandparents engaged in the work of digesting the Scriptures. This week, let’s make it our aim to study the Bible more, recognizing not only the importance but the blessing of doing so. Bible study is good for us, **but you knew that!**

*Irving, TX*

When God looked down upon the earth  
And chose to put new blessings there,  
Gifts from above  
To show His love,  
And lighten earthly joy and care,  
He gave the sky and sunset glow;  
Gave fragrance to the lily’s blow;  
Gave laughter gay  
To the children’s play;  
And then to every yearning soul  
He gave that gift of tenderest worth  
A MOTHER!

*Author Unknown*

# Bidding God Speed to Error

*Johnny Ramsey*

One of the most insidious inroads of error and compromise is our failure to rebuke false doctrines (Jer. 1:10; 1 John 4:1; 2 Pet. 2:1). In the short, one-chapter book of 2 John, we learn that we must not bid God's blessings upon those who fail to teach the doctrine of Christ. When we do, we become partakers of evil deeds and find ourselves devoid of the Lord. The doctrines of demons (1 Tim. 4:1-2) need no encouragement from followers of the Savior. Jesus, meek and gentle (2 Cor. 10:1), nevertheless pointedly rebuffed servants of Satan for their hellish mandates (Mat. 23; Mark 12:24). When precious souls are in the balance, we dare not compromise truth under the guise of "being polite." Protagonists of error must always find sharp conflict with soldiers of Christ who wield not the sword of the Spirit in vain (Eph. 6:17). When emissaries of Hell feel comfortable in our presence, we have bowed the knee to Baal (1 Kin. 18:21).

I am deeply concerned about a very noticeable development over recent months, reflected in several of the church bulletins I receive each week, as well as in reports of preaching in several pulpits. There seems to be a growing movement to criticize criticism! That old ecumenical cry of "let's agree to disagree" passes over Ephesians 5:11, 2 Timothy 4:2, and 1 Thessalonians 5:21. Those passages clearly demand that we not only "prove all things" but that we rebuke untruth and have "no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness." A few of my brethren are surprisingly picking up the old denominational cry-baby tactic: "Just look for the good in everyone, and you won't have time to be critical. And, if anyone is critical, he is weak, paranoid, and to be pitied."

What a convenient way to build a system of error! Ahab never liked Elijah and Micaiah because they always condemned his evil plans. The Jewish leaders never did become ardent friends of Christ for the same reason. I also seem

to recall that Peter, John, and other apostles spent many days in prison because they had not read *The Power of Positive Thinking*. Poor old Stephen got himself in a mess of trouble, too, because, unfortunately, he lived before some of our brilliant thinkers came out with this "don't be critical" advice.

More than anything else, I would recommend to every preacher a careful study of Acts, 1 and 2 Timothy, and Titus. The psychology of the Bible is often just the opposite of what the world calls kosher (political correctness). Incidentally, there is something "bad wrong" when many of the bulletins paid for by the treasury of the Lord's church are so indistinctive in content that any denomination **could** and **does** produce the same message. Some never mention the plan of salvation, Scriptural worship, or doctrinal error. No wonder we are hearing so much of the social gospel these days. No wonder plain Gospel preaching in the spirit and power and conviction seems ugly to some of them. **One of the clearest ways to bid Godspeed** to error is to rebuke those who are rebuking error! May fervent evangelists of the Lord never be persuaded to put the sword down or step back even an inch in the battle for truth and right. Too many souls wait out yonder in the darkness of sin for us to allow compromising brethren to deter us. We have a real battle on our hands today due to the extreme liberalism that has crept in, but as we "fight the good fight of faith" (1 Tim. 6:12), we are surrounded by the good company of prophets of righteousness in ages past. Let us press ever onward and upward.

*Deceased*

A meek and quiet spirit is not **weak** spirit. It is a **controlled** spirit which is not easily provoked.

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### Remember in your prayers:

Bill & Peggy Crowe

Nancy Travis

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Bill & Pam Busch

Linda Parks

## Please Remember

May 17

Birthdays and Anniversaries Get-together will be held in the zone room after the afternoon service.

May 31

Fifth Sunday Dinner after the morning service. Singing and a devotional service at 1:00 pm.

## Weekly Services

### Sunday

Bible Classes for all ages — 9:00 a.m.

Morning Worship Service — 10:00 a.m.

Afternoon Worship Service — 1:00 p.m.

### Wednesday

Bible Classes for all ages — 7:00 p.m.

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