



Just Grow Up!

James - A Manual for Maturity

The Heart of a Mother

1. How does the love a mother has for her children parallel the love of Christ for us?
2. In the sermon, Shelley said that a mother who loves her family makes everyone she loves “shine brighter”. What do you think this means? If you had a mother like this, how did you witness this personally? Read Philippians 2:1-5. Do you think what a mother does for her family is what this passage is talking about?
3. Read Proverbs 31:10-31. Discuss the characteristics of a woman, wife, and mother that God praises in this passage.
4. Pastor Rick and Shelley brought out six characteristics of a godly mother, what were they? Which ones did you experience from your mother? Which one do you think is the hardest to practice as a mom?
5. It has been said that a woman is the beating heart of the home, what do you think this means? What does a woman provide in the home that a man does not?
6. In the modern church, including Grace Church, statistically women are much more active in the church than men are. Why do you think this is true?

ANSWERS

1. Mothers tend to love their children unconditionally, no matter what they are going through, which is exactly how Christ loves us.
2. Making others “shine brighter” is simply applying the principle found in Philippians 2:1-5 which is to put the needs of others before your own, which every Christian should do. Mothers seem to have this hard-wired into them in regards to how they treat the members of their family. They tend to put the needs of their family before their own. A mother who does not do this is going against the way God created them.
4. The six characteristics were: A. Make everyone they love shine brighter than themselves. B. Offer everything they have to nurture their family. C. Trust God to always do what is best for them and their loved ones. D. Honors Jesus and the Bible above everyone and everything. E. Evangelize with the incredible influence God has given them. F. Continually recommit to loving God and loving others.
5. Moms without a doubt are the “beating heart” of their families because they are the ones who provide emotional support for their family members. Women provide the warmth and empathy in their homes that most men do not achieve.
6. Women seem to be more closely attuned to spiritual matters than men are in the modern church. Men are supposed to be the spiritual leaders of their household but mainly due to negligence, they turn this job over to their wives.