

## **TO BE A GREAT MOTHER**

On this day we usually honor mothers who are mothers indeed. I'm not speaking biologically, but of those traits and characteristics which make a woman a mother in every sense of the word. Of that woman Solomon says, "Her children rise up and bless her, her husband also, and he praises her..." Prov. 31:28. To the end young ladies, that you might become such a woman, a real mother, let me encourage you to pursue the following.

**M**arry the right man. "Bad boys" may seem exciting at first, but our spouse usually makes or breaks us. Don't just accept whoever comes along – choose wisely.

**O**bey the gospel. God's standards are the very best ones for us. All of us need wise counsel to make wise choices and God's counsel simply can't be outdone. Put Him up as first in your life.

**T**rain your children. Demand their attention and respect when they are young. Their minds are like sponges. Never be afraid to discipline or teach them. Be more afraid of what the world teaches them daily.

**H**onor your parents. Show your children how to live by your own example. Sometimes "honor" might be shown in listening. They have much good advice.

**E**njoy. Don't put off your happiness for later. Enjoy the moment now with your children and husband. No matter how we plan, things change. Find pleasure in the present and share it with others.

**R**equest wisdom from God. Because you need it, because your children need to see it – make daily prayer part of your life. Let your dependency upon the Lord be obvious. He'll not disappoint you.

As the world swings its pendulum from bad to worse, may the real godly mothers among us stand fast for the next generation.

**Carl McMurray**