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THE FATHER, THE
SON, AND THE
HOLY GHOST

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Happy Mothers Day!
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A GODLY MOTHER TEACHES...

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A Godly mother is the most important teacher in the life of her children!

- ✚ She teaches Bible stories such as Hannah - her tears for a son and her dedication to God as she gave up her son to fulfill her promise.
- ✚ She teaches stamina as daily she rises before her children to wake them and nightly she tucks them into bed only to continue her work.
- ✚ She teaches her daughters how to become godly women by the life she lives before them and her sons observe this and later search for a wife based upon what they have seen.



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- ✠ She teaches about commitment as she serves her God and her family faithfully. There she lives daily for her God and participates in the assembly of the church.
- ✠ She teaches gentleness. How gruff man would be if raised only by men! Mothers tenderize! They cry when the dog is run over, sympathize with hurt feelings and demand that you "feel bad" when you have wronged another.
- ✠ She teaches sobriety. She has trained them to look beyond high school and into eternity. She helps young eyes to see wisdom beyond their age. She helps youthful souls to weigh eternal matters.
- ✠ She teaches that acting on emotion and whims are dangerous, but that pure commitment lasts!
- ✠ She teaches us the ABCs and 123's. She uses driving time to review the books of the Bible, the 12 apostles, and the sons of Jacob.
- ✠ She teaches etiquette.
 - ✠ She demands her daughters to be ladies and sons to be gentlemen.
 - ✠ She will not listen to the excuses that other kids don't do it!
 - ✠ She has a review list of reminders that every child knows by heart, yet it is always run through once before company arrives.
 - ✠ Her children know how to set a table, sit at a table, and how to be excused.
- ✠ She teaches happiness. She can bring peace to her toddler as each morning they awake to find "momma."
- ✠ Her place in the grandstands or in the audience has an important calming effect. Her hug at graduation is enough said. Her hands on grandchildren are magical. Her eyes during a celebration says it all!
- ✠ She teaches contentment, sacrifice, and priorities. After we are grown we realize that she wore clothes that were not as nice in order for us to have the newer. She was content with childish games and youthful conversations, while adult friendships, dreams of careers, fantasies of writing, drawing, building, and etc. were all put on hold for years.
- ✠ She teaches perseverance. She survived the diapers, toddlers, pre-schools, grade school, high school, and beyond. She was always there to piece together a broken heart the first time our feelings were crushed, or the bicycle crashed, or the boy/girl friend broke up, or the world caved in, or the job application was rejected.

Can any person with a godly mother realize all that their mother has taught them? It must be beyond measure! Thank God for his gift of godly mothers!

A MOTHER IS A

Treasure from God

A MOTHER IS A TREASURE FROM GOD,

Carefully and skillfully created with just the right
blend of perfect ingredients... God sent.

A MOTHER IS A TREASURE FROM GOD,

Appraised with great worth as a piece of fine art,
a jewel without measure... a gift to the heart.

COMING ATTRACTION

“Stand In the Gap”

Keep your eyes on this column for news about our latest program called Stand In the Gap. (SITG). SITG is a very exciting program about putting people in need with a “family ” of members from local churches. Families will be 6 or more members who adopt a “ neighbor ” to care for. Neighbors can be anyone in need of love, services, or virtually any kind of help. The program comes out of Tulsa Oklahoma, and its founder Buddy Stone has offered all the materials for training and support we can ask for without charge. He will also come for training if we have some initial success in this wonderful new program.

STAY TUNED FOR MORE EXCITING NEWS ABOUT SITG

UPDATE ON MINISTRY

Please keep Love and Compassion in your prayers as we reach out to so many people that need our Lord's healing touch, knowledge of His Will for their lives, and Love that only can come from God. Please say a pray for these people.

A man and his wife had surgery within a week of each other. Both are in need of help in many ways.

We have a young grandmother that is raising her six grandchildren by herself. She is in great need of surgery, but does not have insurance or the money that she needs for her to have the operation.

We have many homeless people that need shelter, jobs, food, and medical help.

We have many people in the Lee County Jail System that needs to feel that someone cares and loves them. Love the sinner and hate the sin.

We have so many people of all walks of life with financial problems. Many have or are in the process of losing their jobs, house, cars, and their way of life.

We have many individuals and couples in dire need of counseling. They have lost their ability to reason things out. Some have given up on loved ones! Many have lost their desire to live! Many have come to the conclusion that divorce and bankruptcy is the only way out.

We have many people who we are working with that

need a drug program, but in a lot of cases the programs are jam-packed or cost thousands of dollars a month, of which most do not have the resource to stay even one day.

As our Lord sends people to us, we do all we can to show them love and compassion as we try to meet their needs. I am so glad to confirm that God is working in our midst, bringing us new people who care and pray for us.

I continue to pray that all Christian originations and people of the faith will do what is right in God's eyes. I pray that we will unite and work together in one accord.

Our Lord called you to Salvation not to set on your hands, but to reach the lost. Won't you join us in our mission to accomplish our Lord's wishes.

Jesus said in John 4:35: I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

Join us in “teaching others to fish”.

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DON'T QUIT

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all up hill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest! If you must; but don't you quit.

Life is queer with its twists and turns,
As everyone of us sometimes learns,
And many a failure turns about
When he might have won had he stuck it out;
Don't give up, though the pace seems slow;
You might succeed with another blow.

Often the goal is nearer than
It seems to a faint and faltering man,
Often the struggler has given up
When he might have captured the victor's cup,
And he learned too late, when the night slipped down,
How close he was to the golden crown.

Success is failure turned inside out;
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt;
And you never can tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems afar;
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit;
It's when things seem worst that you mustn't quit.

For we know the Father above looks down
He sees our struggles and holds the crown.
He knows the way though it's rough and drear,
He will give strength so we need not fear.
He offers to you the refreshing cup
Of the water of life; then in faith look up.

Continue on 'til the crown is won,
Which He will give when our work is done.

By: Alice Rowland

Give and it shall be given unto you: good measure, pressed down,
and shaken together, and running over. Luke 6:38

A LIFE THAT MATTERS

Ready or not, someday it will all come to an end.

There will be no more sunrises, no minutes, hours, or days.

All the things you collected, whether treasured or forgotten, will pass to someone else.

Your wealth, fame and temporal power will shrivel to
irrelevance.

It will not matter what you owned or what you owed.

Your grudges, resentments, frustrations, mean spirit and jealousies will finally disappear.

So, too, your hopes, ambitions, plans, and to-do lists will expire.

The wins and losses that once seemed so important will fade away.

It won't matter where you came from, or on what side of the tracks you lived, at the end.

It won't matter whether you were beautiful or brilliant.

Even your gender and skin colour will be irrelevant.

So what will matter?

How will the value of your days be measured?

What will matter is not what you bought, but what you built.

Not what you got, but what you gave.

What will matter is not your success, but your significance.

What will matter is not what you learned, but what you taught.

What will matter is not what you gave in to but what you stood up for.

What will matter is every act of integrity, compassion, courage, love or sacrifice that enriched, empowered or encouraged others to emulate your example.

What will matter is not your competence, but your character.

What will matter is not your memories, but the memories that live in those who loved
you.

What will matter is not how many people you knew, but how many will feel a lasting
loss when you're gone.

What will matter is how long you will be remembered, by whom and for what.

Living a life that matters doesn't happen by accident.

It's not a matter of circumstance, but of choice.

Choose to live a life that matters.

Author Unknown



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Dear Friends:

Matthew 25: 34-40

“³⁴Then the King will say to those on his right ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me some thing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸When did we see you a stranger and invite you in or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you? ⁴⁰The King will reply, I tell you the truth. Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.”

It is our business to take care of those who need clothes, food, medicine, a place in from the cold or just a visit. But how many of us actually provide these things. We huddle in our nice air conditioned churches and pat ourselves on the back for putting a few dollars in the plate for missions, or a few cents in the poor box, and go on our ways. Some churches even make it a point to pat you on the back for having a part in bringing thousands to Christ through your giving. But where in the scriptures are we told that Jesus or His disciples gave money to anyone for any reason? I can think of none. He ministered to the sick, the immoral, and the downtrodden by touching them, many times physically. He had healing in His hands.

So do we, you know. Have you ever had a hug that just made all the difference? Or perhaps a hand on your shoulder that comforted. For that moment you were healed by a touch. Unlike a touch from the masters hand it may not have lasted past the actual touch, but for a moment you were “in touch” with another human being, and it healed a little part of you.

In the same way, we must find ways to be in touch with the needy. We must leave the comfort of our churches and our living rooms, and step into the streets.

Rick Warren in his book, “The Purpose Driven Church”, describes the process of growth for a Christian in terms of a trip around the bases in baseball. The pitchers mound is our Worship service. It is the center of everything that goes on at church. First base is for fellowship. It is the job of every new Christian to join in “authentic” fellowship with a group of his brothers and sisters. Not just around the edges fellowship, but deep intimate fellowship where we know every wart on our brother’s face, and every curl in our sister’s hair.

Once we’ve rounded first, we come to second, deeper discipleship. There is no end to the time we may spend on second base deepening our relationship with the Lord, but the goal is to get to third and even to home base, so we do what we can here and head for third, personal ministry.

On third we pick up a personal ministry, usually in our church. It is here we learn the fundamentals of Christian service: Giving without asking in return; Laying down our life for our brothers and sisters; and being constantly joyful in our service. When and if we mature in our ministry, it’s time to round for home, Mission work or evangelism. If we arrive here it is time to reach outside of our church and seek to help where God has given us to see the need.

Here at Love and Compassion Ministries, we are in ministry to the hungry, the sick, the poorly clothed, and the imprisoned. We are stretching for home plate, and we enjoin you to run with us. Leave the comfort of your pew. Take aim at home plate. Give us a call, 574- LOVE (5683). We’ll suit you up and you can play on God’s team. We need your help, your time, your money, and your Love. Thank you so much!

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It is a great privilege that we have, as sons and daughters of the KING, to be able to come into HIS presence with our needs, our hurts, and our cares. We know that we can leave them at HIS feet because HE cares for us and will always answer us in our time of need.

Prayer requests are very important to us! We always need people who are caring and willing to personally pray for others needs. As we pray for their physical, moral, and spiritual needs, we must understand that because of JESUS CHRIST'S love for all of us, we are able to do this. CHRIST is the answer to every human's needs.

As members of the Body of CHRIST, we have the privilege and responsibility to pray for our Churches, our missionaries, public officials, other ministries, and each other.