



2011: The Year of Action

Mothers, Love Your Children!

Regarding this YEAR OF ACTION, the word of the Lord (THE DIVINE MANDATE) came to us to say, there are 3 we must act on this year:

- Give something up – Sacrifice
- Put something back – Supplement
- Move something forward - Support

INTRODUCTION -- FIRST, Some Foundational Things

1. **God is a God of relationship** – He is concerned with our kindred affinity toward one another.
 - After death, you only take your relationships with you.
 - Until Jesus, no one understood God as Father. In fact, the leaders of His day, falsely accused Jesus of blaspheming because thought it not robbery to call God as Father!
 - When Jesus was baptized in the River Jordan, God Himself affirmed Jesus as His son, saying THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, IN WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED!!
2. **Relationships are two-directional:**
 - Vertical – Your relationship with God
 - Horizontal – Your relationship with mankind, beginning with your OWN family
3. **Cultivating relationships require sowing and reaping a harvest.**
 - As it relates to computers, you may have heard of the term, “GIGO” (garbage in/is garbage out). What you put into a computer is what you get out of it.
 - The same holds true with your children: What you put in, is what you get out.

Titus 2:4 (KJV)

“...That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children...”

4. **The Devil is not your greatest enemy:** Your SELF is your greatest enemy.
 - The Devil tempted Eve with the lust of the flesh; the lust of the eyes and the pride of life.
 - Then He tempted Jesus using the same three temptations.
 - However, his aim was not to merely get them to sin, but to put SELF before God. He wanted them to have the same fall as did he.
5. **Your home is your FIRST ministry, Ladies!**



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- You don't want to be a public success and a private failure. God is a God of order. Consequently, to establish order, priorities are important. When you prioritize, you put FIRST THINGS FIRST and last things last.
 - In the military the order was the accomplishment of the mission and the welfare of the troops: THE MISSION WAS FIRST. If you put jobs, ministries and other concerns of life ahead of your children, you will live to regret it.
 - IS YOUR HOME IN ORDER? Are you conducting the business affairs of your home decently and in ORDER???
 - The Apostle Paul reveals the very heart of God regarding your responsibility as a mother to love your children. It has been said, "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world."
 - **Within the context of Titus 2:4, "Love" is not agape or unconditional love. It is "philandros."**
 - ✓ **A (philandros) FRIEND is literally defined as someone with an understanding heart.** The Word of God admonishes you to love (befriend) your children. While your children do not require a buddy or pal in their parent, they do require parenting that fosters a unique friendship. Here are some common characteristics of a friend.

Characteristics of a Friend

- Be **kind** = pleasant; agreeable; excellent appropriate; happiness
- Be helpful/supportive
- Be **favorably disposed** (not adversarial, hostile or at variance)
- Inclined to approve (not reject)
- Be **inclined to affirm** their true identity related to the purpose and destiny God gave them
- Be amiable – So your child won't be afraid to discuss the hard things with you

LET'S TAKE ACTION CONCERNING OUR CHILDREN & GRAND-CHILDREN

1. **Give Something Up – Sacrifice** (Gen 4:3-7).

- Give Your BEST to your BABIES (After your husband) LOL
 - No second-hand time
 - No second-hand energy
 - No DIVIDED attention
 - It IS a sacrifice – Self must move out of the way!
 - Remember GIGO – What you put into them you get back from them. When you give your best, they will return their best.



2. **Put Something Back - Supplement** (Luke 6:38).

- **SUPPLEMENT = Add to them**
 - Assign goodness (a manifestation of love) to areas they lack
 - If they lack wisdom, don't assign to them "STUPID" ~ Rather, speak "You are a smart baby"
 - If they lack patience, don't assign to them MEAN & NASTY ~ Rather, assign that they are fearfully and wonderfully made. That they will walk in peace that surpasses all understanding
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3. **MOVE Something Forward – Support** (Gen 2:18).

- Eve is a "Help Meet" for Adam
 - "Help" = Support; sustainer; frame-work, assistant
 - Your children need your BEST support
 - The love you give them is the foundation in their life. If the foundation of love be destroyed, there is nothing you can do about it.



Activity: How to Love Your Child ~ Things That Cause Your Child to Rebel

Proverbs 31:26 (KJV) She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue *is* the law of kindness.

| | NEGATIVE CAUSES | NEGATIVE EFFECTS |
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| 1 | When a mother does not fulfill promises... Ecclesiastes 5:5 (KJV) Better <i>is it</i> that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay. | Her children are afraid to trust her |
| 2 | When a mother does not admit that she is wrong... James 5:16 (KJV) Confess <i>your</i> faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. | Her children lose confidence in her / |
| 3 | When a mother refuses to ask for forgiveness... Psalms 25:18 (KJV) Look upon mine affliction and my pain; and forgive all my sins. | Her children react to her pride. |
| 4 | When a mother does not have RIGHT priorities... Psalms 119:133 (KJV) Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me. | Her children feel she is too busy for them. |
| 5 | When a mother is too strict in discipline... Proverbs 11:1 (KJV) A false balance <i>is</i> abomination to the LORD: but a just weight <i>is</i> his delight. | Her children have their spirits broken |
| 6 | When a mother gives too much to her children... Proverbs 20:23 (KJV) Divers weights <i>are</i> an abomination unto the LORD; and a false balance <i>is</i> not good. | Her children see freedom as a form of rejection. |
| 7 | When a mother neglects her parents... Ephesians 6:2 (KJV) Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) | Her children do not honor the counsel of their grandparents. |
| 8 | When a mother puts her parents in a nursing home for the sake of convenience... Proverbs 28:24 (KJV) Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith, <i>It is</i> no transgression; the same <i>is</i> the companion of a destroyer. | Her children are taught to reject older people. |
| 9 | When a mother does not love her husband... Proverbs 12:4 (KJV) A virtuous woman <i>is</i> a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed <i>is</i> as rottenness in his bones. | Her children take up offences for their father. |
| 10 | When a mother neglects God's Word... John 8:31 (KJV) Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, <i>then</i> are ye my disciples indeed; | Her children reject the authority of God and the Bible. |
| 11 | When a mother sacrifices her family for a better retirement... Proverbs 31:27 (KJV) She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. | Her children develop a temporal value system. |
| 12 | When a mother disciplines in anger... Ephesians 4:26 (KJV) Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: | Her children become bitter. |
| 13 | When a mother neglects her responsibility for her children's education... Proverbs 22:6 (KJV) Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. | Her children cease to respect her as a teacher. |
| 14 | When a mother does not teach her children how to | Her children feel frustrated and |



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| | <p>please her... Colossians 3:21 (KJV) Fathers, provoke not your children to <i>anger</i>, lest they be discouraged.</p> | rejected. |
| 15 | <p>When a mother focuses on the outward beauty and talent of other children... Proverbs 31:30 (KJV) Favour <i>is</i> deceitful, and beauty <i>is</i> vain: <i>but</i> a woman <i>that</i> feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.</p> | Her children feel inferior and reject themselves. |
| 16 | <p>When a mother is impatient with her children... Luke 21:19 (KJV) In your patience possess ye your souls.</p> | Her children seek approval from their friends. |
| 17 | <p>When a mother has inconsistent standards... John 8:31 (KJV) Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, <i>then</i> are ye my disciples indeed;</p> | Her children become confused. |
| 18 | <p>When a mother tries to warn her children only of the consequences of sin...</p> | Her children are challenged to be successful in avoiding the consequences. |
| 19 | <p>When you assume spiritual leadership rather than your husband... 1 Timothy 2:12 (KJV) But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.</p> | Your children may regard religion as being childish in later years. |
| 20 | <p>When a mother does not have Scriptural convictions... John 16:8-9 (KJV) ⁸ And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ⁹ Of sin, because they believe not on me;</p> | Her children accept situation ethics, and they excuse in excess what their father allowed in moderation. |