What's A Mother To Do?

(2 Timothy 1:5; 3:15)

- Introduction: 1. Sometimes the title of this lesson is spoken in exasperation. However, in this lesson, I want to look at God's word and seek a biblical answer to that question.
 - 2. There are many great portraits of motherhood in Scripture.
 - a. Jochebed & Moses (Exodus 2).
 - b. Mother who appeared before Solomon (I Kings 3).
 - c. Mother of James & John (Matthew 20:20-21).
 - d. Mother of King Lemeul (Proverbs 31).
 - 3. Mother's Day is often a difficult day for a number of reasons, but I would ask that we look beyond the difficulty and focus on the truth of God's word.

I. What's A Mother To Do?

- A. Instill Respect For The Scriptures.
 - 1. (2 Timothy 3:15).
 - 2. (Deuteronomy 6:4-7).
 - 3. It is never too early to start.
- B. Model An Authentic Faith.
 - 1. (2 Timothy 1:5).
 - 2. If you want children of faith, you must develop your own faith.
 - 3. A child can see the difference between genuine devotion and going through the motions.
 - 4. How fertile is the environment in which your child is growing?
- C. Instill A Desire To Serve.
 - 1. Modeling faith and instilling faith are important, but unless you instill in your children the desire to put their faith into practice, the faith is useless.
 - 2. (James 2:24-26).
 - 3. Young people need to learn at an early age the virtue of service; doing for others (Matthew 23:11), and subduing self-will (Philippians 2:3-4).

Conclusion: 1. What

- 1. What's a mother to do?
- 2. She is to help mold and shape a child's heart into the likeness and image of Christ.
- 3. The greatest honor you could bestow upon your mother, or the legacy of your mother, is to surrender your life fully to Jesus, live for him.