

# CHARACTERISTICS OF A GODLY MOTHER

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Sermon Outline

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## 1. A godly mother has a \_\_\_\_\_.

- + *Genesis 17:15-17*, "Then God said to Abraham, 'Regarding Sarai, your wife—her name will no longer be Sarai. From now on her name will be Sarah. <sup>16</sup>And I will bless her and give you a son from her! Yes, I will bless her richly, and she will become the mother of many nations. Kings of nations will be among her descendants.' <sup>17</sup>Then Abraham bowed down to the ground, but he laughed to himself in disbelief. 'How could I become a father at the age of 100?' he thought. 'And how can Sarah have a baby when she is ninety years old?'" (NLT)
- + *Genesis 18:9-14*, "Where is Sarah, your wife?" the visitors asked. "She's inside the tent," Abraham replied. <sup>10</sup>Then one of them said, "I will return to you about this time next year, and your wife, Sarah, will have a son!" Sarah was listening to this conversation from the tent. <sup>11</sup>Abraham and Sarah were both very old by this time, and Sarah was long past the age of having children. <sup>12</sup>So she laughed silently to herself and said, "How could a worn-out woman like me enjoy such pleasure, especially when my master—my husband—is also so old?" <sup>13</sup>Then the Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh? Why did she say, 'Can an old woman like me have a baby?' <sup>14</sup>Is anything too hard for the Lord? I will return about this time next year, and Sarah will have a son" (NLT).

## 2. A godly mother \_\_\_\_\_.

- + *Genesis 18:11- 12*, "Abraham and Sarah were both very old by this time, and Sarah was long past the age of having children. <sup>12</sup>So Sarah laughed to herself and said, 'Now that I am old and worn out, can I still enjoy sex? And besides, my husband is old too'" (GNT).
  - Sarah laughed not out of cocky arrogance but because a life of \_\_\_\_\_ had taught her not to clutch at straws. Initially, hopelessness underlay her unbelief.
- + *Genesis 18:14*, "Is anything too hard for the Lord" (NLT).
- + *Luke 1:34, 37*, "And Mary said to the angel, 'How will this be, since I am a virgin?' . . . <sup>37</sup>And Gabriel said to her, 'For nothing will be impossible with God'" (ESV).
- + *Mark 10:27*, "Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But not with God. Everything is possible with God" (NLT).

## 3. A godly mother has \_\_\_\_\_.

### a. Every single mother and/or family has \_\_\_\_\_.

- + *Genesis 19:31-38*, "One day the older daughter said to her sister, "There are no men left anywhere in this entire area, so we can't get married like everyone else. And our father will soon be too old to have children. <sup>32</sup>Come, let's get him drunk with wine, and then we will have sex with him. That way we will preserve our family line through our father." <sup>33</sup>So that night they got him drunk with wine, and the older daughter went in and had intercourse with her father. He was unaware of her lying down or getting up again. <sup>34</sup>The next morning the older daughter said to her younger sister, "I had sex with our father last night. Let's get him drunk with wine again tonight, and you go in and have sex with him. That way we will preserve our family line through our father." <sup>35</sup>So that night they got him drunk with wine again, and the younger daughter went in and had intercourse with him. As before, he was unaware of her lying down or getting up again. <sup>36</sup>As a result, both of Lot's daughters became pregnant by their own father. <sup>37</sup>When the older daughter gave birth to a son, she named him Moab. He became the ancestor of the nation now known as the Moabites. <sup>38</sup>When the younger daughter gave birth to a son, she named him Ben-ammi. He became the ancestor of the nation now known as the Ammonites" (NLT).

b. Every mother needs to hold on to what is \_\_\_\_\_.

- + *Ruth 1:11-14*, “You must go back, my daughters,” Naomi answered. “Why do you want to come with me? Do you think I could have sons again for you to marry? <sup>12</sup>Go back home, for I am too old to get married again. Even if I thought there was still hope, and so got married tonight and had sons, <sup>13</sup>would you wait until they had grown up? Would this keep you from marrying someone else? No, my daughters, you know that’s impossible. The Lord has turned against me, and I feel very sorry for you. <sup>14</sup>Again they started crying. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law good-bye and went back home, but Ruth held on to her” (GNT).
- + *Deuteronomy 23:4*, “No Ammonite or Moabite—or any of their descendants, even in the tenth generation—may be included among the Lord’s people” (GNT).

c. Every mother needs to make their \_\_\_\_\_ for being a mother \_\_\_\_\_.

- + *Ruth 1:15-18*, “So Naomi said to her, “Ruth, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her god. Go back home with her.” <sup>16</sup>But Ruth answered, “Don’t ask me to leave you! Let me go with you. Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. <sup>17</sup>Wherever you die, I will die, and that is where I will be buried. May the Lord’s worst punishment come upon me if I let anything but death separate me from you!” <sup>18</sup>When Naomi saw that Ruth was determined to go with her, she said nothing more” (GNT).

- Guess what? Matthew lists 5 women: Tamar (whose husband Onan refused to give her children. So, she tricked her father-in-law and she had children through him. Talk about a family skeleton in Jesus’ ancestry. Then there was Rahab: a prostitute in Jericho, who was the mother to Boaz, an ancestor to David.. Then there is Ruth in our text today — a Moabite woman. The Old Testament forbid the Jews from associating with them. Then there is Bathsheba: the woman King David had an affair with and had her husband, his best friend and personal bodyguard, killed. Talk about a skeleton in Jesus’ ancestry. Then there is the Mary, the unmarried mother to Jesus who God made pregnant as a a virgin before Joseph ever married her. Five women — five mothers — who God took in spite of their circumstances to give us the Messiah, the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ.

- + *Proverbs 29:15*, “The rod and reproof (godly instruction) give wisdom, But a child who gets his own way brings shame to his mother” (AMP).

4. A godly mother faithfully and passionately \_\_\_\_\_.

- + *1 Samuel 1:5-6*, “. . . he (Elkanah) loved Hannah . . . <sup>6</sup>So Peninnah would taunt Hannah and make fun of her because the Lord had kept her from having children” (NLT).
- + *1 Samuel 1:10-11*, “Hannah was in deep anguish, crying bitterly as she prayed to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>And she made this vow: “O Lord, if You will look upon my sorrow and answer my prayer and give me a son, then I will give him back to You. He will be Yours for his entire lifetime, and as a sign that he has been dedicated to the Lord, his hair will never be cut” (NLT).
- + *1 Samuel 1:16*, “Don’t think I am a wicked woman! For I have been praying out of great anguish and sorrow” (NLT).

- The Hebrew word translated as “wicked” is [בְּלִיַּעַל, beliyya’al] and it literally means “\_\_\_\_\_.” This Hebrew words translated as “great anguish and sorrow” refer “to struggling passion and agony.”

- + *1 Samuel 1:20*, “. . . and in due time she gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, “I asked the Lord for him” (NLT).
- + *James 5:16*, The earnest prayer of a righteous person [insert here—a godly mother] has great power and produces wonderful results” (NLT).