



A SUPERB MOM...

- 1.) Superb Moms Are _____ Of The Child's Welfare. (Jochebed - Exodus 2:1-9)
- 2.) Superb Moms Are _____ (Hannah-1Sam.1:24-28)
- 3.) Superb Moms Are _____.
(Grandmother Lois & mother Eunice – 2 Tim.1:5)
- 4.) Superb Moms Are _____. (Mary–John 19:25)
- 5.) Superb Moms _____ To Their Children's Needs.
(SACRIFICIALLY COMMITTED) – 1 Kings 3:16-28)
- 6.) Superb Moms _____ When Each Child Decides To Let The Spirit of Christ Guide Their Hearts & Lives.

The Wife/Mother of Noble Character **(A Look At Proverbs 31:10-31)**

10 A wife of noble character who can find? (how rare & special indeed) She is worth far more than rubies. 11 Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. 12 She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life. 13 She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands. 14 She is like merchant ships, bringing her food from afar. 15 She gets up while it is still night; provides food for her family & [all in her household care.] 16 – 19 [She is opportunistic, resourceful, hard worker, financially smart and physically healthy.] 20 She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy. 21-24 [She plans to ensure provision.] 25 She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. 26 She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. 27 She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. 28 Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: 29 “Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.” 30 Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. 31 Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

“A FEW BONUS READS”

“When you Thought I Wasn't Looking....”

I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I wanted to paint another one. When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favorite cake for me, and I learned that little things make people feel special. When you thought I wasn't looking, I felt your goodnight kiss, and I learned the peace that comes with being loved. When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears come from your eyes, & learned that some things in life make us cry, & that's ok. When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw that you cared and I wanted to be everything that I could be. When you thought I wasn't looking, I heard you say a prayer, and I learned there is a God I could always talk to. When you thought I wasn't looking, your example was molding my very soul. As a child, I always began writing my holiday “thank you” cards to you, when I thought You were *not* looking. (Author Unknown)

“What Mother Did”

She carried me under her heart, loved me before I was born. She took God's hand and walked through the 'valley of the shadows' that I might live. She bathed me when I was helpless, clothed me when I was naked, fed me when I was hungry, rocked me to sleep when I was weary, and sang to me as the voice of an angel. She held my hand till I learned to walk, suffered with my sorrow, laughed with my joy, glowed with my triumph, and while I knelt at her side, she taught my lips to pray. She was a loyal friend when all others failed. Through all the days of my youth, she gave me strength for my weaknesses, courage for my despair, and hope for my hopeless heart. She prayed for me whether life was flooded with sunshine, or saddened by shadows. I can never repay the debt I owe to my mother. (Author Unknown)

A LITTLE HISTORY OF *MOTHERS' DAY*

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In the United States, Mother's Day started nearly 160 years ago, when Anna Jarvis, an Appalachian homemaker, organized a day to raise awareness of poor health conditions in her community, *a cause she believed would be best advocated by mothers*. She called it "Mother's-Work Day." . . . In 1905 when Anna Jarvis died, her daughter, also named Anna, began a campaign to memorialize the life work of her mother. Legend has it that young Anna remembered a Sunday school lesson that her mother gave in which she said, "*I hope and pray that someone, sometime, will found a memorial mother's day. There are many days for men, but none for mothers.*" Anna began to lobby prominent businessmen like John Wannamaker, and politicians including Presidents Taft and Roosevelt to support her campaign to create a special day to honor mothers. At one of the first services organized to celebrate Anna's mother in 1908, at her church in West Virginia, Anna handed out her mother's favorite flower, the white carnation.

Five years later, the House of Representatives adopted a resolution calling for officials of the federal government to wear white carnations on Mother's Day. In 1914 Anna's hard work paid off when Woodrow Wilson signed a bill [for the nation to recognize] Mother's Day. While at first, most people wrote simple, well-meaning letters of appreciation to their mothers, this quickly changed. Jarvis eventually became disgruntled in the 1920s as the day became more commercialized. ***(feel free to talk later about that)*** She even filed a lawsuit trying to get the day removed from the calendar. Most everyone can relate to the charges of over commercialization. But still, above all people, mothers deserve the recognition and sincere expressions of appreciation. They are, after all, a very special breed. As the poet William Ross Wallace once stated in the title of a poem he penned as a tribute to mothers back in 1865, "The Hand That Rocks the Cradle Is the Hand That Rules the World."