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ON BEING A MOTHER....

It was the greatest privileges in 1967 to bear my first child. A son soon followed in '69, a daughter in '76 and a son in '78. Having helped my mother raise my twin brothers and my little sister, mothering came very naturally to me. I was not born again until 1980 and I must confess that the <u>spiritual</u> aspects of raising children were not really apparent to me. I was in church but mired in my own problems. I left spirituality up to the 'church' so to speak. I did my best. I think I taught my children moral values.

After my profound spiritual change, I could understand from the Word the <u>value</u> that <u>God</u> places on His gift to us, our children. Only then did I understand that I was to give them a <u>spiritual heritage</u>, the nurture and admonition of the Lord. I became spiritual in front of my children, in prayer, in bible study, in worship, in obedience. But there comes a time in a mother's life when she must relinquish her children to the Lord and trust all that she has prepared in them. "Lo, children are a heritage of the Lord; and the fruit of the womb is his reward." I often think of Hannah in 1 Sam 1, who had to give up her son to Eli in the temple and trust him to the Lord. "For this child I prayed; and the Lord gave me the petition which I asked of Him. Therefore also I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives he will be lent to the Lord." This is so hard to do because we want to control them and make it turn out okay. But we must let them grow up as we continue to pray.

Our purpose as parents is to have our children leave us, successfully! We prepare them and when they come of age to make their own decisions, we trust the Lord for them. "And that from a child you have known the holy scriptures, which are able to make you wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." 2 Tim 3:15. Then we pray and continue to give them an example of faith. I still treasure a Mother's Day Card I received about 10 years ago from one of my sons. <u>I want to give it to all the Mothers</u>, especially to some who won't be getting a card that day or who won't be appreciated until later. Don't give up; you are sowing seed. One day you will have a crop to rejoice over. One day they will understand.

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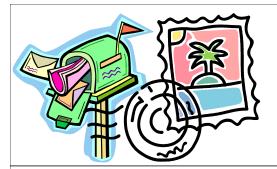




So grateful To have a mom Who loves the Lord As much as you do. On Mother's Day, I thank Him Especially for you And for your Love. Your faith Has influenced me More times Than I could count, And my own faith Has grown stronger Because of Your clear example. Thanks for showing Me what it means To live a life In the Lord.



Happy Mother's Day



Thank you, you're changing lives! We need you. Don't give up! Keep it up!

From Pennsylvania I have learned a lot from your ministry. I've been doing a Bible study with you since 2009. I've learned a lot, thank you, thank you thank you and God bless you and your ministry. I am in prison, but free from inside since August 2009. God is going to give you peace all the time. <u>We in prison need</u> your Bible studies, we need you. Don't give up. Keep it up, and move forward Eileen. God bless all your family. God will supply whatever you need for your ministry in the name of Jesus. I'm doing today Series 4 Book 3. The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen. One of your grateful students, Jose

I myself am serving a life sentence for second degree murder. I've been down 11 years now and only recently found Jesus Christ. But ever since I began my bible study with Little Lambs hearing from your ministry is one of the few things I have to look forward to each month. I am <u>grateful</u> beyond words for you. M. Arizona

Thank you for this wonderful bible study. I must confess that at first I wasn't very enthused. The format and all the scripture writing seemed daunting. As I did them the repeated scriptures began to take root. Then doing **this** lesson, I truly enjoyed completing everything. I began to relax and read slowly then answer each of your sentences. The message finally stood out in my mind.

The first two lessons that I did I filled in all that you wanted and then read it from start to finish. I'm sure that I didn't get the entire lesson but in this one I did. I chalk it up to the Holy Spirit guiding me and when I was ready He opened my eyes. Just like almost everyday I will re-read a passage in scripture and wonder how I missed that the first several times I read that. I ask myself "Was that there before?" the answer of course is that yes it has always been there but I wasn't ready to see and understand it those times. And now I'm where I am able to comprehend. Thanks again for the lessons. Bill, Arizona

Dear Little Lambs, I just wanted to thank you for your bible studies they really helped me in my walk with God. I really liked this lesson. Since I started doing these lessons, I feel stronger in the Lord, and my faith is stronger. I can see the change in me. I no longer want the things of the world, I want to serve Jesus. I thank God and you for your devotion to Christ in spreading the Word of God. Thanks to you and all the rest who take the time and money to help the lost to see the light. Because of you and others and God my life is forever changed! I will continue in Christ. Bless you all in your ministry. I just wanted you to know how you are changing lives. A Brother in Christ, Henry, WV

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Overcomers Addiction Recovery Meeting

Jeff Shoemaker and Richard Percy continue to lead the Overcomers meeting at Bible Fellowship Church on Wednesday nights. Look at the statistics below to see just how many people are struggling with life controlling problems. Sometimes it is a matter of just 'holding on' as 1 Peter says, 'if you hold fast to my teaching." Encouragement, love, acceptance, and biblical truth are our part of "building up the Body of Christ". "Edify the body, seek that you may excel to the edifying of the church.' Be Jesus with flesh on. Attendees may reserve a free meal at 5:30pm before class by calling 863-273-7388 before Mondays. Pass this on.

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