



# *The Gifts of a Mother*

*Sermon by Ray Reynolds (May 13, 2012)*

Text: Proverbs 31:10-31

**Introduction:** Happy Mother's Day! Where would we be without our mothers? One of the greatest texts to describe godly women is found in **Proverbs 31:10-31**. I would like for us to point out a few things about godly mothers from this passage. We will notice three gifts of a mother that can completely change a marriage, a home, a church, and a nation. Let's study together.....

Discussion:

**I. A Mother Can Give Herself to the Lord's Work**

A. Consider your role in the home.

**Genesis 2:18-25, Ephesians 5:22-33, I Timothy 5:14, Proverbs 31:10-31**

B. Consider your talents.

**Matthew 25:14-30, Ephesians 4:11-16, Proverbs 31:23**

C. Consider your ministry opportunities.

**Acts 18:2-3, 18-19, 26, Romans 16:3-4, I Corinthians 16:19, II Timothy 4:19**

D. Consider your role in the kingdom of God.

**Mark 16:7, Acts 21:9, Titus 2:3-5, Proverbs 31:30**

**II. A Mother Can Give Her Children The Lord's Word**

A. Consider the work of Lois and Eunice.

**II Timothy 1:5, II Timothy 3:14-15, Deuteronomy 6:2**

B. Consider the physical necessities of your children.

**Proverbs 31:15, Proverbs 31:21, I Timothy 3:1-16**

C. Consider the spiritual necessities of your children.

**Proverbs 31:25-27, Proverbs 31:30-31, Proverbs 31:10, Matthew 6:33**

D. Consider the example you are setting for your children.

**I Timothy 5:8, Deuteronomy 6:6-9, Ephesians 6:4**

**III. A Mother Can Give Her Children To The Lord**

A. Consider the world of today.

**I Samuel 1:11, I Samuel 1:28, Proverbs 22:6**

B. Consider the physical pain.

**Genesis 3:16, I Timothy 2:8-15**

C. Consider the emotional pain.

**I Samuel 2:19, Luke 2:19**

D. Consider the blessings of sacrifice.

**Matthew 28:20, Romans 10:17, Hebrews 11:6**

**Conclusion:** Mothers cannot give what they do not have. Do you have Jesus in your life? Do you have His Word in your heart? Do you have a desire to put God first? Are you ready to have His blood cleanse you and make you whole? Remember how much Jesus loved and admired the women who followed closely to Him. The Lord's invitation is for you!

**WORD OF THE DAY = "MOTHER"**