

“Mother, You're a Blessing!”
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When it comes to motherhood, this sign on a Church Bulletin Board says it all: *“If evolution is true, how come mothers still only have two hands?”* Mom, today we stop to salute you and let you know how much we appreciate you. Some days, you probably wonder if what you're doing even matters. Well, frankly, it is paramount to the stability our families and, most likely, the glue that keeps nations together.

Your work is never done...you're always exhausted...and there's no big financial reward involved in motherhood. We live in an age that seems to diminish service and exalt all the glitz of life, and sometimes it's hard to value your investment. But hear this: God says, *“Behold, children are a heritage of the Lord, the fruit of the womb is His reward.”* (Psalm 127:3) That means your motherly care is highly esteemed, because children are some of His most precious gifts.

Eugene Peterson paraphrases Solomon's words in *“The Message”* by describing a mother as someone who, *“senses the worth of her work...is diligent in homemaking...faces tomorrow with a smile...has something worthwhile to say, and, always says it kindly; her children respect and bless her; her husband joins in with words of phrase.”* (Proverbs 31:18-19 TM) Then Peterson finishes the chapter with these words: *“Many women have done wonderful things, but you've outclassed them all!”* That means your role as a mother cannot be matched by the wonderful things others may do.

So Mom, while your role isn't defined by a paycheck or a promotion, you're vitally important to your family and your children's physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being. Nobody can take your place! Remember Samuel was one of Israel's greatest prophet's and national leader, but who was the driving force in his life? His mother Hanna! When Samuel was born Hanna said, *“I am giving him to the Lord as long as he lives.”* (Sam 1:28) The conclusion here is simple...Mother, you matter more than you know. God is molding tomorrow's leaders in your hands.