

# Mother's Day 2006

There is a square on my calendar in the office that reads May 14... "Mother's Day." Mother's Day is a special time for all of us even though it is not commanded in the Word of God. Never-the-less, the day itself causes us to not only reflect upon God's instructions regarding mothers but also the years that have gone by in our lives with our mothers.

I remember the times when mom would have a good snack (cookies or a milkshake) waiting for me when I got home from school. I can also remember times when I would get hurt and run to mom for comfort. I remember walking to church on Sundays with Mom. Once I found a quarter on the way and showed it to her thinking I was rich. What ever your memories are of your mom I think that most of us can say that they are good thoughts.

The Word of God has somewhat to say about mothers. Mothers love their children (Prov. 4:3) and are made joyous over their arrival in this world (Prov. 23:22). Throughout our lives our mothers instruct us in the ways the Lord would have us go (Prov. 1:8; II Tim. 1:5). Moms always see to it that their children get fed breakfast, lunch, and supper (Prov. 31:15) and that they have proper clothing to wear (Prov. 31:21). Moms encourage us at moments when we need it the most (II Tim. 1:5).

Children are taught by example and they watch their mothers closely as they grow older. When we see our mothers working extremely hard we not only appreciate it but it helps us develop a good work ethic ourselves (Prov. 31:13, 27). When we experienced their love we were introduced to character traits in a future mate (cf. Ruth 3:11).

There were also times in our lives that we caused our mothers to be sad due to our foolish decisions (Prov. 10:1). During these times she was forced, by our disobedience, to correct us with a rod of love (Prov. 29:15).

The word of God commands that we all "*honor our mothers*" (Eph. 6:2). While we realize that this is to be done every moment of our lives we are thankful for days such as this that remind us of what our God ordained disposition toward them is to be.

The Love we have for our mother should never be dulled. As children under their care we are to "*rise up calling her blessed*" for her good care and as adults we are to continue to show her honor (cf. Prov. 31:28).