



Greetings!

A teacher gave her class of second graders a lesson on the magnet and what it does. The next day in a written test, she included this question: "My full name has six letters. The first one is M. I pick up things. What am I?" When the test papers were turned in, the teacher was astonished to find that almost 50 percent of the students answered the question with the word Mother.

While many of us may get a chuckle out of this little story, we must also agree that there is a powerful truth being shared here as well. There is something "magnetic" about a Mother, especially when that Mother is one who seems to put her family before so much of what she does in daily living. Of course, the same can be said about Fathers who are also sacrificial for their family in so many ways. What a tremendous blessing it is to have 2 people who are both in love with God, and are also deeply in love with each other, and in turn, sharing that love with their family and people around them.

We are going to take some time on Mother's Day just to honor the ladies in attendance who are Mothers as well as appreciate our own Mothers who have impacted our lives in so many ways. The Bible tells us in Ephesians 6:2a (KJV) "Honor your father and mother" which is the first commandment with a promise and where is that promise found? We read it in Deuteronomy 5:16 (KJV) "Honour thy father and thy mother, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

I love the following little story that shows the simple love and appreciation a child can have for Mom: A little boy forgot his lines in a Sunday school presentation. His mother was in the front row to prompt him. She gestured and formed the words silently with her lips, but it did not help. Her son's memory was blank. Finally, she leaned forward and whispered the cue, "I am the light of the world." The child beamed and with great feeling and a loud clear voice said, "My mother is the light of the world."

Of course, we know the Light of the World is Jesus, but He wants His light to shine in, and through each one of us to a world darkened by sin and despair. The love of a Godly Mother can serve as a tremendous example of the kind of love we all should be sharing and living on a daily basis.

Moms, we appreciate you and would love to have you join us on Mother's Day!

In Christ,

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