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THE FULFILLED MOTHER

(Psalm 128:3)

...Sometimes when counting our assets we may forget to include the greatest one. We may add up the dollars, and all the stuff that we have accumulated, and miss the gold. Mothers are God's treasure for us. They are priceless. ...Today is Mother's Day and we are honoring our mothers. To honor means "to highly prize." Thank you for living for us. You are worth far more than earthly treasure. We love you. You are beautiful in our eyes. ...There are many voices today calling wives and mothers to find their meaning and satisfaction in the wrong places. It is only God's wonderful Word that will point you to the path of fulfillment.

THREE DESCRIPTIONS OF THE FULFILLED WIFE AND MOTHER

CALLING ALL OF US TO SING HER PRAISES. For she is a rare beauty to behold!!!!

I. **The Deeply Satisfied Wife And Mother Is Called A Vine. (128:3)**

...This comes from the psalm where God teaches us of hearth and home.

- A. This seems like an odd description to us today. A Vine! But in Bible times, a wine had tremendous value and significance. "It symbolized luxuriousness, value and prosperity, something highly desirable and worthwhile."
 1. God used it to describe the promised land..."a land with vines..." (Deut. 8:7-8)
 2. Jesus used "the vine" to describe Himself. (John 15:1,5) The ultimate compliment...
...Here He is the vine who provides us with life, refreshment, and ministry.
...We are absolutely dependent upon Him as our source of life.
- B. Ladies, this underscores your strategic role. Accept the fact that God has made you a vine and given you an all important ministry to your husbands and children. Only you can fulfill this.
...In some ways God is telling you that you are to your family what Christ is to the church.

II. **The Deeply Satisfied Wife And Mother Is Fruitful. "a fruitful vine" (v.3)**

...Some vines never benefit anyone or anything. They merely look good, but never bear fruit...

- A. In the beginning God created Eve to stand side by side with her man and help him to accomplish what he could never do on his own. She was made to add dimensions that were equally important
 1. Adam and Eve both received God's command, "fruitful and rule over the earth" (1:28)
 2. Together they make an able team to accomplish by God's strength His purpose...
- B. What is the nature of this fruit? "He is speaking primarily of the fruit of the Spirit." (Gal. 5)
...Mom, God desires your life to be filled with: "Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." Be more concerned with BEING, than DOING...
 1. Your impact for God and your helpfulness to others depends upon the work of the Holy Spirit in your life. (1 Peter 3:1-5) Your life, from your character outward...
 2. Proverbs 31:10-31 is the best passage in the Bible revealing what it means..."fruitful"
 - a. She is a God-centered person. (v.30) He is everything to her, her strength, hope, and counselor. She finds her deepest satisfaction in the Lord.
 - b. Apart from Him, her life is frustrating, weary, despairing and depressing.

III. **The Deeply Satisfied Wife And Mother Is A family-Oriented Person. "within..."**

...Proverbs 31 emphasizes that she is utterly devoted to her family as her #1 ministry in life.

- A. Her husband is blessed as he leans upon her for help. (v.11) "he has full confidence in her..."
 1. She is his fountain to whom he may look for refreshment. She is a refuge for him.
...She enriches and excites his life. He values her more than any other woman. (28-29)
 2. She has not neglected him or the family while pursuing her own interests.
...She may work outside of the home, but she is never confused as to her first priority.
- B. Her children are blessed by her and "rise up to bless her." (28a)
 1. They are impressed by her godliness revealed in her character and conduct.
 2. She refused to allow any opinions that minimized the family to infect her...
- C. Proverbs 31 tells: She is unselfish, generous, caring, disciplined, contented, confident, strong, hopeful, encouraging, kind, and wise. She is a real beauty. She is utterly fulfilled as a person.
...No wonder she is a powerful influence in her home, among God's people, and in the community!

LESSONS FOR OUR LIVES: