

WHAT MAKES MOMS GREAT?

a special Mother's Day message
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What makes moms great? Three examples . . .

I. A great mother is a woman of _____.

A. A godly mother brings a _____.
Exodus 1:15-17, 22; 2:1-8 - Moses' Mother

B. God honors and _____ the godly family.

C. There is a _____ to being a mother.

II. A great mother is a woman of _____.

A. A praying mom is a _____ force!
1 Samuel 1 – Hannah

III. A great mother is a woman of _____.

A. Moms have an _____ opportunity to mold and shape.
2 Timothy 2:5 - Lois & Eunice

B. Children will get _____ from you . . . _____ from someone else.

C. The _____ of influence.
Proverbs 14:1 "A wise woman builds . . ."

Quotes About Motherhood

Erma Bombeck: "No one ever told me that an empty nest means having the phone ring and it's for you. It's having leftovers in the refrigerator that you can count on. It's having hot water in the shower, ice cubes in the freezer, and gas in your car. It's like being reborn!"

Ralph Waldo Emerson: "Men are what their mothers made them."

Napoleon Bonaparte: "The future destiny of the child is always the work of the mother."

John Quincy Adams: "All that I am, my mother made me."

Abraham Lincoln: "All that I am or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother."

George Washington: "I am what I am because of my mother!"

Theodore Roosevelt: "When all is said and done, it is the mother and the mother only who is a better citizen than the soldier who fights for his country. The successful mother, the mother who does her part in rearing and training aright the boys and girls, who are to be the men and women of the next generation, is of greater use to the community and occupies, if she would realize it, a more honorable as well as important position than any man in it. The mother is the one supreme asset of the national life. She is by far more important than the successful statesman, businessman, artist or scientist."

Jane Fonda: "There are a few things I regret in my life; namely, not having put enough time into mothering, giving, and taking care of the inner life. I was driven every moment of my life, so the issues that are important to me now include rest and replenishment, and feeling safe and secure with someone."

Priscilla Presley (when asked, "How do you most want to be remembered: As an actress? Executive? Elvis' mate?"): "I want to be remembered as Navarone and Lisa's mom. They are the dearest things in the world to me, more than anything else. They are my life. Among all these hats — business, career, whatever — I came home to them, and they gave me happiness."

Barbara Bush (after being criticized by Wellesley College students for spending much of her life rearing children): "At the end of your life, you will never regret not having passed one more test, winning one more verdict, or not closing one more deal. You WILL regret time not spent with a husband, a child, a friend, a parent."