

“Add to Your Faith” - #6

The Love of a Mother

Maturing to Perfection in Your Walk With the Lord

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2 Peter 1:1-9

...But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.

Last week:

Add to your Faith: Seven Qualities of a Kingdom Person

- Virtue - godly thinking, attitude and conduct
- Knowledge - Committed to spiritual growth
- Self-Control - in command of one's faculties/appetites
- Perseverance - Stick with it!
- Godliness - What being conformed into the image of Jesus looks like in a Kingdom person's life
- Brotherly Love - Agape displayed in personal relationships
- Love - Agape
 - Agape is a Greek term for the highest form of love, representing selfless, unconditional, and sacrificial love, most famously known as the divine, unconditional love God has for humanity in Christian theology. Unlike emotional love (philia or eros), agape is a conscious choice to seek the well-being of others without expecting anything in return

The Love of a Mother

I Kings 3:16-28 - The dilemma of the two harlots and their babies

- The love of a Mother
- Would give up the rights to her son

- Even a harlot would do the right thing when it comes to the life of her children

Characteristics of a Kingdom Mother

- **Pure**
 - Our natural example of agape - the love we have for our children
 - There's not a substitute for a Mother's love
- **Unconditional**
 - Moms get tested in a wide variety of ways - their love doesn't waver
 - Critical words doesn't
- **Comforting**
 - Moms have a unique way of bringing peace to a worrisome situation
 - Mom's words soothe the hardest situation
- **Nurturing**
 - Love displayed every day in every situation - It comes naturally
 - Attentive to their spiritual gifting
 - Exposes them to Kingdom truths
 - Helps them to incorporate them into their daily lives
 - Partners with the Holy Spirit to bring them into their spiritual destiny
- **Affectionate**
 - Kindness displayed in everyday situations
 - There is no substitute for the words and the touch of a Mother
 - I learned this from my Mom
 - *"You'll never know how much we love you until you have kids of your own"* - Mom
- **Wisdom**
 - Mothers have an instinctual wisdom - It's God-given
 - Intuition - They have a supernatural quality to 'pick up on' what's happening beneath the surface
- **Respect**
 - Respecting of their individuality
 - Teaches and demonstrates respect toward others
- **Attentive to their children's emotions**
 - Assertive to tend to their emotional down times
 - Always seems to know just the right thing to say in those times

- **Sacrificial**
 - Gladly going without to see her children have what they need
 - Making time when she doesn't really have time
- **Protective**
 - Don't mess with a Mother's children
 - Even in the animal world
 - Will go to battle if needed
 - Will stand against any foe in defense of her children
- **Enduring and Unending**
 - Stands the test of time
 - A Mother's love grows over the years
 - No matter the challenges, the hurts, the bitter words - Mother's love never diminishes - In fact....it often grows stronger
- **Always creating an atmosphere of safety**
 - Enabling their children to live without fear
 - Creates a wholesome household free of chaos
- **Never stops reaching out for/contending for the prodigals**
 - It happens - Even in the safest homes some children go astray
 - A Mother's love adapts to the situation
 - Determined to see the prodigals 'come home'
- **Conscious and strategic of their children's friends**
 - The 'Five Friends' theory
 - *"You become like the people you surround yourself with."*
 - *"Show me your friends and I'll show you your future."*
- **Mothers are Prayers**
 - God hears the prayers of a Mother
 - They touch the heart of the Father!