



A Single Mom's Legacy – Part 2



Single moms have unusually heavy responsibilities to carry, but they can still be wise and loving mothers who raise wise and loving children.

It is easy for a single mom to feel like a victim and live in hurt and resentment about her circumstances, but only a woman who forgives those who hurt or abused her, the way Jesus forgave His abusers, can be a truly wise and loving mother to her children.



It is very difficult, sometimes, to accept one's life the way it is and to be a woman who fully accepts her responsibilities and lives her life circumstances the way they are, not as she wishes they were. It means acceptance of yourself just as you are, with all the handicaps of inferiorities, unfair injustices done to you, wrong choices, lack of opportunities, etc., etc.

Many single women postpone this acceptance, waiting and hoping things will change. Their hearts are never in their present day to day lives. They are always waiting for the time when they believe their true life will begin.

Changes may come, but you are living your true life now, every moment of every day.



You only get one chance at raising your children. So, now, when your children are with you – be there with them – listening and paying attention in your head – be there – not distracted with your own thoughts about yourself and your own problems.

Kids know when you're listening, or if you're thinking about something else while they're talking; when you are just hearing them without paying attention to what they are saying.

It sends them the message that you're not interested in them, or what they have to say, and they will stop talking to you about their deep feelings and will just "bug" you about some unimportant thing until you finally yell at them and they at least get some attention from you, even if it's negative attention.

Kids have a way of sharing things that are important to them at the times your under the heaviest stress and pressure, and then they'll test you a week later about 10:00 pm

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when they say, “Mom, I have to have my new gym outfit tomorrow morning or I’ll get an F in PE.”

Your response: “Why didn’t you tell me?”

Their response: “I did tell you last week when you were fixing dinner and you said ‘um hum’ like you heard me.”

As mothers, you need to meet your children where they are in their thinking, not where you think they should be. They may be dealing with their immaturity or disappointment in their athletic ability, or their grades, or their friends. They just need you to listen and love them, with understanding of how they feel.



If you respond to them, without really listening to how they feel, with words like, “Oh, you’ll be all right, just give it some time,” or, “It doesn’t matter what the other kids said,” it shows you don’t feel or understand the way they feel.

If you correct them when they are being open about their thoughts and feelings you will turn them off and it will be a long time before they will open up again.

Respect what your child is saying and believe it. Strong feelings that are not allowed to be expressed can become the building blocks for walls that shut you out and rebellion follows.

God knows the hardships you face everyday as a single mom. Your greatest ministry unto Him is to raise your children to love Him and inherit eternal life with you.



They will respond to the love, kindness and respect they receive from you. It’s by these things that they feel good about themselves and know they are accepted by you and by God.

They will hurt and disappoint you sometimes, just as we all hurt and disappoint God sometimes. We must have the same loving acceptance of them in those times that God has had for us in our times when we hurt and disappointed Him.

You are the most important person in your child’s life. You are their security. Often their only security!

If you feel overwhelmed by the task of “motherhood” it’s because you are depending on your own strength and ability instead of putting your faith in the Holy Spirit of God, that

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lives inside of you, to guide your days, your hours, and even your minutes. Those minutes are what your “now” is made up of. And our “now” is all we really have. The past is gone and the future is always tomorrow.

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, being the proof of things we do not see and the conviction of their reality.”
Amen! Hebrews 11:1 AMP



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1. What must a single mom do to be truly loving?

2. When does a single mom live her true life?

3. How does she show her children she cares how they feel?

4. What happens when a child cannot express its strong feelings?

5. What is a single mom's greatest ministry to God?

6. What makes children feel good about themselves?

7. Who is the most important person in a child's life?

8. Who is often their only security?

9. What is your "now" made of?

10. What is the assurance of the things you hope for? (Hebrews 11:1)
(The answer to this question will be your memory verse)

MEMORY VERSE _____

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1. What must a single mom do to be truly loving?

Forgive those who hurt or abused her.

2. When does a single mom live her true life?

Now.

3. How does she show her children she cares how they feel?

By paying attention and listen when they talk.

4. What happens when a child cannot express its strong feelings?

They build walls.

5. What is a single mom's greatest ministry to God?

Raising their children to love Him.

6. What makes children feel good about themselves?

The love, kindness and respect of their mother.

7. Who is the most important person in a child's life?

Their mother.

8. Who is often their only security?

Their mother.

9. What is your "now" made of?

Every minute of the day.

10. What is the assurance of the things you hope for? (Hebrews 11:1)

MEMORY VERSE "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, being the proof of things we do not see, and the conviction of their reality." Amen!