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**Living Faith Chapel, Calgary
(Solution Center)**

WORD FOR THE WEEK

A CELEBRATION OF MOTHERHOOD: A CELEBRATION OF LONG LIFE

It is Mother's Day today! Yes, we are celebrating the mothers and all women in our lives today, and our everlasting King of Kings deserves our praise and adoration. This morning I urge you to set aside at least three minutes of your time to bless the name of the Lord on behalf of your mother, wife, aunt, sister daughter and niece. All females are mothers and so shall it be in their lives in Jesus' mighty name!

Mothers are special and the Bible speaks very highly of mothers who raise children and guide their families in a righteous manner. The Scriptures amply emphasize this fact in the very famous **Proverbs 31:10-30 (NIV)**: ***"A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life. She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands. She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar. She gets up while it is still night; she provides food for her family and portions for her female servants. She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard. She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks. She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night. In her hand she holds the distaff and grasps the spindle with her fingers. She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy. When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet. She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple. Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes. She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised."***

The Bible in different ways and in different places ties longevity of life to respect for your mother [and father, you may add]. **Honour...thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee (Exodus 20: 120)**. You will also be required to make a personal choice for long life by how much respect and honor you accord the mother in your life. Take a look at **Ephesians 6: 2-3 (KJV)** which advises you to: **Honour thy... mother; (which is the first commandment with promise); that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.** This is absolutely a personal choice that we all have to make. You may have lost your biological mother, but there is someone who plays the mother role in your life. Give her the honor she deserves, as this is one of the greatest keys to longevity of life. Wondering why mention of the "fathers" is omitted in the above cited Bible passages? The answer is very simple: their day is yet to come!

While obedience to and respect for the mothers in our lives is a lifelong obligation, I enjoin you to make today a special day for that special woman in your life. You may have other events not related to the significance of today, but it would be great if you could suspend that other event and plan something special for her. It could be buying her a special gift, taking her out to eat at a special restaurant, at your expense, or doing her a favour that would ordinarily be burdensome to you. By taking these steps, you are choosing the path to longevity of life!

NOTE: If you have been blessed by our Word for the Week or inspired in any way by them, please let us know by sending an email to The Pastor at pastor@rccglfc.org

Mother's Day gifts



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\$ 56

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\$ 73



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\$ 82



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\$ 259



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