



**Do not grow weary
while doing good, for in
due season you will reap if
you do not lose heart.**

Galatians 6:9

**“The tenderest earthly tie is
that between the mother
and her child.”⁸**



Sculpting Characters

“There is a God above, and the **light and glory from His throne rests upon the faithful mother** as she tries to educate her children to resist the influence of evil. **No other work can equal hers in importance.** She has not, like the artist, to paint a form of beauty upon canvas; nor, like the sculptor, to chisel it from marble. She has not, like the author, to embody a noble thought in words of power; nor, like the musician, to express a beautiful sentiment in melody. It is hers, with the help of God, to develop in a human soul the likeness of the divine.

The mother who appreciates this will regard her opportunities as priceless.”⁹

A Work of Inestimable Value

Dear mother, your unconditional love and tireless labor for your children is of infinite worth in the eyes of God.

I want to **thank you** today, and bless you with these excerpts that I hope will impart strength and encouragement.

A Sacred Work

“Woman should fill the position which God originally designed for her, as her husband’s equal. **The world needs mothers who are mothers not merely in name but in every sense of the word.** We may safely say that the distinctive duties of woman are more sacred, more holy, than those of man. **Let woman realize the sacredness of her work and in the strength and fear of God take up her life mission.** Let her educate her children for usefulness in this world and for a home in the better world.”¹

The Veil Withdrawn

“**The mother seldom appreciates her own work** and frequently sets so low an estimate upon her labor that she regards it as domestic drudgery. She goes through the same round day after day, week after week, with no special marked results. **She cannot tell at the close of the day the many little things she has accomplished.** Placed beside her husband’s achievement, she feels that she has done nothing worth mentioning. (...)”

Could the veil be withdrawn and father and mother see as God sees the work of the day, and see how His infinite eye compares the work of the one with that of the other, they would be astonished at the heavenly revelation. **The father would view his labors in a more modest light, while the mother would have new courage and energy to pursue her labor with wisdom, perseverance, and patience. Now she knows its value.** While the father has been dealing with the things which must perish and pass away, the mother has been dealing with developing minds and character, working not only for time but for eternity.”²

**NEXT TO GOD, THE MOTHER'S
POWER FOR GOOD IS THE
STRONGEST KNOWN ON
EARTH.**⁴



Queen of the Home

“**The king upon his throne has no higher work than has the mother.** The mother is queen of her household. She has in her power the molding of her children’s characters... **An angel could not ask for a higher mission;** for in doing this work she is doing service for God. **Let her only realize the high character of her task, and it will inspire her with courage. Let her realize the worth of her work and put on the whole armor of God,** that she may resist the temptation to conform to the world’s standard.”³

Channel of Light

“**A [mother’s] word of approval will bring sunshine to [her child’s] heart for hours. ... How closely can she bind these dear ones to her heart, that her presence will be to them the sunniest place in the world.**”⁴

The True Missionary

“**Mothers who sigh for a missionary field have one at hand in their own home circle...**”

If she, in her humble way, yet to the best of her ability, **makes a heaven of her home,** faithfully and lovingly performing her duties to her husband and children, continually seeking to let a holy light shine from her useful, pure, and virtuous life to brighten all around her, **she is doing the work left her of the Master,** and will hear from His divine lips the words: “**Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.**” These women who are doing with ready willingness what their hands find to do, with cheerfulness of spirit aiding their husbands to bear their burdens and training their children for God, **are missionaries in the highest sense.**”^{5,6}

Divine Aid

“**Jesus knows the burden of every mother’s heart.** He who had a mother that struggled with poverty and privation, sympathizes with every mother in her labors... He who gave back to the widow of Nain her only son, and in His agony upon the cross remembered His own mother, **is touched today by the mother’s sorrow.** In every grief and every need, He will comfort and help.

Let mothers come to Jesus with their perplexities. They will find grace sufficient to aid them in the management of their children. **The gates are open for every mother who would lay her burdens at the Saviour’s feet.** He who said, “Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not” (Mark 10:14), **still invites mothers to bring their little ones to be blessed by Him.**”⁷

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