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Mothers have a unique responsibility to teach their children about Jesus and following him.
<http://bible.com/events/32125>

Do or Die -- the need for prayer

Poverty-stricken as the church is today in many things, she is most stricken here, in the place of prayer. We have many organizers, but few agonizers; many players and payers, few pray-ers; many singers, few clingers; lots of pastors, few wrestlers; many fears, few tears; much fashion, little passion; many interferers, few intercessors; many writers, but few fighters. Failing here, we fail everywhere. Article by Leonard Ravenhill (1907-1994) who was an evangelist and author who challenged the modern church to compare itself to the early Christian church as chronicled in the Book of Acts.
<http://billygraham.org/decision-magazine/february-2016/do-or-die-prayer/>

A few years ago, I shared Ten Things My Mom Taught Me on Mothers' Day. Today I will share Ten More.

TEN LESSONS MOM TAUGHT ME(The Original List)

1. Jesus loves me.
2. Sweat the big things. By the way, there aren't any big things.
3. The only way to live the married life is to be in love with your best friend and co-worker in God's mission.
4. Grandchildren are even more fun than children are.
5. True beauty shines through from the inside and cannot be put on the outside no matter how hard one tries.
6. Strong women are a blessing from God to real men.
7. It's OK to write in your Bible as long as you let the Holy Spirit write the Bible into your lifestyle.
8. Life is serious business. Think through your decisions. But remember to play games and laugh out loud.
9. Love is occasionally expressed best in receiving "a cup of cold water."
10. Our real home is with Jesus.

Proverbs 1:8-9 NLT

My child, listen when your father corrects you. Don't neglect your mother's instruction. What you learn from them will crown you with grace and be a chain of honor around your neck.

Sermon in a Sentence:

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10 MORE LESSONS MOM TAUGHT ME

1. Think for yourself. Know what you believe and why you believe it.
2. Take responsibility for your actions. Own your decisions. Don't blame others.
3. There's always room for improvement. Nothing in this world is perfect. Frankly, nothing is even "good enough."

4. Never lose hope. Problems come and go. Jesus will see us through all of them.
5. Be creative. Use what you have and look for new ways to do things.
6. Read your Bible and pray every day.
7. Appreciate art and beauty. Enjoy it. Make some.
8. If you don't have anything nice to say, then don't say anything.
9. You and your sister are miracles.
10. The Bible's promises produce powerful prayers.

Our culture tends to mock and belittle a parent's lessons taught to the children. But calls his people to remember and to live by the lessons our parents taught us.

Whether your mother taught you lessons about following Jesus or not, teach your children and grandchildren.

Will you make a list of lessons you want to pass on to them?