

“The Power of Humility”

Clash #6 Mother's Day

1 Peter 5:5b-7; Proverbs 3:5-6

The Challenges Moms Face* ...

- ***Minimal Training***
- ***Gigantic Expectations***
- ***Limited Resources***

“I realize that as a man, I have a limited perspective on the challenges of motherhood. However, after a lifetime of observation I have observed these three challenges to be very real in the lives of most mothers.”

- Pastor Ron

The Power of Humility

“All of you, **clothe yourselves with humility** toward one another because, ‘God opposes the proud but **gives grace to the humble**. Humble yourselves, therefore, **under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up at due time**. Cast all your anxiety on him because **he cares for you**.” - 1 Peter 5:5b - 7

A Case Study in Godly Humility

Susanna Wesley (1669-1742), and her husband Samuel, had nineteen children. Nine died as infants. Two of her sons, John and Charles Wesley, went on to become great evangelists, theologians and hymn writers. Susanna was a great mother in spite of living in a very conflicted marriage.

Lessons from Susanna's Life*

1. Cultivate Godliness instead of Nursing Grievances.

1 Peter 3:1-2, 4 “Wives, in the same way **be submissive to your husbands** so that, if any of them don't believe the word they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, when they see **the purity and reverence of your lives**. (Your beauty) should not come from outward adornment ... Instead it should be that of your inner self, **the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit**, which is of great worth in God's sight.” James 1:19-21; Ephesians 4:15, 21, 26-27, 31; Romans 14:1, 5-6, 13,19; Proverbs 31:10-25

2. Remain Faithful in Doing Good Even When Weary.

Galatians 6:9 “Let us **not become weary in doing good**, for at the proper time we will **reap a harvest** if do not give up.” Titus 2:4-5; Proverbs 12:4; 13:20; Hebrews 10:23-25

3. Maintain an Attitude of Loving Loyalty.

Ephesians 4:31 “Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. **Be kind and compassionate to one another**, forgiving each other just as in Christ, God forgave you.” Philippians 2:5-15; Proverbs 4:23

4. Resist the Thought of Ever Giving Up.

1 Corinthians 13:7—8a “Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. **Love never fails.**” Philippians 1:4-6; Psalm 139:23-24; 1 Corinthians 4:1-2; 7:15-16

* I'm in debt to my friend, Ray Beeson, whose wonderful book, “*The Hidden Price of Greatness*” first introduced me to Susanna Wesley and many other great heroes of the faith. I highly recommend it.