

Quotable Quotes...

Christianity is a love relationship between a child of God and his Maker through the Son Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit. ~ Adrian Rogers



"God's design was not for a world where everything was the same, but rather a world where all things (with all their multifaceted uniqueness) were gathered together in Him. Creation's harmony existed because of its shared life in God, not because of any flat unanimity." ~Winn Collier

The Vocabulary of a Mother

Dumbwaiter: A waiter who asks *if* the children would care to order a dessert.

Feedback: The inevitable result when the baby doesn't appreciate the strained carrots.

Full Name: What you call your child when you're angry with him.

Grandparents: The people who think your children are wonderful even though they're sure you're not raising them right.

Independent: How we want our children to be for as long as they do everything we say.

Puddle: A small body of water that draws other small bodies wearing dry shoes into.

Show Off: A child who is more talented than yours.

Whodunit: None of the children who live in your house.

Bottle-feeding: An opportunity for daddy to get up at 2 am.



Over the centuries mothers have given their children plenty of good advice...

COLUMBUS'S MOTHER: I don't care what you've discovered, Christopher. You could have written.

GOLDILOCKS'S MOTHER: I've got a bill here for a broken chair, spilled porridge, and messed beds. Do you know anything about this, Goldie?

HUMPTY DUMPTY'S MOTHER: Humpty, if I've told you once, I've told you a hundred times not to get up on that wall. But would you listen to me? No!



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"Mother is the name of God from the lips and in the hearts of little children."

~ Author Unknown

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"I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford. Then I want to move in with them." - Phyllis Diller

I said a Mother's Day prayer for you
to thank the Lord above
for blessing me with a lifetime
of your tenderhearted love.
I thanked God for the caring
you've shown me through the
years,
for the closeness we've enjoyed
in time of laughter and of tears.
And so, I thank you from the
heart
for all you've done for me
and I bless the Lord for giving
me
the best mother there could be!
~ Author Unknown

Join us each Sunday for Worship...

10:45am worship and praise

Thot: "The Holy Spirit was sent to apply what the Son has accomplished according to what the Father has decreed."

- Erik Raymond

Where Christ is cherished, family is loved and everyone is family!

The Lighter Side...

While assembling furniture, Liz asked her friend's six-year-old son, Ricky, to bring her a screwdriver. 'Do you want a 'Daddy' screwdriver or a 'Mummy' screwdriver?' Ricky politely inquired. Confused by the question, Liz responded with, 'Bring me a 'Mummy' screwdriver.' Ricky returned and handed her a butter knife.

Overheard at the checkout line of a supermarket... "I'd like to be the ideal mother, but I've no time; I'm too busy raising my kids."



Something To Think About..

"He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday." [Psalm 9:1, 5-6] Do you feel bombarded with change from every direction? Do you feel stressed, overworked, with too little time to appreciate and enjoy life? Do you find it difficult to keep up with everything you need to do? Change – we're apt to be more comfortable with change if it were only more predictable and if we could only have it more constant.

If you've children or grandchildren, chances are you can't help but notice what a different world they're growing up in compared to when you were their age. If you tell them what life was like when you were young, they may be astonished at how different things were "back then" – that is once they get over believing you were once young! We think back to a time when we didn't have to go through long security lines at the airport, and terrorism seemed like something that only happened in far-flung lands. Now we see it in the nightly news and experience in Canada.

"The fear of rapid change is big today," observes Gabe Ignatow, Ph.D., a sociologist at the University of North Texas. *"Many people see the changes going on in the world around us and are worried and anxious. If they also have changes going on in their personal lives, it can all be overwhelming."*

Change happens. How we respond to that change determines how we live our lives. But there's an effect to our lives through change. Researchers at the University of Washington School of Medicine

developed a scale of ranking stressful events. The higher one's total score in any given year, the more likely that person may develop a serious illness. Enough change thrown at a person may result in depression as well as physical ailment. Deaths of a loved one, divorce, career change or personal illness are understandably high. Surprisingly however, positive change such as marriage, retirement, additions to the family, a child leaving home and even Christmas season can all affect a person substantially as well.

In all this, faith has lost its place in our homes, and many no longer hold to any system of ethics and concrete values. In its place is a secular view where everything is relative. This has changed the face of families, upset moral structures, devastated traditions and left us without any foundation. Today society's where anything goes and nothing is certain. We hear the call for tolerance and with it acceptance of promiscuity, adultery, homosexual relationships, lying, cheating, pornography, alcohol and drug abuse, use of indiscreet and explicit language—to name just *some* of society's ills. Today contraceptives can be given students – but not the Bible.

No matter how tumultuous or volatile this world gets, we can count on God to be our anchor and refuge. Malachi 3:6 assures us, *"For I am the Lord, I do not change."* We're reminded again in Hebrews 13:8 *"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."* God does not change. He is steady and reliable, His promises endure forever. Indeed, we can trust completely in God's Word. Of course, in our society today, what's "true" one year might not be the next. We hear of studies that document the health benefits of a certain food, and then a short time later we find that another researcher reports the same food to be harmful. This doesn't happen

with God's Word. In Isaiah 40:8 says, *"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever"*. We can be equipped to handle change well – we simply have to trust God; and He gave us His Son to show us the way knowing that *"whoever believes in (Jesus) is not condemned"*.

[John 2:18] Oh, what a relief in this world of change.

Mark your Calendar...

Sat May 2, 9, 23 - work days
Camp Hermosa

Sun May 3 – Communion

Wed May 6, 13, 20, 27 – midweek
Bible Study and Prayer meeting

Sun May 10 – **Mother's Day**

Sat May 30 - Annual General
Meeting at camp 10 a.m.

Weekly Sunday Messages...

Coping with Change