



SD#114 The Influence of Moms

Deuteronomy 4:9 (ESV) *“Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children—”*

Reflection Questions:

- 1) How do you view your influence as a mom?
- 2) What are the groups of people that you directly or indirectly influence?
- 3) How does knowing you are “Daughter of Christ” shape your influence?



Extended Devotion:

Mothers have a lot of influence, don't they? If you're a mom, you have probably found this is true in more areas than one. Although our children may not see our influence in the moment, they will remember it in the future and carry on the legacy of our influence. This seems a bit daunting to me! On some level, we should experience some trepidation of the results of our influence. It holds us accountable for raising our children for the glory of God. We see both the warnings and gentle encouragement of parental influence throughout Scripture. We also see God's hand guiding parents every step of the way. The God who proved faithful in Scripture can guide our influence as mothers today.

Our influence does not simply stop in our homes. As we influence our children through training and cultivating relationships, they send those principles out into the world. We as mothers have the beautiful assignment of shaping culture. It starts in our home with our children. Yes, this seems daunting, but also humbling. What a gift for us to cultivate little disciples for the Kingdom of Christ! No, it is not always easy and it can often feel discouraging when we don't see the fruits of our labors. But we can draw nearer to Christ and ask Him for the strength and wisdom that shapes the influence of our calling.

Drawing closer to God divinely shapes our influence. If we truly desire a Divine influence in the lives of our children, we must diligently draw closer to God. Scripture commands that we keep our souls diligently. The best way for that to happen is for us to continually stay in the Word and pray fervently. The best influence will happen with prayer.

John 14:14 (ESV) says, *"If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it."* If we desire our material influence to guide our children in virtue for God's glory, we need only ask Him for the strength to do so.

Application:

1. If you weren't able to read Proverbs 31 last week, take a few moments now and read it. Meditate on any thoughts the Holy Spirit brings to mind.
2. There were many helpful steps mentioned in today's episode that we can take to influence our children for Christ. Write down 1-2 that resonates with your family.

Takeaway:

Our influence as mothers begins with diligently seeking wisdom from the Word.

