

“We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done...so that the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands” (Psalm 78:4, 6-7).

“...admonish the young women to...be discreet...chaste...that the word of God may not be blasphemed” (Titus 2:4).

“...showing yourself to be a pattern of good works...” (Titus 2:7).

Purpose

Countless young girls have a great need to be nurtured. Many need to be loved and accepted by a Prayer Mother who will provide relationship and approval. Our girls are often overwhelmed by the complexities of life and need the opportunity to be understood.

We have a scriptural mandate to mentor young girls by lifestyle! Our girls need to establish a covenant relationship with a spiritual mother who will encourage and equip them to reach spiritual maturity.

To provide a confidential relationship between a spiritual mother and a spiritual daughter.

There are many essential areas in a girl's life that needs to be developed such as:

- Spiritual
- Physical
- Intellectual
- Emotional
- Relational

Process

Develop guidelines as how the prayer mothers and daughters will be matched. It is very important that prayerful consideration be given to this mentoring ministry. It would certainly be advantageous to consider common interests and experiences.

Determine the duration of the relationship. It works well to set definite beginning and ending dates.

Prayer Mothers need to interact with their potential spiritual daughter to ascertain expectations, needs and realistic objectives. Will they meet regularly or informally? Will there be rules of accountability? Should there be stated time constraints that the spiritual daughter should respect in terms of her Prayer Mother?

It should be clearly defined that the Prayer Mother ministry is not a counseling ministry but a mentoring ministry. Confidentiality should be priority; however, crisis situations and other issues that jeopardize the life of a prayer daughter should be shared with the pastor. Follow the pastor's advice in determining if professional assistance is required.



Promotion

In conjunction with the Girls Clubs ministries (Little Sweethearts, Bluebells, Joy Belles and YLM) promote the Prayer Mother ministry as an integral part of the ministry and its objective to train young women to become all they were created to be as a daughter of God. Set aside a special service to highlight the spiritual-mothering ministry.

Pledge

- Pray for my prayer daughter
- Be approachable
- Be available
- Connect with my prayer daughter
- Remember her special days
- Offer to accompany her to special events
- Call and connect at strategic times
- Research resources to enhance this ministry

Participation

Because the typical girl is impacted by undeniably questionable influences, Prayer Mothers can help counter those role models by:

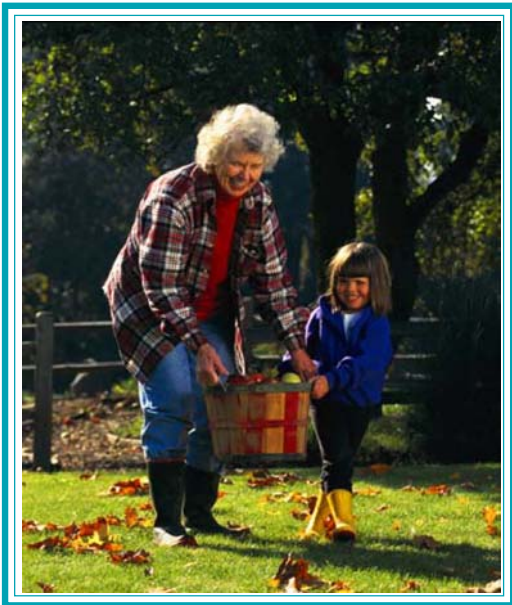
- Communicating without sounding critical
- Provide a diversity of options
- Look for teachable moments
- Engage in meaningful and fun activities
- Respect her interests and be open to dialog
- Refrain from expressing shock

Resources

- Heart to Heart** \$5.00
Defining the Prayer Mother Program
- Love Drops** \$2.00
Prayer Mother Installation Program
- Prayer Mother Ribbons** \$1.00
Available in club colors
- Commitment Cards** \$0.25
- Insight** \$8.00
A quarterly magazine for Counselors and Prayer Mothers.



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