

## MOTHER'S DAY

-Ryan Parsons-

Proverbs 23:22-25

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*Listen to your father who gave you life,  
and do not despise your mother when she is old.*

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*Buy truth, and do not sell it;  
buy wisdom, instruction, and understanding.*

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*The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice;  
he who fathers a wise son will be glad in him.*

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*Let your father and mother be glad;  
let her who bore you rejoice.*

Many years ago, I loved and played the game of baseball. This love was inherited from my father and followed me from T-ball to high school. On game day, our mothers would often wear a pin-on button made from their player's photo which included a ribbon underneath that said: "That's My Boy!" I was a little embarrassed by this maternal practice, but I understood the sentiment. Not much has changed since then. Today parents find all sorts of creative ways to say how proud they are of their little athletes.

As the children of God, we are tasked with living lives that honor our parents. A mother is not only to be honored, but her children are called to live a life that makes her "glad" to the point that she can "rejoice." The gifts Solomon says will gain that rejoicing and gladness of a mother are...truth, wisdom, instruction, and understanding (v. 23). This doesn't mean that you buy them and put them in a drawer somewhere. Nor should you try to fit them in a card or wrap them in a box. It simply means that you should gain these things and live life by them. God's truth and wisdom create a life that not only honors mother and father, but produces something that Mom can rejoicingly declare, "That's my kid!"

What are you giving your Mom for Mother's Day? Cards, flowers, and gifts are all good, but a life lead by God's truth and wisdom is even better. It is sure to bring her joy!

Happy Mother's Day,  
Ryan