

## Fact Sheet for “Mother’s Day” Selected Passages from Proverbs

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Read Proverbs 31:10-31

There are many other references to mothers in Proverbs.

**ESV Proverbs 1:8-9** Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching, <sup>9</sup> for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck.

**NAU Proverbs 1:8-9** Hear, my son, your father's instruction And do not forsake your mother's teaching; <sup>9</sup> Indeed, they are a graceful wreath to your head And ornaments about your neck.

**ESV Proverbs 6:20** My son, keep your father's commandment, and forsake not your mother's teaching.

**ESV Proverbs 31:1** The words of King Lemuel. An oracle that his mother taught him:

Vs. 1-9

**ESV Proverbs 10:1** The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son makes a glad father, but a foolish son is a sorrow to his mother.

“sorrow” – “grief”  
Cf. Sally

This does not mean that a foolish son does not grieve his father.

**ESV Proverbs 17:25** A foolish son is a grief to his father and bitterness to her who bore him.

Nor does it mean that a wise son does not make his mother glad.  
This proverb can also be properly expanded to daughters.

**ESV Proverbs 15:20** A wise son makes a glad father, but a foolish man despises his mother.

“despise” – “to hold in contempt” or “to think lightly of” instead of “to respect”  
To do this is to break the 5<sup>th</sup> Commandment.

**ESV Exodus 20:12** ¶ “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

Cf. Ephesians 6:1-3  
Cf. Mark 7:1-13; Matthew 15:1-9

**ESV Proverbs 23:25** Let your father and mother be glad; let her who bore you rejoice.

**ESV Proverbs 23:22** Listen to your father who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old.

**ESV Proverbs 19:26** He who does violence to his father and chases away his mother is a son who brings shame and reproach.

**NLT Proverbs 19:26** Children who mistreat their father or chase away their mother are an embarrassment and a public disgrace.

**ESV Proverbs 20:20** If one curses his father or his mother, his lamp will be put out in utter darkness.

**NLT Proverbs 20:20** If you insult your father or mother, your light will be snuffed out in total darkness.

**ESV Proverbs 28:24** Whoever robs his father or his mother and says, "That is no transgression," is a companion to a man who destroys.

**NLT Proverbs 28:24** Anyone who steals from his father and mother and says, "What's wrong with that?" is no better than a murderer.

**ESV Proverbs 29:15** The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child left to himself brings shame to his mother.

**NAU Proverbs 29:15** The rod and reproof give wisdom, But a child who gets his own way brings shame to his mother.

**NLT Proverbs 29:15** To discipline a child produces wisdom, but a mother is disgraced by an undisciplined child.

**ESV Proverbs 30:17** The eye that mocks a father and scorns to obey a mother will be picked out by the ravens of the valley and eaten by the vultures.

**NAU Proverbs 30:17** The eye that mocks a father And scorns a mother, The ravens of the valley will pick it out, And the young eagles will eat it.

“mocks” – “despises”

**ESV Proverbs 30:11** There are those who curse their fathers and do not bless their mothers.

Cf. vs. 11-14

Honor you mother and father.  
This is God's will for you.