BA 95117 05-14 1995

Mother's Day

A recent survey revealed an alarming number of mothers--almost 70 percent who said they would not have children if they could live life over. Reasons cited include the difficulty of bringing up children, economic problems, and the disappointment of children who do not live up to parents' expectations.

We are celebrate Mother's Day today. It is a time to shower our mothers with praise and attention. A good mother is an indispensable blessing. In my opinion, three things make a good mother; first, they love their children unconditionally. A child's security comes from knowing that he/she is loved "no matter what." Children need to be loved even when they make mistakes.

Second, good mothers instill a faith in God along with a sense of right and wrong. Discipline promotes self discipline; faith produces character, while knowing the love of God means acceptance and self-worth.

And third, good mothers enjoy their children as people. They swing, walk, talk, listen, play, and work with their children. Quantity time is quality time when it comes to being a good mother.

If you can look back at your childhood and see that your mom loved you unconditionally, instilled within you a faith in God, and took time to know you as a person; then go thank God, and then go thank your mother.

-gls