

From Where I Sit . . .

“Thoughts On Motherhood”

In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson officially proclaimed the 2nd Sunday in May as Mother’s Day. Since that time, the popularity and importance of Mother’s Day has soared. This weekend some 20.8 million Americans will call their Mother. 125 million Mother’s Day cards will be given (only 75 million to Father’s on Father’s Day).

Even though Mother’s Day is in no way a religious holiday to be observed, the Bible does tell us to “Honor your father and mother” (Exodus 20:12). Mother’s Day is an appropriate way to do this though it certainly should not be the only time each year when they receive honor and special gestures of love and appreciation for all their many efforts.

Today we want to give special recognition to our mothers as we consider some “thoughts on motherhood” from various sources:

MOTHER’S ARE. . .”

A Poem by Floyd Wood

*Blowers of noses and washers of ears,
Smoother of bumped spots and wipers of tears,
Bathers of babies and umpires of spats,
Finders of boots and mittens and hats,
Helpers with lessons and makers of beds,
Shakers of dustcloths and combers of heads,
Button-sew-oners and winders of clocks,
Menders of dresses and darners of socks.
Tellers of stories and readers of books,
Judges and juries of conduct and looks,
Doctors of heartaches and hearers of prayers,
Generals directing all family affairs,
Tenders of home fires and builders of men,
(Oh, for the gift of an adequate pen!)*

Being a Mom isn’t the world’s easiest job. More than half of mothers with children under 18 years work at other jobs as well. Seven out of ten of these work full-time outside the home. Samuel Bacchiocchi, in “*The Call to Motherhood*,” says that “the call to motherhood is being endangered today by many subversive forces”:

(1) ungrateful husbands; (2) economic necessity; (3) professional satisfaction .

I would add to these that factors such as low self-esteem, and the lack of a helping hand can make her role in life the very most difficult to fulfill. We all should appreciate the great privilege of motherhood. If your mother is still living, let her know how special she is to you today and each day that you have her. Husbands, we must also let the Mother of our children know how precious she is to us. **Happy Mothers Day!!!**

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