

## Mother's Day

I would like to focus today on certain aspects of what God is like. There are so many things he is to us and does for us that I could really go on for a very long time. But for today, let's just focus on certain parts of who God is and what He does for us.

God nourishes us. He gives us daily what we need to live. **1 Timothy 4:6** **“In pointing out these things to the brethren, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, constantly nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound doctrine which you have been following.”** He gave us the Word which nourishes our souls. He gave us the Christ, who is the Bread of Life. We rely on Him completely for our daily bread. He is our provider.

God Loves us. **John 3:16** **"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."** In truth, God is Love and there's really know way to know Him without knowing His Love for us. He has shown His Love in many ways and continues to show His Love for each one of us until there is no way to deny His Love. His Love is unconditional and doesn't change no matter what we do.

God is patient with us. He forgives our mistakes. He gives us time to grow. And he allows us to grow each in our very unique ways. No two of us are alike, nor do we grow alike, or at the same speed. But God patiently waits for us to become what he sees in us long before we see these things in ourselves.

When I think of these three virtues I can't help but think of women. When it comes to nourishment, my wife is queen. She has a keen eye for when I've forgotten to eat and she makes preparing a nourishing meal look easy. I can almost see the chain of events. God creates the food, my wife purchases it, prepares it, and serves me. Thus I am nourished and strengthened. But man does not live on bread alone and I am grateful to be able to share my thoughts and concerns with my wife and get her input. She knows the Word and shares it with me when I have sense enough to ask.

My mother showed her Love to me in many ways. I think the way she best showed her Love was the sacrifices she made for me. When I was young there were times there wasn't enough food but I always got fed first. She went without many times to make sure I had all she could provide. And in the end, in the way all mothers must sacrifice, she gave up her son so I could be free and live my life even though it took me very far away from her.

When I think of God's patience I think of Ellen Read. I see the stress and the struggle as she raises her children and can't help but see God's patience in her.

These are all virtues that make women good mothers but they are also the the things that make a God Fearing woman attractive whether she is single, married without children, or married with children. You

see, I believe God has blessed women with an extra heaping of these virtues and that they can't help but express them whether it be in raising children, serving a husband, or serving the community around them as a whole. It is said that man was made in the image of God. I think it fair to say that woman is also made in that image. For I can see the qualities of Christ in many of the women I know. On this day I want to give thanks to God for His qualities that he has shared so liberally with our women.