

TITLE SLIDE:

PARENTAL TRAINING

The Greatest Things About Mothers

SLIDE 1:

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Hannah didn't see any evidence that she qualified as a mother:

- **The women around her were criticizing and running her down.**
- **Her husband didn't understand why he wasn't enough for her.**
- **The Bible says that God was keeping her from having children.**
- **Even though all her circumstances were pointing to the fact that she didn't qualify to be a mother, Hannah actually had several great reasons why she should be a mother.**

SLIDE 2:

Hannah Wanted To Be A Mother:

1 Sam 1:8 (NIV) Elkanah her husband would say to her, "Hannah, why are you weeping? Why don't you eat? Why are you downhearted? Don't I mean more to you than ten sons?"

This attitude alone shaped Hannah's qualifications.

- **She planned her life around this one desire.**
- **She was going to be a great mother because she had a deep desire to be a great mother.**
- **She allowed this desire to be the motivating factor for how she lived the rest of her life.**
- **If we have a priority, it influences all of our decisions. Once they become a priority, they direct all our plans, training, attention, and prayers.**

SLIDE 3:

All Who Are Mothers

Helping all mothers be good mothers.

SLIDE 4:

Hannah Wanted To Be A Godly Mother:

1 Sam 1:9-10 (NIV) Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah stood up. Now Eli the priest was sitting on a chair by the doorpost of the Lord's temple. In bitterness of soul Hannah wept much and prayed to the LORD.

Our first priority in all of life is to be a Godly person.

God is the power of our influence.

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God uses the circumstances of your life to qualify you.

SLIDE 6:

Moms Providing For The Kids.

SLIDE 7:

Hannah Wanted What Was Best For The Child:

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That was not an easy decision. This wasn't just a baby dedication where a mother commits herself to raising her child in the ways of godliness. This was a dedication where she would:

- 1. Give birth to a child,**
- 2. Fall in love with it,**
- 3. Pour her life into raising it to a young age,**
- 4. Give up all rights to it.**

This child she is praying about is going to be called Samuel:

- 1. God is going to answer her prayer and give her a son.**
- 2. Samuel is going to grow up to be one of the greatest priests and prophets that has ever been born as a mere human.**
- 3. He influenced people to godliness and success in life by the hundreds of thousands.**

SLIDE 8:

It's Never Too Late:

The more a mother grows spiritually, the more they can do to help their children.

God delays a mother's opportunities so she can become even more qualified.

Ask God to make you into more and more of a godly mother.

SLIDE 9:

God Picked You To Be Their Mother:

Rom 8:29 For those God foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brothers.

SLIDE 10:

GODLY MOTHERS CHANGE THE WORLD:

1 Sam 2:26 (NIV) And the boy Samuel continued to grow in stature and in favor with the LORD and with men.