



LOVE. *letter*

Celebrating Women on Mother's Day

The word, "Mother" is more than a title. It is an action word. A word that means life-giving not just child-bearing. In my life, I have been blessed to have countless "Mothers" pour into my life. There have been women that have sacrificed time, effort, money, and pride to ensure I had what I needed to make it through another day. Words cannot express my gratitude to them. If I were to name them one by one-like blessings, I would be here all day.

This newsletter is dedicated to the celebration of single, married, childless, young and old women. Women that have assumed the role of "Mother" for so many of us during the years. We honor those that are grieving the loss of a child, longing to have a child, childless not by choice, and those that have lost their own Mother. You are not forgotten during this month and especially on Mother's Day. You will continue to be in our prayers. Remember that you are loved and not overlooked.

We are truly thankful for your love, commitment, sacrifice, and dedication to us. Whether we are your "natural" children, sisters, nieces, nephews, cousins, close relatives, distant relatives, friends, neighbors, or brothers/sisters in Christ. We honor all women that have taken the time to pour into our lives-wisdom, guidance, chastisement, financial, emotional support, and sometimes, "just having a listening ear".

*The Bible speaks about a special woman in **Proverbs 31**. The fulfillment of this passage of scripture may be daunting or impossible to grasp! Yet, the description of this woman is impressive, a picture of spiritual maturity-a goal to attain, an achievement to pursue, a remarkable reminder of who I am striving to be.*

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When You Thought I Wasn't Looking

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I wanted to paint another one.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you feed a stray cat, and I thought it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favorite cake for me, and I knew that little things are special things.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I heard you say a prayer, and I believed that there was a God to talk to.

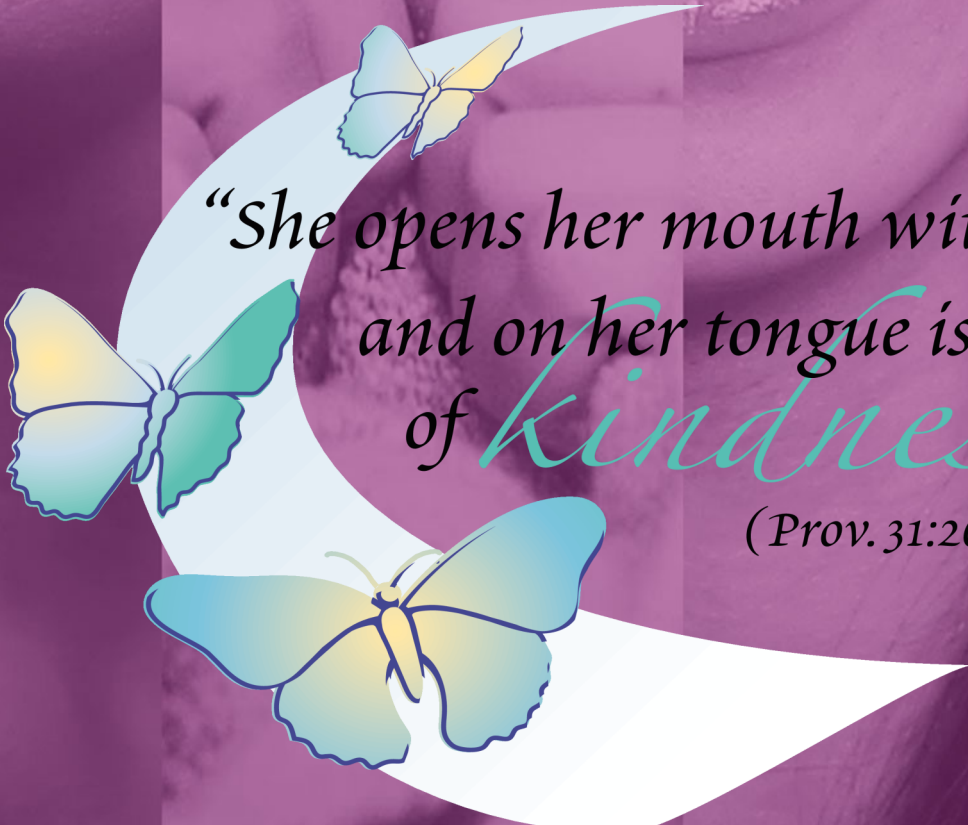
When you thought I wasn't looking I felt you kiss me goodnight, and I felt loved.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears come from your eyes, and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's alright to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw that you cared, and I wanted to be everything that I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked.....and I want to say thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking.

~Author Unknown



*“She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and on her tongue is the law
of *kindness*.”*

(Prov. 31:26)

This is What You Don't Do

*Don't let this world make you bitter.
Don't let the actions of other people
turn you cold on the inside.*

*Certain things happen that hurt us,
people come that leave us, and most of
all there are moments when you're
bound to fall.*

*Don't let those things make you
unkind.*

*It's okay to cry. It's okay to be sad.
But it's never okay to do other people
wrong just because you were done
wrong.*

*We're human. We break. We make
mistakes.*

*But don't let pain and sadness run
your lives.*

*Wake up in the morning and do what
is right.*

*There are moments in your life where
you feel like giving up and you can't
take it anymore.*

*It's okay. Breathe. Inhale. Exhale.
I know you're weak.*

*But the things that show your weak
side are also the same ones that make
you stronger in the long run.*

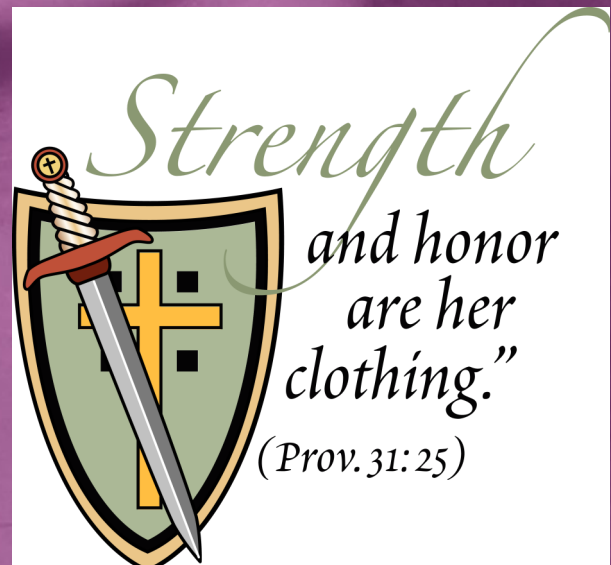
*It's all about taking whatever life
throws at you and learning from it.*

~Author Unknown

6 Biblical Purpose Affirmations

1. I have been uniquely designed for a purpose. **Psalms 139:14-16**
2. I have been appointed and purposefully planted by God. **John 15:16**
3. God is continually working out His plans for my life. **Psalms 138:8**
4. God had me in mind before I was born. **Jeremiah 1:5**
5. I am saved for a purpose. **2 Timothy 1:9**
6. I am confident that the Holy Spirit will reveal my purpose to me. **1 Corinthians 2:9-12**

From The GreatBIGLife with Neca



DIY IDEAS While Staying Home

AT HOME SPA DAY

ON A BUDGET

by The Tiny Herbivore

Set the mood

A few candles will create a soothing ambience



Bubble Bath

A warm bubble bath with Epsom salt or a hot shower

Music

Relaxing instrumental music or nature sounds

Face/Hair/Nails

Perfect time for a face mask, hair mask, and some nail painting

Tea Time

Warm decaf tea or hot chocolate is perfect



Pajamas

Get into your coziest clothing



TORAH READINGS FOR MAY

MAY 2

Leviticus 16:1-20:27; Amos 9:7-15; Matthew 15:10-20; Mark 1:35-45

MAY 9

Leviticus 21:1-24:23; Ezekiel 44:15-31; Matthew 26:59-66

MAY 16

Leviticus 25:1-27:34; Jeremiah 16:19-17:14; Luke 4:14-22; Matthew 16:20-28

MAY 23

Numbers 1:1-4:20; 1 Samuel 20:18-42; Matthew 4:1-17

MAY 29 Shavuot/Pentecost

Exodus 19:1-20:23; Numbers 28:26-31; Ezekiel 1:1-28; 3:12; John 4:10-24

