

# CAN YOU SAY "DETERMINATION?"

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## INTRODUCTION:

A. Determination: "A firmness of purpose; resolute."

***"We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed."*** — 2 Corinthians 4:8-9

## I. GODLY MOTHERS KNOW HOW TO HONESTLY TELL GOD HOW THEY ARE FEELING.

A. When life is challenging, tough and filled with trouble — tell God.

***Unload all your burdens on to Him, since He is concerned about you.*** — I Peter 5:7

B. They call out to God because they know He loves to listen.

***David "I love the Lord, because He listens to my prayers. He listens to me every time I call to Him."*** — Psalm 166:1-2

***Morning, noon and night I complain of my distress, and still the Lord hears my voice.*** — Psalm 55:17

C. A mom speaks to God because He already knows her emotional state.

***The Lord gave each of us our minds, so nothing we think or do can be hidden from Him.*** — Psalm 33:15

D. They share their feelings with God because He understands their feelings better than even they do.

***For the Lord knows what's in everyone's mind and He understands everything you think.*** — I Chronicles 28:9

## II. GODLY MOTHERS KNOW THAT THE STRENGTH THEY REALLY NEED COMES FROM GOD

A. The key to spiritual strength is not greater effort but greater reliance on the Holy Spirit - determined moms know this!

***Look to the Lord and His strength.*** — Psalm 105:4

***"God is the real source of wisdom and strength."*** — Job 12:13

***When I pray, you answer and encourage me by giving me the strength I need.*** — Psalm 138:3

## III. DETERMINED MOMS ARE GRATEFUL FOR ALL THE GOOD IN THE MIDST OF ALL THAT MIGHT BE BAD.

A. Determined mothers hold on to their "attitude of gratitude."

***Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Jesus Christ.*** — I Thessalonians 5:18

***Job: "May the name of the Lord be praised in-spite of everything that had happened!"*** — Job 1:22 (TEV)

### • Job showed great gratefulness:

- ◆ For God's loving care (Job 10:12)
- ◆ That God had a detailed plan for his future (Job 23:14)
- ◆ Because God was in control of what he didn't understand (Job 34:13)
- ◆ Because God rewarded him after he was tested (Job 23:10)

## CONCLUSION: