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**The Power of a Positive Mom
Finding Joy on the Journey of Parenting**

1. Children are a gift from God.

Psalm 127:3 (MSG) 3 Don't you see that children are GOD's best gift? The fruit of the womb his generous legacy?

2. You are the pace/tone-setter for your family.

Proverbs 21:19, 21 (NLT) 19 It's better to live alone in the desert than with a quarrelsome, complaining wife... 21 Whoever pursues righteousness and unfailing love will find life, righteousness, and honor.

3. Your influence extends far beyond your home.

Proverbs 31:10-12, 23, 28-29, 31 (NLT) 10 Who can find a virtuous and capable wife? She is more precious than rubies. 11 Her husband can trust her, and she will greatly enrich his life. 12 She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life...23 Her husband is well known at the city gates, where he sits with the other civic leaders...28 Her children stand and bless her. Her husband praises her: 29 "There are many virtuous and capable women in the world, but you surpass them all!" 31 Reward her for all she has done. Let her deeds publicly declare her praise.

4. You are a role-model for other believers.

Titus 2:3-5 (NLT) 3 Similarly, teach the older women to live in a way that honors God. They must not slander others or be heavy drinkers. Instead, they should teach others what is good. 4 These older women must train the younger women to love their husbands and their children, 5 to live wisely and be pure, to work in their homes, to do good, and to be

submissive to their husbands. Then they will not bring shame on the word of God.

5. Be encouraged, God has a plan for you and your family.

James 1:2-4 (NLT) 2 Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. 3 For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. 4 So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.