

What Matters

*My mother says she does not care
About the color of my hair,
Nor if my eyes are blue or brown
Nor if my nose turns up or down -
It really does not matter.*

*And Mother says she does not care
If I am dark or if I'm fair,
Of if I'm thin, or if I'm fat;
She does not fret o'er things like that -
It really does not matter.*

*But if I cheat or tell a lie
Or say mean things to make folks cry,
Or if I'm rude or impolite;
And do not try to do the right,
Then that does really matter!*

*It isn't looks that make one great,
But character that seals your fate.
It's what's within your heart, you see,
That makes or mars your destiny,
And that does really matter!*

- Author Unknown -

Originally submitted by Mae McMahan (2004)

A Mother's Love

Her love is like an island in life's ocean, vast and wide,
A peaceful quiet shelter from the wind, the rain, the tide.
'Tis bound on the north by hope, by patience on the west,
By tender counsel on the south, and on the east by rest.
Above it like a beacon light shine faith, and truth, and prayer,
And through the changing scenes of life, I find a haven there.

- Author Unknown -



Three words fall sweetly on my soul
As music from an angel lyre,
That bid my spirit spurn control
And upward to its source aspire;
The sweetest sounds to mortals given
Are heard in Mother, Home and Heaven.

- William Goldsmith Brown -



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

The influence of a mother in the lives of her children is beyond calculation. — James Faust

News & Notes

NEW CONVERT CLASS: Each Sunday a.m. Bible Class in Room 401.

TO HAVE SURGERY: Linda Parkes will have surgery **tomorrow, May 13th** at Trinity in Steubenville, OH.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. All ladies are invited to participate in this activity to make little stuffed bears for kids.

MEN'S ENRICHMENT CLASS: Each Tuesday in May (except May 21st) at 7:00 p.m. This class will be **discontinued** for June, July, and August and will resume in the Fall.

POTTERS CHILDREN'S HOME: Any monetary donations should be given to one of the Elders by **Sunday, May 26th**.

FRIDAY NIGHT SING: Chester and St. Clair Ave. congregation, ELO will join together here in Chester for our area-wide sing, **June 7th**. Donations for refreshments following the sing can be given to Sharon Sprout.

PANTRY: Canned carrots & spinach.

SICK & SHUT-IN: At Home: Blondenia Orr, Arlen & Joann Webb, Russell Martin, Doris Dunham. **FOX:** Mary Jane Bowers. **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

MEMBER VISITS: Elders and Minister visits with members are being made and can be scheduled in your home or to meet here at the building. Please schedule an appointment so this outreach can be completed ASAP.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

Tarentum, PA..... **May 11-15**, (7:00 p.m., except Sunday)..... Willie Franklin
New Freeport, PA **May 26-30**, (7:00 p.m., except Sunday)..... Sam Bartrug

MY PART

God didn't put me on this earth to have an easy time.

He put me here to fight a fight; to hold a battle line.

He put me here to help the weak and myself to grow strong.

He put me here to lend a hand and help the world along.

He put me here to say a word of encouragement and cheer.

He put me here to sing a song for someone else to hear.

He didn't put me here to whine, stick out my lips and pout.

He put me here to do His work and Satan's evil rout.

He only asks that I do my best to carry out His plans;

Forget rewards and starry crowns, and leave all in His hands.

- Author Unknown -

Christians Are To Take FIVE Looks

1. **Backward** to the faith that has been revealed (Jude 3).
2. **Inward** as we examine ourselves in light of revealed truth (2 Corinthians 13:5).
3. **Outward** to the fields that are white unto harvest John 4:35).
4. **Higher**, looking to Christ who now intercedes for us (1 Timothy 2:5), and
5. The **forward** look to when Christ shall return (John 14:2, 3).

- Dabney Phillips, Church of Christ, Temple, TX (via *Bulletin Digest*) -