## The Kind of Mother Every Child Needs Charles Stanley

I. Introduction. Text: I Samuel 1.

II. The kind of mother every child needs is...

A. A mother whose commitment to the family takes precedence over her comfort in the family.

1. The home has always been a mess where God is not in control.

2. A woman can make her husband miserable or walk away, but this will cause unspeakable damage. Sometimes women do need to walk away because of danger, but this is not the case with most.

B. A mother who wants her children. A child who feels like they are not wanted does not feel like he belongs.

C. A mother who loves and cares for her children.

1. Emotionally.

- 2. Spiritually.
- 3. Sacrificially.
- 4. Love is something we learn.
- 5. Love gives a child a strong foundation.
- 6. A mother is the key to the protection of her children.

D. A mother who has learned to trust God. This becomes a shield for the child.

- E. A mother who prays.
  - 1. She should not only pray for her children, she should pray with them.
  - 2. Praying supplements what a mother cannot herself provide.
  - 3. Praying trains a child in the most reverent activity.
- F. A mother who is willing to give her children to God.
- G. A mother who loves her husband and is loved and respected by him.

## **Application questions:**

1. Why is it important to avoid criticizing one's husband?

2. Which quality of a godly mother do you think is most important? Why?

3. How will you commit yourself to putting one of these principles into practice in a practical and provable way this week?