

A Mother's Wisdom

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Proverbs 9:11(NIV)

“For through wisdom your days will be many, and years will be added to your life.”

A major milestone for me was turning 60 years old and though some might say girl you are still young and yet some may say you don't look your age; I still wonder what life would have been like if my mom was still alive. However, turning 60 means so much because my mother nor father lived to be that age as they both succumbed to illnesses that have plagued my family, as so many others have experienced. Thankfully, my brother still has a year to go but my four sisters are all over sixty and I think one may be close to seventy, praise the Lord. Now, they don't attend church or shout and pray, but they know that God is real, which is something that was instilled in us as children. We didn't grow up in a traditional way but we nevertheless became family. Over the years I can see the wisdom in their speech and in how they deal with their children, nieces and nephews. Daily they are reminders of the parent (mom) that always said she would be there for us. I guess in her own way she did do what she needed to do for us individually and collectively. Momma was the one person who showed us all her wisdom and her uncanny way of love.

Needless to say, we were introduced to God at different points in our lives but He being God has shown his amazing love toward us all. I can hear his love when I listen to my older sisters talk about how my mother didn't raise them but she left them with family members who would nurture and care for them. You see, God doesn't need to remind us of who He is or who He should be to us. We have but to look around and recognize that He kept us all and if mom was alive, she would be ever so happy that her babies are all back together again. Yes, this devotional is personal but it will also hit home for someone who was also separated from their birth mother but never from God. Mom really did do the best she could with what she had and mom taught us to know the one and true God. In her wisdom she came to know Christ and accepted the fact that she would not live forever, but the memories of mom, and the wisdom of her ways, would live on through her children. Thank you, mom, for the wisdom you shared with us all individually and collectively. Thank you, God, for giving us the mother who chose to love us through different means.