

“Mom: The Heart of the Household”

Based on John 14:15-21 (NIV)
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John 14:15 & 21

15 "If you love me, keep my commands.

21 Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

† **Jesus says that there is a test of love and that is obedience.**

† **It was by obedience to God that Jesus showed his love of God.**

† **It is by my obedience to God that I show my love of Jesus.**

John 14:16-17a

16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever

17 the Spirit of truth.

† **Jesus has asked God to send me an advocate who will guide me as to what to do and enable me to do it.**

† **The Spirit of truth, God's Holy Spirit, will dwell and live in those who keep Jesus' teachings.**

† **The Spirit of truth will be my constant advocate to guide, help and empower me for the tasks of life that lay ahead.**

† **The Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth, the Advocate, works through others to share with me God's truth.**

† **A loving mom has the Spirit of truth in her, and is an advocate for her children and family.**

† **Moms are the heart of the household.**

* **Nurture me.**

* **Looks at my heart.**

* **Examines my spirit.**

John 14:17 - for he (the Holy Spirit) lives with you and will be in you.

† **Mom and I: Not always eye to eye but always heart to heart.**

† **Life is real simple ... just do what a loving mom would have me do.**

Applying Today's Message to My Life:

† How did the Spirit of truth (God's Holy Spirit) work through my mother to me?

† If a child were to walk in my footsteps, would they be following one who has the Spirit of truth?

† If a co-worker walked in my footsteps, would they be following someone who keeps the commands of Jesus?

† If a friend walked in my footsteps, would they see God in action in the world today?

† What is one way this week I can show others that I am obedient to God through Jesus Christ?