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The best Mothers' Day gift I have ever received was on my very first Mothers' Day. The day itself was a wonderful gift because I was so happy, proud, and thankful to be a mommy. My one year old and her Daddy came running down the hallway to our bedroom so excited about the gift they were giving me. To be honest, I can't even remember what the actual gift was but my favorite part was how the gift was wrapped. My husband had decorated the box with my little girl's handprints. It was so sweet and thoughtful. Her little handprints were adorable. I still have that precious box and it is something I will always cherish.

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My Nannie! She is the "perfect" mother and is a great role model for mothers. She has the wonderful characteristics that all of these mothers portray. Nannie is like June Cleaver as she is so very caring for her children and her husband. Nannie resembles Mother Theresa as she is so loving. Nannie has some similarities of Marge Simpson as she loves her family unconditionally. Even though they are not perfect she still thinks they are. Nannie reminds me of Jacqueline Kennedy-Onassis as she is beautiful in every way. I hope one day someone will have the same admiration for me as I have for my Nannie.



1# MOTHERLY ADVICE... ALWAYS WEAR CLEAN UNDERWEAR

KAREN HENDRIX

1. *What is the best advice you ever received from your mother?*

My mother passed away from cancer 10 years ago. My oldest daughter, Lucy, was only 2. My younger daughter was not even conceived yet. My motherly advice has to be in the form of remembering how I was raised. My mom was always the life of the party and encouraged me and my sister to be the best that we could be. She knew our strengths and made sure that our activities reflected that. There was never any off-limit topics to talk about. I try to encourage my children to excel in their strengths and we talk about everything-especially with my pre-teen daughter. My mom would be so proud of her grandchildren.

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My best mother's day presents are the home-made type. I am not a good present receiver so I love the art projects, hugs and family activities that we might do on Mother's Day...like a day at the beach.

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I think "perfect" is a strong word. It is hard to live up to ones idea of pre-conceived perfection. I admire Laura Bush as a mother. She seems very even and was able to raise two daughters in a national setting without compromising their family val-



GRAND DINING ROOM AT THE JEKYLL ISLAND CLUB HOTEL IS A FAVORITE FOR MOTHER'S DAY

ues. Both girls appear to be amazing role models and are not part of the "Young Hollywood" hysteria of partying and shopping all day and night.

NICHOLE TAYLOR

1. *What is the best advice you ever received from your mother?*

The best advice my mother has ever given me was to always first and foremost live as a Christian and seek Gods will for my life and he will get me through whatever life brings. It may not be easy, but I will get through it.

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The best Mothers' Day gifts I have received are the homemade cards and gifts my children gave me.

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To me, the perfect mother was my grandmother, Doris Huey. She was the strongest person I've ever known. She could do ANYTHING! She never gave up or did anything half way. She put her heart into everything she did. She was a selfless person and a great teacher. She was always my role model and I could always looked up to her. I would be honored if I could be half the person she was.

SUELYNNE PARKER

1. *What is the best advice you ever received from your mother?*

My mother taught me the importance of thinking of others before myself. Even on days my mother was very busy, she made time to help others in need. She taught me a valuable lesson in serving others. My mother also frequently reminded me "to think before I speak." This continues to be great advice for me because I am quick to do just the opposite!

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The best gift I ever received on Mother's Day was from my son and daughter when they were in elementary school. They gave me a coupon book they had decorated with coupons that were good for various jobs they could do for me around the house. I appreciated each one, and I think my children learned the value of taking responsibility and helping out.

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I would have to say Mother Theresa because she exemplifies the character and spirit that I want my own children to strive for. Also, I feel like we are all much more complete and content in life when we focus our energy on others rather than ourselves.

NANCY ACREE

1. *What is the best advice you ever received from your mother?*

Never leave the house unless you are dressed to meet anybody and everybody. Advice I've never been able to follow. The first summer we lived here I'd go straight to Harris Teeter from working in the garden. Of course, that fall when I began meeting folks at the church all too many said "Oh, I've seen you at the grocery store".

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One year my four four children decided together that they would each write a letter telling me why they were glad they got me



THE BIBLE IS THE FOUNDATION OF MANY MOTHERS' ADVICE

for a mom. I cried through all four letters. Doesn't get any better than that.

PAGENT MEREDITH

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There is no perfect mom. We all make mistakes and all we can do is learn from each one we make.

DENISE TRETAWAY

1. *What is the best advice you ever received from your mother?*

Make sure to marry your best male friend, as you already have a natural communication between you. If you cannot communicate before marriage, it will not improve significantly after the ceremony! She was absolutely right! We have been happily married for 39 years this July.

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Mother's Day weekend, my mother was to



BEST ADVICE FROM MOTHER... COMMUNICATION IS A MUST IN A MARRIAGE

graduate from nursing school. I was married and living 800 miles away. My brother was in college nearby and my sister lived at home. Mother expected everyone to be at the ceremony, but me. I flew in to surprise her. The look on her face was priceless when I handed her the nurse's cap.

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I'm not sure there is a perfect mother. All mothers do the best they can with the knowledge they have. I do believe, however, that the First Lady, Laura Bush, has handled personal attacks on her husband with genuine dignity. (I'm not sure I could do the same.) She also puts her daughters at the top of her priority list and always conducts herself like a lady. She was a dedicated professional, is now a caring mother and wife, and always a gracious First Lady. Her decision to let her daughter choose the venue for the upcoming wedding, even though most First Ladies would love a White House wedding, was emblematic of her respect for her daughter.

PAIGE GOBER

1. *What is the best advice you ever received from your mother?*

My mother's advice to demonstrate unconditional love and support to my children, husband and loved ones no matter the circumstance is by far one of the greatest lessons I learned from her. She has modeled this for me, my three sisters as well as in her marriage to my father for the last 47 years.



FIRST LADY, LAURA BUSH IS LOOKED UPON AS A MOTHERLY ROLE MODEL.

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The greatest mother's day gifts I received from my children were the hand made cards and gifts. I especially remember the fill in the blank "about mom" questionnaires they completed in their preschool days:

My mom weighs.... 44 pounds.
Mom's favorite place to visit... the grocery store.
She looks prettiest when she... cooks pancakes for me.

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Besides my own mother, the perfect mother would have to be Ruth Graham, the late wife of the renowned Evangelist, Billy Graham. She raised her 5 children on her own much of the time while her husband traveled the world on evangelistic crusades. All of her grown children are now serving in the ministry. She is remembered by her children for her wisdom, feistiness, for her love and knowledge of the Bible, and as their Spiritual Hero! **M**