

Mother's Day 2010

Today's Message: Big Mama

* All of us have influence, but a mother's influence is especially powerful.

Matthew 5:13-16

¹³"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men.

¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

* Big Mama: a woman who wields sizeable and life-shaping influence.

Proverbs 31:27-30

²⁷ She watches over the affairs of her household
and does not eat the bread of idleness.

²⁸ Her children arise and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her:

²⁹ "Many women do noble things,
but you surpass them all."

³⁰ Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

* Big Mamas sometimes carry a heavier load than they should.

2 Timothy: 1:5

I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

* The older you get, the more you realize all the sacrifices your Big Mama made to point you in an honorable direction.

* A Big Mama never knows when her most profound influences will occur.