

fresh garment, and a nourishing meal? Did Paul receive from her the empathy and tenderness that only a mother can give? We don't know this for sure, but it could explain his unusual greeting in today's text.

I believe that God has given mothers a unique capacity for showing gentleness and compassion, and for influencing the spiritual direction of children. Let's be thankful for our mothers and for those who have been like a mother to us. —HVL

*God has conferred on motherhood
A true nobility,
And she who gladly fills that role
Can shape man's destiny. —DJJ*

Nothing moves us like a mother's touch.



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A Mother's Touch

Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine. —Romans 16:13

A Christian who helps to place orphans in homes tells about a little

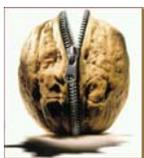
Russian boy named Ivan. He's a lovable child with fair hair. When he learned that he might be able to leave the orphanage, he said, "Please, will you find me a mother?"

Fathers are important too, but there are times when nothing but a mother's touch will do. Even grown men need it.

The apostle Paul, probably in his fifties, sent special greetings to a fellow believer in Rome named Rufus. Interestingly, he added greetings to "his mother and mine" (Romans 16:13). Why would he refer to her in this way?

During his years of ministry, Paul faced many hardships (2 Corinthians 6:4-10). Could it be that Rufus had brought a weary and tired apostle to his house, where Paul received from the mother of Rufus comforting words, a





Romans: Truth in a Nutshell

(unzipped for you)

Godly Models



In Romans 16:1-16 the people mentioned are godly models in 4 aspects of Christian living:

1. _____,

◆ P _____, verses 1-2

(Acts 6:1-3) "Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists.. {2} Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. {3} "Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business;

◆ M _____, verse 6

◆ U _____, verse 9

◆ T _____ and T _____, verse 12

◆ P _____, verse 12

◆ Mother of _____, verse 13

(1 Timothy 5:1-2) "Do not rebuke an older man, but exhort him as a father, younger men as brothers, {2} older women as mothers, younger as sisters, with all purity."



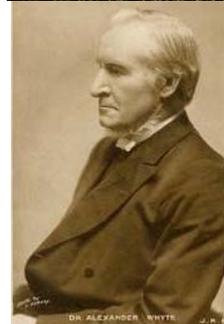
2. _____,

◆ A _____ and P _____, verses 3-4

(Acts 18:1-3) "After these things Paul departed from Athens and went to Corinth. {2} And he found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla (because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to depart from Rome); and he came to them. {3} So, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and worked; for by occupation they were tentmakers."

(Acts 18:18-19) "So Paul still remained a good while. Then he took leave of the brethren and sailed for Syria, and Priscilla and Aquila were with him. {19} And he came to Ephesus, and left them there;"

(Acts 19:23) "And about that time there arose a great commotion about the Way."



(2 Corinthians 1:8) "For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life."

◆ A _____ and J _____, verse 7

◆ A _____, verse 10

(2 Corinthians 10:18) "For not he who commends himself is approved, but whom the Lord commends."

(James 1:12) "Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him."

(1 Thessalonians 1:2-3) "We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, {3} remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ ..."

