

Character Qualities for a Mom

Flexibility – not being too busy to stop folding laundry to go see the queen ant that Tuck just dug up

Generosity – is sharing the last piece of cake you'd been saving to enjoy in a quiet moment because Laura just joined you on the swing and this is an opportunity to show her she is pretty special to you

Gentleness – is putting your arm around your son and reaffirming your love for him when he just made a bad decision you advised him against and he's sorry for it

Gratefulness – is thanking God for the privilege of parenthood and how it is a picture of our relationship with our Heavenly Father, not a hindrance to our serving Him

Humility – is admitting you blew it when you lose your cool at first look at the lemonade all over the kitchen floor

Initiative – is acting on those "ideas" that just seem to pop into your head (they are really promptings from God) like, "Kelley REALLY needs more of your attention!!"

Joyfulness – is realizing God has given me everything I need today to live in His victory and that He turns our greatest sorrows into our deepest joys

Decisiveness – is choosing to make that tough decision to limit your child's association with unprofitable friends because you know it's the right thing to do

Creativity – is asking God to show us ways to make mundane tasks enjoyable
)Tuck is an expert at this)

Alertness – is sending out those spiritual sensors that only MOM can to spot potential dangers in my kids' lives and taking steps to remove them

Boldness – is facing confrontations with assurance that God will bless the outcome if I'm standing in His truth

Dependability – is always being there to listen and lift them up and help point them to Jesus

Meekness – is yielding our rights to God so we don't get angry when our kids don't do just what we expect of them

Obedience – is to purpose to appropriate God's grace to do what we know is right even when we just don't feel like it

Orderliness – is doing our best to find a place for everything thereby making it easier for our children to be orderly

Patience – is welcoming trials by turning them into projects from God to conform us to be like Jesus

Persuasiveness – is sharing with our kids how God's ways are working in our lives so they'll want to follow Him

Resourcefulness – is turning that juice can Kelley decorated into a pencil holder

Sensitivity – is comforting instead of belittling or laughing at your child when they make a silly mistake

Forgiveness – is picturing how Jesus died on the cross for my sins so that God's love can flow through me to heal my children's hurts

Deference – is giving up spending the day scrapbooking just for fun as you'd planned, to help Rick pass out literature because he's responsible to get the job done and needs help