

***“Mothers: A Model for Ministry”***

**1 Thessalonians 2:1-12**

*“Let France have good Mothers, and she will have good sons.” – Napoleon*

*“All that I am or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother.” – Lincoln*

*“My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her.” –George Washington.*

*"A mother is the truest friend we have, when trials, heavy and sudden, fall upon us; when adversity takes the place of prosperity; when friends who rejoice with us in our sunshine, desert us when troubles thicken around us, still will she cling to us, and endeavor by her kind precepts and counsels to dissipate the clouds of darkness, and cause peace to return to our hearts." - Washington Irving*

*“The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world.” - W.R. Wallace*

## **The Ahhhh Principle**

*“Honor is a reflex of the heart toward one who is deeply treasured. It’s the conviction that you are in the presence of someone so valuable that it is ah-h-h-inspiring.”*

# **I. Gentle Among Them**

*A. What this Doesn't Mean*

*B. Gentleness Demonstrated*

*C. Gentleness Defined*

## **Galatians 6:1**

Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.

## **2 Timothy 2:24-26**

The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will.



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# **II. He Gave Himself to Them**

*A. Selfless Giving*

*"We weren't supposed to be here. You made us believe. You kept us off the street. You put clothes on our backs. You put food on the table. When you didn't eat, you made sure we ate and you went to sleep hungry. You sacrificed for us. You're the real MVP."*

