

MOTHERING ETIQUETTE

"The Gracious Mother"

First I must say happy Mother's Day to all you wonderful Mothers. This is for those I have never met, those I aspire to meet, those of you who have made me laugh, cry and reel with excitement. Not forgetting those who have inspired, encouraged, advised, and prayed for or with me over the years.

What a joy it is to be a Mother, a day to remember in the life of every woman. A day of mixed feelings, overwhelming joy, bouts of pain as well as exciting relief. "Can you remember the moments?"

It is indeed a journey that a woman takes with lots of prayers, for both self, your baby and your family as a whole. The job of a Mother begins on that very day in the labour ward when "it's time for that baby to come out". The job is never ending from the first smile, first steps, first words, first day at school, all the way to when you see your own baby carrying their own baby. Wow! Sometimes it feels scary because nobody is perfect, no amount of lessons can be sufficient to teach women what to do and how to do it when the time comes or when situations arise. Experience they say is the best teacher, so we can only take a leaf from our own mothers and the mothers, young and old that surround us.

As I let you in on a few Mothering Etiquette Tips that I personally put together, remember they are only guidelines that will enhance, build and propel you to being a better person. Knowledge is power, we should seek to keep ourselves empowered at all times; seek new information, desire to develop our person our polish and our presence.

Let me start with this beautiful quote which for me, is more of food for thought by Maralee Makee

**"Today our children are our shadow
Tomorrow they will be our reflection"**

MOTHERING ETIQUETTE TIPS

a) Be Spiritually Tuned In:

Don't forget to pray for your children each day. That way you will never be overwhelmed by your own busy schedule and forget them. Even when at times it is difficult to communicate, remember them in prayer.

b) Etiquette - Your No.1 Principle:

It is every Mothers' wish that they see their children grow to be great leaders in the future. As a mother, use etiquette principles to direct your home, business, and your career in order to stand out from the crowd

c) Lead by Example:

Ensure you do your best to lead by good examples. This applies to the appropriateness of your dressing, your speech and communication abilities.

d) Watch Your Character Traits:

As a mother, show the right attitude at all times. Be mature, be optimistic, have an aura of peace, patience, joy and happiness. Your character is developed from a tender age; as such in attempting to mould your child's character, deposit good character traits in him/her.

e) Have Elegance, Poise, & Presence:

An Elegant mother is graceful in appearance, eloquent in speech, stunning in poise and presence. Pay attention to the details, smile always, gracefully stand upright, and sit with poise and exhibit body language that says a lot about you positively without saying a single word.

f) Quintessential Image:

Your image is everything, the beginning of you creating a good or bad first impression. As a mother you not only mentor your own children, but the people you work with, your clients, acquaintances, colleagues, staff and subordinates. Dress as you wish to be addressed. Identify your own style and stick with it. Dress for success at all times.

g) Think, Speak, Act:

How eloquently do you speak? As a mother, your child's first words will come from hearing you as well as others. Think before you say anything even when in annoyance. Communicate with style, remove all that funky texting and show your kids the right way to communicate. Teach your child the right way to go and not to conform to the norm.

h) Evolve with the Times

Our children today are so high-tech. We can hardly keep up with them. I say keep up with the times and don't be left behind. Let your children know you are abreast with what is going on around you. Even when they still think you are old school, prove them wrong. Try to own an android or smart phone so you can chat with your kids "Whats App" that's right, "BBM" and many more.

Be a funky mum, and let your kids be free around you every time.

i) You Were Born to Inspire:

You should have it at the back of your mind to want to leave a good legacy behind for your children both boys and girls. We all have dreams and aspirations that form our daily, weekly and yearly goals. Whatever you do, let them have reasons to look up to you and be proud of you as their mother.

Have a Blessed and Great Mothers Day.

Happy Reading

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