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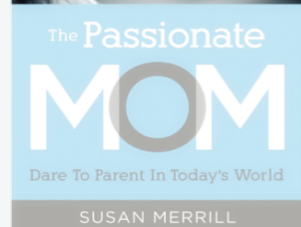
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**The Passionate Mom:
Dare to Parent in Today's World**

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**Author interviews, articles,
excerpts, and images
are available.**

Highlights to consider:

* Content lends well for
Mother's Day articles/coverage

*Uniquely pulls an insightful
parenting plan from the
Book of Nehemiah

*"Building Bricks" throughout the
book teach moms the
characteristics and habits necessary
parenting in today's world

*Features ten "Ps" that provide
a pattern to accomplish the
goal of becoming the best
mom you can be

* Teaches parents how to raise a
godly child in a technology
obsessed generation

"Motherhood is full of uncertainty.

**Many have asked: What do my children really need? Is this normal?
What can I do to help them? How can I know for certain that I am
doing this right?"**

**THE PASSIONATE MOM OFFERS GUIDANCE FOR
UNCERTAIN MOTHERS**

New Book Dares Moms to Parent in Today's World

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —In a helpful new book, "The Passionate Mom: Dare To Parent In Today's World"—releasing in April from Thomas Nelson, Inc.—iMOM.com director and blogger Susan Merrill takes readers on a journey through an Old Testament book to get modern-day answers.

Merrill, the mother of five incredibly different children, has asked these questions countless times. And she has read countless answers specific to a certain child's temperament, age, or situation. But according to Merrill, nothing she read offered an overall approach to parenting that enabled her to say with confidence, "I *am* doing this right." She never guessed that she would find a foundational plan—a reliable, universal parenting approach—in the Old Testament book of Nehemiah but that's exactly what happened.

In every chapter of "The Passionate Mom," Merrill shares stories and confessions revealing what she has learned: that no mom can control her child's future, but every mom can parent well. And that there is indeed a plan—a roadmap for how a passionate mom can parent almost any child, confidently.

By introducing the "Ten Ps" presented in the book—perception, pondering, passion, prayer, patience, preparation, purpose, planning, problem solving and perseverance—into their parenting habits, Merrill believes that moms will discover a pattern to accomplish the goal of becoming the best mom that they can be.

"Our children need walls," Merrill said. "There are two dimensions to the wall you build for your child—protection and provision. The wall protects your child from exposure to harm from the outside world. The gates in the wall provide your child access to the training he or she needs to wisely navigate in the world, independent of you. Moms are the wall and the gates, the protection from the world and the provider of training for life in the world—and I pray that when you finish my book, you will have a plan to raise wise children who become independent adults with a promising future."

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About the author:

Susan Merrill, author of “The Passionate Mom,” is a wife, mother of five, director of iMOM.com, want-to-be blogger, and the “very imperfect” Merrill family manager. Susan lives in Tampa, Fla., with her husband, author and President of Family First, Mark Merrill, and two or, depending on the day, up to five of her children ages 16 to 22. On those days she happily forsakes all other responsibilities to run a bed and breakfast /laundromat for her college-aged children.



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