

Sniffing Out Maternal Instinct

(1 Kings 3:16-28)

1 Kings 3:26 (NIV)

The woman whose son was alive was **filled with compassion** for her son and said to the king, “Please, my lord, give her the living baby! Don’t kill him!”
But the other said, “Neither I nor you shall have him. Cut him in two!”

Action Points

Everyone: Appreciate maternal instinct because this is the heart of God.

Hosea 11:8 (NIV)

**“How can I give you up, Ephraim?
How can I hand you over, Israel?
...My heart is changed within me;
all my **compassion** is aroused.**

Action Points

Everyone: Appreciate maternal instinct because this is the heart of God.

Single men: Seek this quality out in potential wife, the mother of your own children.

Action Points

Husbands: Esteem and affirm this quality in your wife.

1 Kings 3:28 (NIV)

**When all Israel heard the verdict
the king had given,
they held the king in awe,
because they saw that he had wisdom
from God to administer justice.**

Action Points

Husbands: Esteem and affirm this quality in your wife.

Sons & Daughters: Esteem your mother for her maternal instinct.