



I am now a widow in my 90s and

My daughters live in Virginia and California and come to stay whenever my son and his wife want to get away. All of them keep me busy with my computer, getting my own meals, knitting and library books. My girls call daily - Ô California in the mornings and Virginia to say

And while we're on the subject, I'll reprint a favorite item that has appeared in my column before:

**TEN COMMANDMENTS
FOR A MOTHER-IN-LAW**
by Iola M. Irwin

— Thou shalt love, honor and respect the new couple.

— Thou shalt allow them complete independence.

— Thou shalt speak only kindly and loyally about them.

— Thou shalt not find fault.

— Thou shalt not visit them too frequently, and never enter their home without knocking.

— Thou shalt not expect them to visit you too often.

— Thou shalt not give advice unless requested.

— Thou shalt not mention how much you look forward to grandchildren.

— Thou shalt respect their taste in home decorating, though it dif-

fers from your own.

— Thou shalt petition daily the Heavenly Father, in whose love they abide, for their happiness.

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