

Honoring Mom
Happy Mother's Day
Lead Pastor: Ryan Rice
Sunday, May 10, 2020

The Passage

Ephesians 6:1-3, ESV

Three Observations

Proverbs 22:15, Psalms 51:5, Ephesians 5:33, Ephesians 6:1, Psalms 139:14, Proverbs 23:25

1. Kids don't **naturally** do this.
2. God used your parents to **make you**.
3. Moms need the **encouragement**.

Honor Your Mother at Each Stage of Life

1. As a child, I honor my parents by **obeying**.
Ephesians 6:1-2, Colossians 3:20, Proverbs 30:17, Deuteronomy 6:4-7, Luke 2:51
2. As a young adult, I honor my parents by **listening** to them.
Proverbs 23:22, Proverbs 13:1, John 2:1-11
3. As an adult, I honor my parents by **providing** if necessary, and by being **respectful**. *Ephesians 6:2-3, Matthew 15:4, 1 Timothy 5:3-4, 1 Timothy 5:8, John 19:25-27*

✓ *Honor is the Greek word "Timao" which means to provide aid or financial assistance, with the implication that this is an appropriate means of showing respect—to give assistance to, to provide for the needs of as a sign of respect, to support and honor'.*

- *Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament*

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Talk It Over

Ice Breaker – Ask someone from the group to take a minute to share about a fun memory of their mother.

1. Ask people to give an update on how they are doing.
2. Have a volunteer read the passage, Ephesians 6:1-4, ESV.
3. Sometimes we forget that our parents, when they are older, need continuation of our love and affection. Discuss the efforts and sacrifices that your mother made for you. In what ways did you show appreciation at that time? If you didn't, how can you now express your appreciation to your mother for all that she did for you in your younger years?
4. Read Proverbs 23:25. One of God's purposes for children is to give great joy to their parents. Discuss ways that you feel you gave your parents joy and made them proud as you grew. Talk about ways as an adult that you can continue to give joy and pride to your parents.
5. Look up 1 Timothy 5:2-4 and have someone share it aloud with the group. Reflect on your current and past relationship with your parents. Discuss how your roles might have reversed since your childhood. Share with the group ways this verse could influence your current relationships with the different "mothers" you have in your life.
6. Look up 1 Timothy 5:8. Providing for your parents can take many different forms, from simple weekly phone calls to bringing them into your home to live with you. What are some simple acts of kindness you could do to repay your parents? What tests do you face when thinking about what this verse asks of you?

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Communion

If you've placed your faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, we invite you to partake in Communion wherever you happen to be worshiping. Here are some steps that we encourage you to follow:

1. Prepare a small piece of bread (cracker or similar) and a small cup of grape juice (or something similar) that can serve as the elements of Communion.
2. Take a few moments and read 1 Corinthians 11:23-25.
3. Spend a few moments in prayer (silently or aloud) confessing your sins to him and thanking Jesus for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life he offers you today.

Partake in the elements of Communion as you are ready.