

# Honoring Your Parents

May 8, 2022 (Mother's Day)

*"Honor your father and mother. This is the first of the Ten Commandments that ends with a promise. And this is the promise: IF you honor your father and mother, you will live a long life, full of blessing." Ephesians 6:2-3 (NLT)*

## WHY DID GOD GIVE THIS COMMAND?

1. Every parent is **FLAWED** (Luke 11:13)

2. I **WOULDN'T BE ALIVE** without them

3. God chose their DNA to make me **UNIQUE**

*"God knit me together in my mother's womb...and recorded every day of my life before I was born." Psalm 139:13, 16 (NLT)*

## HONORING MOTHERS TODAY

Birth Moms ... Adopted Moms ... Foster Moms ... Step Moms

## HOW DO I HONOR MY PARENTS AT EACH STAGE?

1. AS A CHILD, I HONOR MY MOTHER & FATHER

● BY **OBEYING** THEM

*"Children, obey your parents; this is the right thing to do because God has placed them in authority over you." Ephesians 6:1 (LB)*

2. AS A YOUNG ADULT I HONOR MY PARENTS

● BY **RESPECTING** THEM

*"Each of you must respect his mother and father." Leviticus 19:3*

*“We respect our own parents for training and not spoiling us...”*

*Hebrews 12:9 (MSG)*

- **BY LISTENING TO THEM**

*“Intelligent children listen to their parents; foolish children do their own thing.”*

*Proverbs 13:1 (MSG)*

*“Listen to your father’s advice and don’t despise your mother’s experience.”*

*Proverbs 23:22 (LB)*

*“Do what your father tells you, and never forget what your mother teaches you. Keep their words with you always, locked in your heart. Their instructions will lead you...protect you...and advise you... Their instructions are like a lamp; their corrections can teach you how to live.” *Proverbs 6:20-23 (TEV)**

### **3. AS AN ADULT, I HONOR MY PARENTS**

- **BY APPRECIATING THEM**

*“When your mother is old, show her your appreciation.” *Proverbs 23:22b (TEV)**

*“Give your parents joy! May she who gave you birth be happy.”*

*Proverbs 23:25 (NLT)*

- **BY PROVIDING FOR THEM**

*“[In your church] treat the older women as you would your own mother, and treat the younger women as your own sisters. The church should care for any widow who has no one else to care for her. BUT if she has children or grandchildren, their first responsibility is to show godliness at home and repay their parents by taking care of them. This is something that pleases God.” *1 Timothy 5:2-4 (NLT)**

*“If anyone doesn’t take care of his own family, especially his immediate family, he has denied the Christian faith and is worse than an unbeliever.” *1 Timothy 5:8 (GW)**