

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF A PARENT

Mother's Day 2009

“Honor your father and mother, so that you may live long in the land.”
Exodus 20:12

HOW DO I HONOR MY PARENTS?

1. By ACCEPTING And APPRECIATING Them.

“Listen to your father who gave you your life and do not despise your mother.”
Proverbs 23:22.

“If you curse your parents, your life will end like a lamp that goes out in the dark.”
Proverbs 20:20

“Be grateful for the good things that the Lord has given you and your family.”
Deuteronomy 26:11

“When your mother is old, show her your appreciation.”
Proverbs 23:22

2. By AFFIRMING And Not Abandoning Them.

“And now a word to you parents: Don't keep on scolding and nagging your children, making them angry and resentful. Rather, bring them up with loving discipline the Lord himself approves, with suggestions and godly advice.”

Ephesians 6:4 (LB)

3. By ASSIMILATING And Not Avoiding Their Life Teaching.

“I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.”

2 Timothy 1:3-7

“She opens her mouth with wisdom, and on her tongue is the law of kindness.”

Proverbs 31:26 (NKJV)

“Keep you fathers commands and do not forsake you mothers teaching. Bind them upon your heart forever; fasten them around your neck. When you walk, they will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you; when you awake, they will speak to you. For these commands are a lamp, this teaching is a light, and the corrections of discipline are the way to life.”

Proverbs 6:21-23

“Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act.”

Proverbs 3:27