

DAILY BIBLE VERSES AND PRAYER THOUGHTS

"Honour thy father and (thy) mother" is found 8 times in the Bible. Twice in the Old Testament and 6 times in the New. If God repeated this command that many times, don't you think it was important to Him. The command to not kill is only found 7 times.

MONDAY - VERSES: Exodus 21:17; Leviticus 20:9; Proverbs 20:20

PRAYER THOUGHT: Ask forgiveness for anytime you did not give your parents the respect they deserved.

TUESDAY - VERSES: Deuteronomy 27:16; Proverbs 30:11,17

PRAYER THOUGHT: Thank God that you have not died for failing to give honor to your parents and strength to correct your attitude in the future.

WEDNESDAY - VERSES: Mark 7:9-13 PRAYER THOUGHT:

Ask God's help in caring for your aging parents, and for help teaching others to care for their parents.

THURSDAY - VERSES: Matthew 15:4 - What age would you have 'died the death' if God enforced this?

PRAYER THOUGHT: Thank God that he is merciful and pray that you learn from your mistakes.

FRIDAY - VERSES: Deuteronomy 21:18-21 PRAYER

THOUGHT: Pray for a tender and obedient heart and that we will be a people obedient to our parents and more importantly to God.

SATURDAY - VERSES: Deuteronomy 22:13-21 PRAYER

THOUGHT: Pray that purity both physical and spiritual will once again become something that is desirable and sought after, that we will bring honor and not shame on our parents by our actions, and teach our young the shame and consequences of sin.

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Even if your parents are no longer living you can honor their memory by living the life God wants you to live.

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ASSIGNMENTS

1. Daily read over this material and read or sing the song.
2. Place the scripture where you will see it each day.
3. Think of how you have been blessed by your parents in the past.
4. Pray for God's help in seeing ways to honor your father & mother.
5. Write down ideas you have for honoring your parents & do them.

SPIRITUAL HEALTH REGIMEN - WEEK 42

HONOR PARENTS - 5-12-13 to 5-18-13

SCRIPTURE -Ephesians 6:2 Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)

COMMENT – Christians are to give honor to our mothers and fathers. Paul says this is the first command with promise = long & good life. God considers disobedience and dishonoring parents a very serious matter.

SONG – PRECIOUS MEMORIES

1. Precious memories, unseen angels, Sent from somewhere to my soul; How they linger, ever near me, And the sacred past unfold.
 2. Precious father, loving mother, Fly across the lonely years; And old home scenes of my childhood, In fond memory appear.
 3. As I travel on life's pathway, Know not what the years may hold; As I ponder, hope grows fonder, Precious memories flood my soul.
- REFRAIN: Precious memories, how they linger, How they ever flood my soul. In the stillness of the midnight, Precious sacred scenes unfold.

THOUGHTS

Give It Now!

If you have a smile for Mother, Give it now.
If you have a kindly word, Speak it now,
She'll not need it when the angels Greet her at the golden gate;
Give the smiles while she is living, If you wait 'twill be too late.
If you have a flower for Mother, Pluck it now.
Place it gently on her bosom. Print a kiss upon her brow.
What cares she when life is over, For the flowers that bloom below.
She will have her share up yonder, Scattered at her feet galore.

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Seated Next To The Butcher

In the Talmud, the rabbis tell of the time when...
Rabbi Joshia, a pious teacher of the Law, was sleeping. A voice came to him in a dream. "Joshia, rejoice! It had been decided that you shall sit next to Nenes the Butcher in Paradise."

Rabbi Joshia awoke in tears. "How terrible! So this is to be my reward for a lifetime in the Lord's service. I have not ceased to study

the Torah. I have enlightened 80 disciples. Yet, I am reckoned to be no better than Nenes the Butcher. Rabbi Joshia vowed not to return to the House of Study until he had found Nenes the Butcher and discover what was behind this startling revelation.

After searching through many towns, Rabbi Joshia finally came to the small village in which Nenes lived. When he asked about Nenes the Butcher, the people were surprised. "How is it that a learned and eminent man like you should come searching for such an ignorant and insignificant person?" But he persisted in questioning "What sort of man is this Nenes the Butcher?" They replied that there was nothing to tell. "You must see him for yourself."

Messengers were sent to the house of Nenes. "No," replied the Butcher, "a great man such as Rabbi Joshia would not want to see me. You must be mocking me. I cannot come with you."

Greatly embarrassed, the messengers returned to tell Rabbi Joshia what Nenes had said. "But I have vowed not to set foot again in the House of Study until I have talked with Nenes the Butcher. If he will not come to me, I shall go to him."

Nenes the Butcher was frightened when he saw him approaching. "Why do you wish to see me?" "I must ask you a question—what good have you done in your life?"

"I am no one of importance. I am just an ordinary butcher. I have no time for study or for performing good deeds, for I care for my weak and aged mother and father."

When he heard this, Rabbi Joshia embraced him and kissed him on the forehead. "Blessed are you, my son, and blessed are your deeds. I am exceedingly happy that I have been considered worthy of being your companion in Paradise."

Rabbi Joshia knew that, in God's sight, the insignificant deeds done for Him are as precious (and equal) as the great works done publicly.

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A Love Cake For Mother

1 can of "obedience"

Several pounds of "affection"

1 pint of "neatness"

Some holiday, birthday, and every-day surprises

1 can of running errands (the willing brand)

1 box of powdered "Get up when I should"

1 bottle of "Keep sunny all day long"

1 can of pure "Thanksgiving"

Mix well, bake in a hearty, warm oven and serve to mother everyday.

She ought to have it in BIG SLICES.

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Showing Love

The best monument that a child can raise to his parent's memory is that of a clean, upright life, such as they would have rejoiced to see their child live.

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All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother. - Abraham Lincoln

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A preacher once heard another tell that the best years of his life were spent in the arms of a woman who was not his wife. . . he concluded, "That woman was my mother." The preacher thought that would be great to use so he tried it. After repeating the first part he went blank. With everyone anticipating what he would say he finally blurted out, "and for the life of me I can't remember who she was."

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HONOR YOUR PARENTS

INTRODUCTION - EPHESIANS 6:1-4

I. HONOR YOUR PARENTS WITH _____

A. EPHESIANS 6:1

B. COLOSSIANS 3:20

C. PROVERBS 30:17

II. HONOR YOUR PARENTS WITH _____

A. PROVERBS 20:20

B. LEVITICUS 19:32

C. LEVITICUS 19:3

D. DEUTERONOMY 27:16

III. HONOR YOUR PARENTS WITH _____ & _____

A. 1 TIMOTHY 5:4, 8

B. MARK 7:9-13

CONCLUSION - EXODUS 20:12; EPHESIANS 6:2-3

HONOR YOUR PARENTS

SCRIPTURE - (Eph 6:1-4) Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. {2} "Honor your father and parents," which is the first commandment with promise: {3} "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth." {4} And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

INTRODUCTION

A. WHAT MY PARENTS TAUGHT ME

My parents taught me LOGIC..."If you fall off that swing and break your neck, you can't go to the store with me."

My parents taught me MEDICINE..."If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they're going to freeze that way."

My parents taught me TO THINK AHEAD..."If you don't pass your spelling test, you'll never get a good job!"

My mother taught me ESP..."Put your sweater on; don't you think that I know when you're cold?"

My parents taught me TO MEET A CHALLENGE..."What were you thinking? Answer me when I talk to you...Don't talk back to me!"

My parents taught me HUMOR..."When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."

My parents taught me how to BECOME AN ADULT..."If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."

My mother taught me about GENETICS..."You are just like your father!"

My parents taught me about my ROOTS..."Do you think you were born in a barn?"

My parents taught me about the WISDOM of AGE..."When you get to be my age, you will understand."

My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION..."Just wait until your father gets home."

My parents taught me about RECEIVING...You are going to get it when we get home.

and my all time favorite thing my parents taught me—JUSTICE..."one day you will have kids, and I hope they turn out

just like YOU..then you'll see what it's like."

B. The word "honor" means to "esteem and value as precious"; to show respect, reverence, kindness, courtesy, and obedience.

C. Scripture is not speaking to any certain age child. It is speaking to all of us who are children with parents still living. We are to honor our fathers and mothers: to esteem and value them as precious—to respect and reverence them.

D. Tragically, this is a rarity today. Too often a child's response to his parent is that of dishonor, disobedience, disrespect and lack of appreciation

I. HONOR YOUR PARENTS WITH OBEDIENCE

A. (Eph 6:1) Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

B. (Col 3:20) Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord.

C. (Prov 30:17) The eye that mocks his father, And scorns obedience to his mother, The ravens of the valley will pick it out, And the young eagles will eat it.

II. HONOR YOUR PARENTS WITH RESPECT

A. (Prov 20:20) Whoever curses his father or his mother, His lamp will be put out in deep darkness.

B. (Lev 19:32) 'You shall rise before the gray headed and honor the presence of an old man, and fear your God: I am the LORD.

C. (Lev 19:3) 'Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father, and keep My Sabbaths: I am the LORD your God.

D. (Deu 27:16) 'Cursed is the one who treats his father or his mother with contempt.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'

III. HONOR YOUR PARENTS WITH APPRECIATION & CARE

A. (1 Tim 5:4, 8) But if any widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show piety at home and to repay their parents; for this is good and acceptable before God... But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

B. (Mark 7:9-13) He said to them, "All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition. {10} "For

Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.' {11} "But you say, 'If a man says to his father or mother, "Whatever profit you might have received from me is Corban";' (that is, a gift to God), {12} "then you no longer let him do anything for his father or his mother, {13} "making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do."

CONCLUSION

A. O.T. - (Exo 20:12) "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

B. N.T. - (Eph 6:2-3) "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: {3} "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."

C. GOD MAKES TWO PROMISES TO THOSE WHO HONOR THEIR PARENTS

1. THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU – BECAUSE GOD WILL BE WITH YOU TO STRENGTHEN AND CARE FOR YOU THROUGH ANY TRIALS, TRIBULATIONS AND TROUBLES.

2. THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH – GOD WILL ENABLE YOU TO LIVE LONG BECAUSE OF YOUR OBEDIENCE TO HIM IN THIS AREA

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