

# How to Honor Our Mothers

## Ephesians 6:1-4



**Introduction:** How many of you ever watch the movie: \_\_\_\_?

### The History of Mother's Day

Today, I want to share with you some thoughts on how we can honor our mothers.

#### I. Honor your mother with your \_\_\_\_\_ – Exodus 20:12; Leviticus 19:3; Proverbs 31:2

- Exodus 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.”*
- Leviticus 19:3 – *“Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father.”*
- Proverbs 31:28 – *“Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her.”*

The word “*honor*” means “giving \_\_\_\_\_ to” or “seriously considering a \_\_\_\_\_.”

Proverbs 16:24 - *“Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, Sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.”*

So, then here are some ideas on how to honor moms with words that express a deep appreciation for her:

Find your mom's \_\_\_\_\_ language.

## II. Honor your mother with your \_\_\_\_\_ – Romans 12:9a

*Let love be without hypocrisy.*

**Love is a \_\_\_\_\_!** We must show love to our moms through our actions – actions speak volumes!

### **The Velveteen Rabbit The Skin Horse Tells His Story**

Ways to love your mothers:

What \_\_\_\_\_ have you made to honor your mother today?

## III. Honor your mother by following her \_\_\_\_\_ – Proverbs 1:8, 6:20-23

- *Proverbs 1:8* – “My son, hear the instruction of your father, And do not forsake the law of your mother;”
- *Proverbs 6:20-23* – 20 “My son, keep your father’s command, And do not forsake the law of your mother. Bind them continually upon your heart; Tie them around your neck. When you roam, they will lead you; When you sleep, they will keep you; And when you awake, they will speak with you. For the commandment is a lamp, And the law a light; Reproofs of instruction are the way of life,” – *My son, keep your father’s command, And do not forsake the law of your mother. 21 Bind them continually upon your heart; Tie them around your neck. 22 When you roam, they will lead you; When you sleep, they will keep you; And when you awake, they will speak with you. 23 For the commandment is a lamp, And the law a light; Reproofs of instruction are the way of life,*

If you were raised by a \_\_\_\_\_ Christian mom, you are very blessed individual. \_\_\_\_\_ had both a godly grandmother and a godly mother, and they taught him the Scripture, and how to love God himself (2 Timothy 1:5).

John Wesley said, "I learned more about Christianity from my mother than from all the \_\_\_\_\_ of England."

And an Anonymous writer penned, "One godly mother is worth a \_\_\_\_\_ clergy."

Our Proverb verses tell us that we are not to forsake the "law of your mother." Her "law" is a "light."

Here is my short list of how a mother can be an \_\_\_\_\_ to her children:

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It has been said that the best compliment is when someone \_\_\_\_\_ you.

We can honor our mothers by emulating their positive qualities and learning from their mistakes:

#### **IV. Honor your mother by \_\_\_\_\_ for her – Philippians 4:6-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-2**

- **Philippians 4:6-7** – *6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

Paul wrote these words to Timothy,

- **1 Timothy 2:1–2** – *1 Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.*

Paul tells us to pray for \_\_\_\_\_, but also “for all who are in \_\_\_\_\_”. I don’t think I’m stretching that verse when I say that it would also include \_\_\_\_\_. Moms have authority over us, and they need our prayers. There is not a mother alive who doesn’t need daily prayers.

### **What to Pray for Moms About**

**Conclusion:** Can I remind us to \_\_\_\_\_ (value) our mothers not just on Mother’s Day but every day. Moms do so much for the family. Research tells us that if moms were paid an annual salary that it would be somewhere around \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Therefore, don’t forget your mother or take her for granted. Shower your mother with your love and support.

Example positions of the mom hybrid job role include:

Speak kind \_\_\_\_\_, show love through our \_\_\_\_\_, follow their \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ for them.

Let us cherish the gift of motherhood and thank God for the wonderful women who have \_\_\_\_\_ our lives.