

HOW TO HONOR YOUR PARENTS

"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you."

Exodus 20:12 (NIV)

- ❖ Parenting is TOUGH, so honor them by LOVING them. (Romans 13:8)

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.

Romans 13:8 (NIV)

- ❖ There are no PERFECT PARENTS, so honor them by FORGIVING them. (Colossians 3:13)

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Colossians 3:13 (NIV)

- ❖ Honoring our parents CHANGES as we grow up.

1. As a child, I honor my parents by OBEYING and RESPECTING them. (Ephesians 6:1-3)

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²"Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise— ³"so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."

Ephesians 6:1-3 (NIV)

2. As a youth, I honor my parents by ACCEPTING and LISTENING to them. (Proverbs 23:22)

Listen to your father who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old.

Proverbs 23:22 (NIV)

3. As an adult, I honor my parents by APPRECIATING and INCLUDING them. (1 Timothy 5:4, Proverbs 19:26)

But if a widow has children or grandchildren, these should learn first of all to put their religion in practice by caring for their own family and so repaying their parents and grandparents, for this is pleasing to God.

1 Timothy 5:4 (NIV)

Whoever robs their father and drives out their mother is a child who brings shame and disgrace.

Proverbs 19:26 (NIV)