

Honoring Mother In All Stages of Life

Honoring our parents is the first obligation toward humans given in the Ten Commandments. How we best honor our mother may be determined by her stage in life. Life changes and how we best honor her changes.

We need to honor her in our youth by obeying and respecting her. "Obey your parents." (Ephesians 6:1). One can be obedient without being respectful; that does not show honor.

We need to honor her as we enter adulthood. "Do not forsake your mother's teaching." (Proverbs 1:8). When we leave home, we need to take our mother's teaching with us. That honors her. Honoring her at this stage of life might involve beginning to forgive some of her flaws. It might involve apologizing for some of the pain we gave her as we grew up.

We need to honor her as she becomes a grandmother and great-grandmother. "Do not despise your mother when she is old." (Proverbs 23:22). We have our own families, but we are not to forget to honor our mother. And that honor is defined as providing what we can to meet her needs. Honor at this point might come to mean helping her adjust to new living arrangements, treating her with dignity, accepting responsibility for her, patience and understanding. It may mean communicating to her, "I will honor you by doing what is best for you," even if these decisions are difficult ones — for her or us.

We need to honor her even if she has already died by being what she taught us to be, like being honest or being obedient to God.

- Gary Grady, via *Bulletin Digest* -

MOTHER

There are fingerprints on the window pane;
There are scratches on the chair.
Six little shoes are on the floor;
Playthings are everywhere.
But three little heads lie fast asleep;
All as still as a mouse.
And rosy red cheeks on pillows of white
Make up for a "littered up" house.
They are safe at home in their own little beds,
And that is enough for me.
Who wants a house that's as neat as a pin?
Not I — I'm the mother of three.

- Author Unknown -

LIFETIME MEMORIES

Pause with your child when others hurry by; **walk** with your child when others are running.

Smile with your child when others can only find frowns; **listen** to your child when others appear to be preoccupied.

Talk with your child when others prefer shouting; **praise** your child when others can find only fault.

Hug your child when others fail to sense the power of touch; **read** with your child when others prefer television.

Learn from your child when others have forsaken curiosity; **play** with your child when others prefer being entertained.

Discipline your child when others fail to establish limits; **apologize** to your child when others pretend perfection.

Pray with your child when others have lost faith; **dream** with your child when others have become too cynical.

- Anthony Witham -
via *Voice Of Truth International*



The mother's heart is the child's schoolroom. — Henry Ward Beecher

News & Notes

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS: Jenny Rhodes.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. All the ladies are invited to participate in this good work.

MEN'S LEADERSHIP CLASSES: Each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. All the men are urged to attend this instructive class.

GRADUATION PARTY: For MaClay Moore on Saturday, June 3rd, 3:00-6:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Building. All are invited to attend.

SUMMER CAMP APPLICATIONS: On the desk in the foyer.

PANTRY: Toilet paper & soap.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Cindy Miskimen requests prayers for her dad, Lewis Call, who is now in hospice care.

SICK & SHUT-IN: Eva Steff, Betty Henthorne, Doris Dunham. **FOX NURSING HOME:** Mary Nelson. **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller, Jim Mick, **CALCUTTA HEALTH CARE:** Ella Beagle. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

TIME

My name is **time**. I haven't always been and I won't always be, but right now I'm on the move, measuring out life.

Men wait for me, submit to me, fear me; but no one can stop me except God. He is in control, and He says I am running out ...

Most men think I'm on the move forever. But I'm not. When I stop, eternity will keep right on going ...

And it will be too late — too late for repentance, too late for getting right with God through Jesus Christ His Son, too late for faith — just "forever" left for tears and anguished regrets ...

Now is the day of salvation. Will it be that day for you?

My name is **TIME**, and I'm on the move. I'm nearing the end. And I'm taking you with me ... into Eternity.

via Beacon, Belview Church of Christ, Pensacola, FL

- Author Unknown

THIS IS A VERY GOOD TIME

The famous American thinker and writer Ralph Waldo Emerson once wrote, "This time, like all times, is a very good one if we but know what to do with it."

Thankfully, the Bible gives us all the instruction we need to know what to do with our time.

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man" (Ecc. 12:13).

"See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is" (Ephesians 5:15-17).

May God bless us all with the strength to use our time wisely and for His glory!

- Matt Clifton, McCrory, AR, *BulletinDigest.com*