

Mother's Day
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"Give honor to whom honor is due." Romans 13:7

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS

1ST – GIVE HER THE RESPECT SHE IS DUE.

Exodus 20:12 "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you." (NIV)

Deuteronomy 5:16 "Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live long and that it may go well with you in the land the LORD your God is giving you." (NIV)

Ephesians 6:1-3 "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother"--which is the first commandment with a promise-- "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."

#1 - By what you THINK about your mother.

Proverbs 15:20 "Sensible children bring joy to their father; foolish children despise their mother."

Proverbs 23:22 "Listen to your father, who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old."

#2 - By what you SAY about your mother.

Ephesians 4:29 "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." (NIV)

Proverbs 20:20 "If you insult your father or mother, your light will be snuffed out in total darkness."

#3 - By what you DO for your mother.

Proverbs 30:17 "The eye that mocks a father, that scorns obedience to a mother, will be pecked out by the ravens of the valley, will be eaten by the vultures."

2ND - REFUSE THE WAY OF A FOOL.

Proverbs 10:1 "A wise child brings joy to a father; a foolish child brings grief to a mother."

Proverbs 17:25 "Foolish children bring grief to their father and bitterness to the one who gave them birth."

#1 - ARROGANCE

Proverbs 12:15 "The way of a fool seems right to him, but a wise man listens to advice."

Proverbs 28:26 "He who trusts in himself is a fool, but he who walks in wisdom is kept safe."

#2 - ANGER

Proverbs 14:16-17 "The wise are cautious and avoid danger; fools plunge ahead with reckless confidence. Short-tempered people do foolish things."

#3 - ARGUMENTS

Proverbs 18:6-7 "A fool's lips bring him strife, and his mouth invites a beating. A fool's mouth is his undoing, and his lips are a snare to his soul."

Proverbs 13:24 (TLB) "If you refuse to discipline your son, it proves you don't love him; for if you love him, you will be prompt to punish him."

3RD - RESPOND TO THE WISDOM OF GOD.

1st - Listen to her counsel.

Proverbs 1:8-9 "My child, listen when your father corrects you. Don't neglect your mother's instruction. What you learn from them will crown you with grace and be a chain of honor around your neck."

2nd - Obey her commands.

Colossians 3:20 "Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord."

3rd - Avoid bad company.

Proverbs 24:1 "Don't envy evil people or desire their company."

1 Corinthians 15:33 "Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."

4th - Live out a Godly commitment.

Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."