

## Deserving Honor

“Honor your father and mother.” This is the first commandment with a promise: If you honor your father and mother, “things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth.” - *Ephesians 6:2-3 (NLT)*

### WHY DID GOD GIVE THIS COMMAND?

1. Every parent is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. We wouldn't \_\_\_\_\_ without them.
3. God chose their \_\_\_\_\_.

### I HONOR MY PARENTS AT EACH STAGE OF LIFE...

#### I. As A Child... By \_\_\_\_\_ Them.

Children, obey your parents; this is the right thing to do because God has placed them in authority over you. - *Ephesians 6:1 (TLB)*

#### II. As A Youth... By \_\_\_\_\_ Them.

“Each of you must respect your mother and father.” - *Leviticus 19:3 (NIV)*

We respect our own parents for training and not spoiling us.

- *Hebrews 12:9 (MSG)*

#### ... By \_\_\_\_\_ Them.

“Intelligent children listen to their parents; foolish children do their own thing.”

- *Proverbs 13:1 (MSG)*

“Listen to your father's advice and don't despise an old mother's experience.”

- *Proverbs 23:22 (TLB)*

“Do what your father tells you and never forget what your mother taught you. Keep their words with you always, locked in your heart. Their teaching will lead you when you travel, protect you at night, and advise you during the day. Their instructions are a shining light; their correction can teach you how to live.”

- *Proverbs 6:20-23 (GNT)*

#### III. As An Adult... By \_\_\_\_\_ Them.

“When your mother is old, show her your appreciation.” - *Proverbs 23:22b (GNT)*

“So give your father and mother joy! May she who gave you birth be happy.”

- *Proverbs 23:25 (NLT)*

#### ... By \_\_\_\_\_ Them.

Treat older women as you would your mother, and treat younger women with all purity as you would your own sisters. Take care of any widow who has no one else to care for her. But if she has children or grandchildren, their first responsibility is to show godliness at home and repay their parents by taking care of them. This is something that pleases God. - *1 Timothy 5:2-4 (NLT)*

If anyone doesn't take care of his own relatives, especially his immediate family, he has denied the Christian faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

- *1 Timothy 5:8 (GWT)*