

Sermon Title: Single, Married, Widowed, Let Honor Be Thy Crown

Sermon Text: 1 Timothy 5:3-4

Sermon Purpose: To honor the mothers of Dynamic Life.

Sermon Proposition: There are 4 concepts related to biblical honor of mothers.

- I. The **principle** of honoring mothers. V.3
- II. The **participants** of honoring mothers. V.4a
- III. The **payment** of honoring mothers. V.4b
- IV. The **pension** of honoring mothers. V.4c

“The typical parent spends less than one hour per week in meaningful interaction with each of his or her children.” George Barna

I. The principle of honoring mothers. V.3

Honor has to do with “showing respect or care,” “to support,” or “to treat graciously.” The word “honor” translates a verb meaning literally “regard as weighty.”

It is associated with the notion that important people are “heavy weights,” loaded down with glory and honor. Parents were to be considered as such, heavy with responsibility and privilege of which children must submit if they are to be obedient and pleasing to God.

Winston Churchill when asked to check a list of his greatest teachers replied, “You have omitted to mention the greatest of my teachers – my mother.”

II. The participants of honoring mothers. V.4a

Timothy was instructed and was responsible for instructing the members of the church to give proper recognition (honor) to those who are truly widows and widows who were really in need. Paul also speaks about those who had lost their husband but had children or grandchildren still living.

In the church the first responsibility for caring for family is family (not the church or the state).
Illustration: (Jesus with His mother).

“What the mother sings to the cradle goes all the way down to the coffin.” Henry Ward Beecher

III. The payment of honoring mothers. V.4b

A. Children and grandchildren learn to show piety at home.

Children and grandchildren learn at home to put their religion or relationship with God into practice by caring for their own.

B. Children and grandchildren learn to repay their parents for their care as children.

In doing so, these family members would repay their forbearers (progeny) [2 Timothy 1:3 I thank God, whom I serve with a pure conscience, as my forefathers did, as without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day,], part of the debt owed to them.

C. Seven **benefits** of honoring mothers.

1. That your days may be long upon the earth.

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.

2. Fulfills the responsibility of obedience to the Lord God.

Leviticus 19:3 `Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father, and keep My Sabbaths: I am the LORD your God.

3. Prevents the early discipline of death. (respect, love, reverence, dignity, financial stability)

Leviticus 20:9 `For everyone who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death. He has cursed his father or his mother. His blood shall be upon him.

Matthew 15:4 "For God commanded, saying, `Honor your father and your mother'; and, `He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.'

Mark 7:10 "For Moses said, `Honor your father and your mother'; and, `He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.'

4. Long life and wellness of life may be yours
Deuteronomy 5:16 `Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may be well with you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you.
5. Prevents the curse of God upon your life.
Deuteronomy 27:16 `Cursed *is* the one who treats his father or his mother with contempt.' And all the people shall say, `Amen!'
6. Demonstrates a Holy Spirit-led life.
Mark 10:19 "You know the commandments: `Do not commit adultery, `Do not murder, `Do not steal, `Do not bear false witness, `Do not defraud, `Honor your father and your mother.'"
Luke 18:20 "You know the commandments: `Do not commit adultery, `Do not murder, `Do not steal, `Do not bear false witness, `Honor your father and your mother.'"
7. Fulfills the promise of God's commandments
Ephesians 6:2 "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise:

“When parent instruct not their children, they seldom prove blessings. God often punishes the carelessness of parents with undutifulness in their children.”

IV. The pension of honoring mothers. V.4c

- A. Such obedience is pleasing to God. It illustrates “welfare” as God intended.
- B. Obedience involves and demonstrates recognition of authority.
- C. It brings the blessings of God upon your life.

“Times change. Not too many years ago minding one’s children didn’t mean obeying them.” – Author Unknown

“It is better to build strong children than to try to repair adults.” – Author Unknown