

Honoring Mom

Scripture: Exodus 20:12, Ephesians 5:15-17; 6:2-3, John 13:34, 1 John 3:16

Today, we honor and celebrate mom. Our culture is becoming more and more anti-family—more than that, ant-human, so what we do today is of utter importance. We believers must show our society that mothers are of utmost importance.

This day is not without pain for some mothers. If that is you, remember, your struggle is not in vain. God sees you. He hears your every prayer and holds your every tear.

As we think about the integral part that mothers play in our lives, we will look at four specific ways we can honor our moms and celebrate the unique role they play in our families, churches, and communities.

(Five facts about mothers from various research institutions concerning how much time a mother spends on her children for various reasons.)

Honor in the Bible means “**esteem, value, or great respect.**” To honor someone is to value them highly or bestow value upon them. As I already mentioned, we’re going to look at 4 ways we can honor - **esteem, value, respect** - our mothers.

1. Honor Your Mother with Respect (Exodus 20:12, Ephesians 6:2-3)

One way we can honor our mothers is by showing them respect. We should speak to them kindness and politeness, and we should listen to them when they speak. Even when we disagree with our mothers, we should do so in a respectful manner. We don’t talk back. We don’t yell at her. We avoid harsh or hurtful words. Instead we show her the love and respect she deserves. Honor her wishes, ideas, and dreams. Respect her point of view, even if you disagree with it.

2. Honor Your Mother with Time (Ephesians 5:15-17)

Time is undoubtedly our most valuable asset. We can make more money, we can buy more things, we can learn new skills and get more degrees. But we cannot, and will not ever be able to, make more time.

We honor our mothers by spending time with them. We should visit them, call them, or spend time with them in whatever way we can. We should also be willing to help them when they need it, whether it's with household chores or just a listening ear.

By giving our time and attention to our mothers, we show them that they are important to us and that we value their presence in our lives.

3. Honor Your Mother with Love (John 13:34)

We should honor our mothers with love. We are called to express our love for her in both words and actions. We can tell our mothers how much we love and appreciate her, and we can also show our love by doing things for her that make them happy and bring her joy.

Learn your mother’s love language; Quality time, acts of service, words of affirmation, gifts, or physical touch.

4. Honor Your Mother's Sacrifice (1 John 3:16)

To be a mother is to be someone who sacrifices. Mothers sacrifice in the following ways:

- Giving up their time
- Putting their dreams on hold
- Financial sacrifices
- Emotional labor
- Physical labor

In short, mothers sacrifice in many ways to provide for their families and ensure their well-being. Their love and dedication are often taken for granted. This is why we recognize and appreciate all that they do.

Being a mom is an intense gig, it doesn't pay well, and there's very little gratitude or recognition of the job. Our culture is becoming more and more anti-family and therefore, anti-motherhood and anti-fatherhood. Therefore, it becomes more and more imperative that we honor our parents, and today, we honor our mothers.

There are many ways we can honor our mothers according to God's Word. We can honor them with respect, time, love, and recognition. If you don't have a plan as to how you're going to spend the rest of the day, think about these four main points and pick one.

Let's show our mothers the honor they deserve, not just on Mother's Day, but every day of the year. And let's remember that by honoring our mothers, we also honor the God who created them and gave them to us as a blessing.

Thank you, moms! Today and every day.