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## HONOR, INFLUENCE & GRACE IN RELATIONSHIPS

Healthy relationships are built through intentional influence and honor.

<sup>1</sup> Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. <sup>2</sup> “Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— <sup>3</sup> “so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”

**Ephesians 6:1-3 NIV**

Today we honor Mother’s on their special day.

*She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.*

<sup>26</sup> She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. <sup>27</sup> She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. <sup>28</sup> Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: **Proverbs 31:25-28 NIV**

Scripture shows that godly influence can shape generations.

Paul writing to Timothy...<sup>3</sup> I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. <sup>4</sup> Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup> I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. **2 Timothy 1:3-5 NIV**

- Eunice and Lois had passed on a Spiritual legacy.
- Before Timothy heard sermons, he saw sincerity.
- Before he understood theology, he observed consistency.
- Children may forget lectures, but they rarely forget examples.

**A MOTHER’S FAITH IS OFTEN THE FIRST BIBLE A CHILD READS.**

- People are shaped more by what they consistently see than by what they occasionally hear.
- A praying mother teaches dependence on God.
- A forgiving mother teaches grace.
- A worshipping mother teaches reverence.

Questions to answer honestly...

- What atmosphere does my life create at home?
- Would my children or family describe my faith as sincere?
- Am I modeling Christ consistently?

**GOD WORKS THROUGH IMPERFECT MOTHERS.**

Many mothers carry guilt:

- “I should have done more.”
- You do not have to be a perfect parent to have a powerful impact.
- Faithfulness matters more than flawlessness.

God honors:

- Prayers of faith
- Sacrifices nobody notices
- Consistency in difficult seasons

**A GODLY LEGACY IS BUILT INTENTIONALLY.**

<sup>6</sup> These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. <sup>7</sup> Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. **Deuteronomy 6:6–7 NIV**

- The culture disciplines our children daily.

Small Intentional genuine spiritual moments matter:

- Praying together
- Discussing Scripture at dinner
- Genuinely worshiping together
- Showing compassion to others
- Modeling repentance when wrong
- These ordinary moments become spiritual foundations.

**THE GREATEST GIFT A MOTHER GIVES IS POINTING PEOPLE TO CHRIST.**

Similarly, teach the older women to live in a way that honors God. They must not slander others or be heavy drinkers. Instead, they should teach others what is good. <sup>4</sup> These older women must train the younger women to love their husbands and their children, <sup>5</sup> to live wisely and be pure, to work in their homes, to do good, and to be submissive to their husbands. Then they will not bring shame on the word of God. **Titus 2:3–5 NLT**

Many people are spiritually alive today because a woman:

- Discipled them
- Encouraged them
- Prayed for them
- Believed in them

Who am I helping grow spiritually?