

Moms & Their Messages

Three Goals This Morning:

1. Keep On Keeping On

- Mom's Leave Encouraged to continue

2. Remind You Of The Value

- You would leave valuing Mom differently

3. You Choose to Honor Your Mom

- Recount the blessing of Her investment

- You renew the desire to honor her

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Proverbs 1:7-9

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline. Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. They will be a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck.”

Interesting Note – Solomon's Mom – Bathsheba

- See his honor for mom in 1 Kings 2:19

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1. Family Model Is the Implication

- taken for granted fathers, mothers and children are in unique relationship
- Families are God's Preferred Plan
 - Gen. 1:27 – Created male and female – given a task
 - Gen. 2:24 – Leaving and Cleaving – God's Idea
- note – heart of God towards single parents, those without the ideal.
- Family model is the God model

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2. Families Are Learning Centers

- words instruction, teaching – sound like a learning place
- most things in life we are taught – not instinct
- family not just a place for food, shelter, clothes etc.

a) Foundation For Teaching – Fear Of The Lord

- vs.7 – knowledge starts here
- foundation for counsel, instruction etc.
- commitment to truth – baseline for decisions
- Surrender and Obedience - models

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b) Two Teachers in This School

- Fathers – Instruct, Mothers – Teach
- Both supporting the same principles
- Both active and involved in the learning

c) Students Role

- Hear – open your ears and listen
- Do Not Forsake – open your heart and receive

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Temptation – rebel against this teaching

* Do Not Listen * - blah, blah, blah

* Ignore What Is Taught* - out of touch, irrelevant

God Takes This Seriously

* Honor Thy Father and Mother * Exd. 20:12,

3. Family Is Designed to Experience Blessing

- garland to grace your head, chain to adorn your neck

- note – see by others, recognized, adds to your beauty

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- Eph 6:1-2 *“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.”*
- honor brings blessing – great truth
- Legacy for Children – for us to honor father and mother
- Blessing from God Promised

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So What

1. Mom – Keep on Keeping On.
 - Teaching and Modeling God to your family – given role
2. Children – Mark The Messages – Value Them
 - Not forsaking means embracing – how are you doing it?
3. As God's Children – Honoring Parents Takes Purpose
 - involves sacrifice, planning, intention
 - How are you Honoring Your Mom – today, this year?