

Honoring Mother In All Stages Of Life

Honoring our parents is the first obligation toward humans given in the ten commandments. HOW we best honor our mother may be determined by her stage in life. Life changes and how we best honor her changes.

We need to honor her in our youth by obeying and respecting her. **"Obey your parents."** (Ephesians 6:1). One can be obedient without being respectful; that does not show honor.

We need to honor her as we enter adulthood. **"Do not forsake your mother's teaching."** (Proverbs 1:8). When we leave home, we need to take our mother's teaching with us. That honors her. Honoring her at this stage of life might involve beginning to forgive some of her flaws. It might involve our apologizing for some of the pain we gave her as we grew up.

We need to honor her as she becomes a grandmother and great-grandmother. **"Do not despise your mother when she is old."** (Proverbs 23:22). We have our own families, but we are not to forget to honor our mother. And that honor is defined as providing what we can to meet her needs. Honor at this point might come to mean helping her adjust to new living arrangements, treating her with dignity, accepting responsibility for her, patience and understanding. It may mean communicating to her, "I will honor you by doing what is best for you" even if these decisions are difficult ones— for her or us.

We need to honor her even if she has already died by being what she taught us to be, like being honest or being obedient to God.

- Gary Grady, *Bulletin Digest*



Flowers For Mother

Several years ago, I read the story of a man who stopped at a flower shop to order some flowers. He was planning to wire the flowers to his mother who lived two hundred miles away. As he got out of his car he noticed a girl sitting on the curb sobbing. He asked her what was wrong and she replied, **"I wanted to buy a red rose for my mother but I have only 75 cents. A rose costs \$2.00."**

The man smiled and said, **"Come on with me. I will buy you a rose for your mother."** He placed his order to wire his flowers to his mother and bought a rose for the girl. As they were leaving he offered the girl a ride.

She responded, **"Yes, please if you could. Take me to my mother."** With that, she directed him to a cemetery where she placed the rose gently on a freshly dug grave.

The man returned to the flower shop, canceled the wire order, picked up the flowers and drove the two hundred miles to his mother's home.

We owe a lot to our Christian mother. If it is within your power, go out of your way to show her how much you appreciate and love her.

- Kerry Holton, *Lifelines*, Bella Vista, AR

- Happy Mother's Day! -

Mothers understand what children do not say. - Jewish Proverb

News & Notes

SUNDAY EVENING SINGINGS: Following the evening worship periods **tonight** and **May 27th**.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each **Tuesday** at **9:00 a.m.** All the ladies are invited to help with this good work.

PANTRY: Peanut butter & jelly.

DONATIONS NEEDED: Food & money donations are needed for the Graduation Banquet. See Rosie Burdine, Holly Phares, or Brenda Williams.

GRADUATION BANQUET: **Saturday, May 19th.** Our High School graduates: *Elizabeth Call, Nicole Clutter, Alex Delong, and Sarah West.* Graduating from West Liberty State College: *Linda Carson.* Congratulations and best wishes to each graduate!

POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME NEEDS: Items needed by **June 1st:** Taco Seasoning Mix, Macaroni & Cheese, Orange Jello, Wide Aluminum Foil, Disposable Rubber Gloves. See Jerry Shultz.

TABLE GAMBLING VOTE: **Saturday, June 9th.** Hancock County, WV residents are urged to vote **NO** on this issue.

SICK & SHUT-IN: AT HOME: Virginia Ferrell, Bobby Sheville, Jack Board, Ruth Brewer, Mary Beth Robinson, Lloyd Cowdery, Mabel Sprout, Virginia Rickerd, Bette Gentry, Fred & Jean Larrimore, Sr., Fred Larrimore, Jr., Cheryl Stackpole, George & Betty Dunn (Pat Wright's parents). **CITY HOSPITAL:** Ella Beagle. **NURSING HOMES:** **Fox:** Ray Baker. **Calcutta Health Care:** Glenn Beagle, Virginia Clutter (sister-in-law of Eva Stefl). **Nentwick:** Ruby Kenny. **Aspen Manor-Room 52, 415 Blinker Street, Wellsburg:** Ione Asher. **Weirton Geriatric Center:** Edna McKitrick, Ila Plum.

He Comes Where He Is Welcomed

The innkeeper made his stable available —

Jesus was born there.

Mary and Martha made their home available —

Jesus resided there.

The merchant made his upper room available —

Jesus supped there.

The believers make their hearts available —

Jesus lives there.