

HONOR YOUR MOTHER

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KEY SCRIPTURES

[Exodus 20:12](#); [Isaiah 66:13](#); [2 Timothy 1:5](#); [Proverbs 1:8–9](#); [Proverbs 31:28](#)

KEY POINTS

- **Honor is a command, not a reward.** We are called to honor our mothers not because they earned it, but because it is right in God's eyes.
- **God shares His heart through mothers.** The nurturing, comforting, and life-giving nature of moms reflects God's own character.
- **You don't need to give birth to mother someone.** Spiritual mothers and nurturing women have profound impact—even those who never had biological children.
- **A mother's influence is powerful and generational.** Faith passed down from women like Lois and Eunice shaped Timothy's life and ministry.
- **Teaching from mothers leaves lasting impressions.** Their wisdom, even in small sayings or gestures, can shape the way children think and live.
- **Honor can still be given amid deep hurt.** Honoring an undeserving parent doesn't mean excusing harm—it means walking in grace and obedience.
- **God sees unseen sacrifices.** Moms often feel unseen, unheard, and "not enough," but every act of faith and love matters to God.

DISCUSSION

- What does it mean to "honor" a mother who wasn't present or nurturing?
- Who has been a mother to you spiritually or emotionally even if they weren't your biological mom?
- How has a mother or grandmother's faith impacted your walk with God?
- What are some small but lasting lessons or sayings your mom taught you?
- What's one way you've seen God reflect His heart through a mother figure in your life?

APPLICATION

- **Express gratitude today.** Call, text, or write to your mom or a mother figure and thank her for one specific influence she's had on you.
- **Extend grace where there is pain.** Choose to honor your mother even if reconciliation feels impossible—by releasing bitterness and praying for them.
- **Be a spiritual mom.** Identify someone you can encourage or nurture, whether you have biological children or not.
- **Reflect and emulate.** Think about what your mom or another woman did that showed God's love—find a way to do that for someone else this week.
- **Encourage the unseen.** Affirm a mom you know who might feel invisible or like she's failing. Let her know she is seen and appreciated.