
Happy Mother's Day



NW Baptist Church



Nancy Hanks Lincoln

- ❖ Godly mothers are a special blessing.
- ❖ A good example of a godly mother was Nancy Hanks Lincoln.
- ❖ Nancy was deeply religious.
- ❖ She had a reputation for being very, very kind to everyone.



Devoutly Religious

- ❖ June 12, 1806, Nancy Hanks and Thomas Lincoln were married.
- ❖ The couple moved to a cabin in Elizabethtown and joined the Separate Baptist Church.



She Read The Bible To Her Children

- ❖ A kind, loving mother, She frequently read to Sarah and Abraham from the Lincoln family Bible.





Be Kind

- ❖ 1818 Nancy Lincoln took ill.
- ❖ She called the children to her bedside; asked them to be good and kind.



You Will Not Always Have Her

- ❖ Nancy Hanks Lincoln passed away at the age of 34.
- ❖ Abraham carved part of his mother's coffin.



The Value of A Good Mother

"God bless my mother;
all that I am or ever hope to be
I owe to her."

~

President Abraham Lincoln



Many Daughters Have Done Virtuously...

“Favor is deceitful,
and beauty is vain:
but a woman that
feareth the LORD,
she shall be praised.”

Proverbs 31



National Mother's Day

- ❖ 1914 President Woodrow Wilson, a Pastor's son, established a National Mother's Day to honor mothers.



National Mother's Day

- ❖ It is a wonderful idea, but don't give the credit to a man who wanted a day to honor mothers.
- ❖ 4,000 years ago God said that mothers should be honored every day!



Deuteronomy 5:16

“Honour thy father and thy mother,
as the LORD thy God hath
commanded thee; that thy days may
be prolonged, and that it may go well
with thee....”



Why Honor Mom?

- ❖ Two benefits to following the commandment:
 - 1.(1) things go better for the child;
 - 2.(2) child lives longer.
- ❖ Someone might say: but we are no longer under the Old Testament law, we are now under grace.



Honoring Mother Is Under Law & Grace

“Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor thy father and thy mother, which is the first commandment with promise. That it may go well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.”

Ephesians 6:1-3



What Does it Mean To Honor ?

- ❖ The English word honor was translated from the Greek word “*Tinao*” which means to place a high value on.



Many Mothers Feel They Are Not Valued

- ❖ 82.5 million mothers in America
- ❖ 55% are employed
- ❖ The 45% who stay home feel that they are not valuable, because they are not earning an income.



Where Is Home?

- ❖ A lost little girl was asked: where is your home?
- ❖ She answered: “where mother is.”
- ❖ It is comforting for a child to have a mother at home.



God Honors Mothers

❖ “...as one whom his mother comforteth, so shall I comfort you.”
Isaiah 66:13



God Honors Mothers

- ❖ God, who is above all, uses the example of a mother to show how much he cares about us. As much as a mother who comforts her children.
- ❖ God very highly exalts mothers and so should we.



Making Mom Feel Valuable

- ❖ Husbands and children, the key to your relationship with mother is this: **say and do things to make her feel valued, and do it often.**



Making Mom Feel Valuable

- ❖ Everyone in the room please read this with me: “say and do things to make mother feel valued, and do it often.”
- ❖ One more time.....
- ❖ The Bible teaches that our valuable mothers should be praised.



Give Mom Praise

- ❖ “Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.” Proverbs 31:28
- ❖ Good employee/parental management is this: 95% praise; 5% correction.
- ❖ Any fool can find fault, it takes wisdom to use honest praise.



Give Mom Praise

- ❖ In a marriage the wife should be praised at least 95%
- ❖ 99% if the husband is intelligent or-
- ❖ If the wife has a rolling pin!



Dishonoring of Mothers In Christian Homes

- ❖ Most of us have seen times when a child in a Christian home verbally dishonored the mother. ('Mud')
- ❖ For the child's sake, dishonoring mother should never be tolerated. Swift and effective discipline should be administered for the child's sake.



Mocking Mother is An Offense

- ❖ Proverbs 30:17 says that the one who mocks the mother or the father will not go unpunished.



Bitterness Toward Parents

- ❖ Many people carry bitterness toward parents for much or all of their life, because of a parental sin.
- ❖ Does the Bible say honor the parents who have not sinned against you? If so, there would be no parents to honor.
- ❖ “Christ so loved us sinners”.



Bitterness Toward Parents

- ❖ Ephesians 4:31-32
- ❖ Let all bitterness....be put away...
- ❖ What does all include?
- ❖ Children, all parents are sinners, but so are you. God says to put away ALL bitterness. Bitterness produces losers.



Stealing From Parents

- ❖ Some children steal from mom's purse.
- ❖ Later in life, when parents are elderly and starting to lose it, some children take advantage of the parent's decline to steal possessions or money.
- ❖ That is dishonoring your parents.



Stealing From Parents

- ❖ “Whoso robbeth his mother and sayeth it is no transgression; the same is the companion of a destroyer.” Proverbs 28:24
- ❖ If you have ever robbed your mother, confess, apologize and start paying it back.



Why Some Attain Greatness?

- ❖ Abraham Lincoln went from poverty to greatness.
- ❖ Was there a secret to his success?



Why Some Attain Greatness?

- ❖ Lincoln's stepmother told William Herndon:
 - ❖ "Abe was the best boy I ever saw. He never gave me a cross word or look."
- ❖ Mom and Dad, teach your children to honor mom the way Lincoln did.
- ❖ It is a step toward success in life.



Mothers Can Foster Successful Children

- ❖ Like Lincoln, General Douglas MacArthur, a Five Star General, gave his mother credit for his success.



Mothers Can Foster Successful Children

- ❖ General MacArthur's mother told him, "Do what is right, no matter what the personal sacrifice might be and never tell a lie."
- ❖ The advice that helped MacArthur become great should be taught to your children. Teach them to always do right and never lie.



But What About Mothers Who Are Deteriorating

- ❖ How can I honor and value my mother when she is failing mentally and physically?



What About Mothers Who Are Deteriorating?

- ❖ Proverbs 23:22 says “...Despise not thy mother when she is old.”



Raising Children Is Tough Work

- ❖ One of the things that made mother old, was having and raising children.
- ❖ Just the fact that you have to carry a child in your body for 270 days. That makes for “old and tired” in a hurry.



Consolation for Expecting Mothers

- ❖ For those of you who suffered while carrying a child, some words of consolation.
- ❖ A mother elephant carries, not 9 months, but 21 months and her baby kicks with two legs, but with four legs and a trunk.



What To Do With Mother When She Is Old

- ❖ In ancient Japan, there was an area in the mountains called “The Place To Leave Your Mother”.



What To Do With Mother When She Is Old

- ❖ For hundreds of years the Japanese custom was to take your mother there when she was in her 80's and leave her up in a mountain community of elderly women until she died.
- ❖ History records the experience of a feudal Lord who transported his mother up the mountain.



Mothers Are Valuable

- ❖ About half the way up, he noticed that the mother kept reaching out and breaking twigs.
- ❖ The feudal Lord angrily said: Mother what are you doing?
- ❖ The old mother said lovingly: “I am marking the trail so that you will be able to return home safely.”



Kindness & Love of Mother Changed History

- ❖ His heart was touched. He took his mother back down the mountain, to his home to care for her the rest of her life.
- ❖ He later led the movement that ended the practice of taking moms up the mountain to “the place to leave your mothers”.



The Law of Kindness

- ❖ Abraham Lincoln's mother was unusually kind. The mother of the Japanese feudal lord was unusually kind.



The Law of Kindness

- ❖ Proverbs 31:26 “She opened her mouth with wisdom and in her tongue is the law of kindness.”
- ❖ It is not natural to speak with kindness. It is natural to speak with a sharp tongue. A kind tongue contributes to better children, better husbands and a happier home.



She Looks Well to the Ways of her Household

- ❖ Proverbs 31:27 says “she looked well to the ways of her household.”
- ❖ It is often difficult to see the value of keeping up a home, but it pleases God and your family.



The Law of Morpholysis

- ❖ There is a law in science called the Law of Morpholysis which says that everything in our universe goes from order to disorder.
- ❖ That law makes evolution impossible, but that is another lesson.



The Law of Morpholysis

- ❖ The wife cleans the house. The husband and children come home and Morpholysis takes place.
- ❖ After 12 hours of slaving, a beautiful table is set. Thirty minutes later rampant Morpholysis. You are sorry that you made the gravy – it is everywhere.



Why Mothers Should Be Honored

- ❖ The pains of childbirth, then the stresses of raising children.
- ❖ Thousands and thousands of times of watching the hard work that went into cooking and cleaning all turn to Morpholysis.
- ❖ The efforts she made for a Godly influence in your life.



Godly Mothers Help Their Sons To Make it Home

- ❖ This earth is not our home, we are just pilgrims passing through.
- ❖ Christ went to make an eternal heavenly home for us.



Godly Mothers Help Their Sons To Make it Home

- ❖ The Feudal Lord's mother wanted to help her son get home.
- ❖ Nancy Lincoln taught the Bible to her son so he would be able to get to his heavenly home.
- ❖ Pinky MacArthur taught the Bible to her son so he could get to his heavenly home.



Gypsy Smith's Autobiography

- ❖ Chapter 2 – My Mother
- ❖ “The doctor quarantined our Gypsy wagon. Mother was asked to stay away from the wagon. Her love for her children brought her to the wagon and she caught the Small Pox.”



Gypsy Smith's Autobiography

❖ “My father was distressed. He loved his wife and would have died to save her. Father watched her sinking fast.”



The Young Son – Gypsy Smith

- ❖ “I wandered down the lane holding the hand of my little sister Tilly. I heard my name yelled out: “Rodney, Rodney, mother is dead.”



The Young Son – Gypsy Smith

- ❖ “I remember falling to the earth as though I had been shot, and weeping my heart out.
- ❖ When I arose I knew that I would never be like other boys, for I had no mother.”



Honor Thy Mother

- ❖ “They buried our precious mother in a section of Norton graveyard designated for the poor and unknown because we were gypsies.”



Honor Thy Mother

- ❖ “One day when our Gypsy wagon was in the area, my little sister Tilly and I wandered off in search of mother’s grave.”
- ❖ “When we neared the churchyard, we stopped at a cottage to ask for help.”



Honor Thy Mother

- ❖ “We asked if someone could tell us how to find mother’s grave.”
- ❖ “They knew from our appearance we were gypsies, so they took us to the area of the cemetery for gypsies. We found mother’s burial spot.”



Honor Thy Mother

- ❖ “Tilly and I stood a long time weeping, then we gathered wild flowers to put on our mother’s grave.”
- ❖ “We realized it was late and we should have been back to the wagon tent by now.”



Honor Thy Mother

- ❖ “We got up to leave, but at the gate I stopped and asked Tilly: “What can we do for mom?”
- ❖ “We were poor and the only thing of value that I had was a gold stick pin that had been given to me.”



Honor Thy Mother

- ❖ “I ran back and pushed the gold stick pin into the gravesite and said to Tilly: There we have done something for our mother.”



Honor Thy Mother

- ❖ “When we arrived back at the wagon, Father was very upset at us for not being home before dark. He angrily asked us why we were so late.”
- ❖ “When we told him, we wanted to honor mom, he turned his head and broke down weeping.”



Don't Take Mom For Granted

- ❖ You may not always have her.
- ❖ She may not always be what she once was.
- ❖ She should always be valued.
- ❖ She should always be honored.
- ❖ She should always be cared for.



Moms, You Are So Valuable

- ❖ Thank you mothers for all that you have done and continue to do. Thank you for what you have endured and for your comforting.
- ❖ Thank you for helping your children to learn to honor and obey.



Moms, You Are So Valuable

- ❖ Moms, thank you for showing your children the way home.
- ❖ You are valuable!

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With Love, Thanks
and Appreciation