



Honoring My Parents
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Exodus 20:12 NIV

To view them as weighty
To hold them in high esteem, elevating them to a place of importance and reverence

Your parents are influential

"What relationships challenge us more than those we maintain over the course of an entire lifetime? And what relationship has more potential for both love and hate-and joy and sorrow-than the parent-child relationship?"

Bill Hybels

Your parents are imperfect

There are more nut-cake families and fruitcake families than there are angel-food-cake families. You think you've got a dysfunctional family? Try being a member of the Adam-Eve family. Or the Isaac-Rebekah family. Or the Zebedee family. My New Testament contains the story of nary a single couple who had normal marriages of a perfect family life. Can you list me the names of the perfect families in the Bible? A typical family looks more and more like a typical love affair, full of rapture one day, fury and disgust the next.

Leonard Sweet

"The moment you have children yourself, you forgive your parents everything."

Susan Hill

Your parents are worth it

What My Parents Did Right

Today I visited an eight year old girl dying of cancer. Her body was disfigured by her disease and its treatment. She was in almost constant pain. As I entered her room, I was overcome almost immediately by her suffering-so unjust, unfair, unreasonable. Even more overpowering (however) was the presence of her grandmother lying in bed beside her with her huge body embracing this precious, inhuman suffering. I stood in awe, for I knew I was on holy ground... The suffering of innocent children is horrifying beyond words. I will forget the great, gentle arms and body of this grandmother. She never spoke while I was there. She was holding and participating in suffering that she could not relieve, and somehow her silent presence was relieving it. No words could express the magnitude of her love.

Dr. Joanna Siebert

As a child obey your parents

Ephesians 6:1 NLT
Colossians 3:20 NLT

As a young adult, appreciate your parents

"Pack your bags, mama is taking us on a guilt trip..."

Proverbs 6:20-22 NLT
Proverbs 23:22-25 NLT

Raising Your Quarter-Million Dollar Baby...

"Children are priceless, but raising them is the most expensive thing you will do. The cost to raise a child from birth to 17 years of age is- \$284,460.00. That doesn't include college..."

A parent is a person who carries pictures where they once carried money..."

As an adult, provide for your parents

We start giving back...

*Stay in touch with your parents

*Respect your parents

Leviticus 19:3 NLV

*Meet their needs

1 Timothy 5:4 "...their first responsibility is to show godliness at home and repay their parents by taking care of them. This is something that pleases God."

Matthew 15:3-6 NLV

1 Timothy 5:8 NLT

Ephesians 6:2-3 NLT

You are who you are for a reason. You're part on an intricate plan.
You are a precious, perfect, unique design. Called God's special woman or man.
You look like you look for a reason. Our God made no mistake.
He knit you together within the womb. You're just what He wanted to make.
The parents you had are the ones He chose. No matter how you may feel.
You are custom designed with that plan in mind. They bear the Mater's seal.
The trauma you faced wasn't easy. And God wept that it hurt you so.
But it was allowed to shape your heart. So that into His likeness you'd grow.
You are who you are for a reason. You've been formed by the Master's rod.
You are who you are beloved. Because there is a God.