

This past Sunday we honored and prayed for the mothers in our church family. Honoring our parents is a command from God as we see in Deuteronomy 5:16, *“Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may go well with you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.”*

This is something that Jesus modeled for us, considering his mother even in the most difficult time of his earthly life as he hung on the cross and bore our sins (see John 19:26-27). Honoring our parents can be hard, and sometimes our parents are hard to love due to poor choices that they have made. How is God inviting you to honor your mother this week?

**Below is an article relating to Mother's day from the ministry of the late Dr Charles Stanley - In Touch Ministries**

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"Train up a child in the way he should go;  
even when he is old he will not depart from it."

**Proverbs 22:6**

**If someone asked us** to name the greatest and most influential people, we'd probably think of presidents or leaders of industry because their decisions shape the world. But who shaped *them*? It's likely their mothers played a key role in their success.

When a woman is in the process of changing diapers, wiping noses, and settling squabbles, raising children may not seem like important work. However, God has given mothers the responsibility of shaping those young lives and teaching the importance of knowing and loving Him. Timothy is an example of how women can impact the faith of the next generation (2 Timothy 1:5).

If you're a mom, you have tremendous influence in the lives of your children. There's no way to know how God will use them in the future. But whatever His plans may be, you can equip your sons and daughters by determining to spend time with them each day, reading and teaching them God's Word.

Perhaps you don't have children or your children are grown. You can still have an impact! Look for those to whom you can be a spiritual parent, teaching and loving them as Christ did. When they see you modeling godly character or trusting the Lord in the midst of trials, they will want to know and love God as you do. That's a wonderful way to support the next generation.