

**1 Timothy 5:2**

- a Paul instructed Timothy to reverently honor the women in his life.
- b Mothers, both biological and spiritual, are to be shown love.

**I. THE 1<sup>ST</sup> WAY WE CAN SHOW LOVE IS TO HONOR HER.**

**Exodus 20:12a**

The 1st commandment not centrally focused on God is "HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER..."

It is quoted verbatim in **Eph. 6:2a** "*Honor Your Father & Mother...*"

It is the same word Peter used when he instructed husbands in how to relate to their wives.

**I Peter 3:7a**      *In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives.*

TO HONOR IS TO HOLD IN HIGH RESPECT!

How do you show someone you honor them?    Spend TIME with/on them.

The temptation as we get busy in life is to take our parents for granted.

There are lots of gifts you can give this mother day, the greatest gift however is your time.

Spend money, resources on mom, but do not forget to give her your time.

Showing your mother honor is a way to show your love, but it's not the only way.

**II. THE 2<sup>ND</sup> WAY WE CAN SHOW LOVE IS TO HELP HER.**

Jesus is our example when it comes to caring for the physical needs of his mother.

**John 19:25-27**

Jesus is dying on the cross for the sins of the world.

He's still not too busy to see to it that His mother's needs are met.

The cross wasn't an excuse for Jesus to forsake the care of Mary.

You've got to top the cross to ignore your mother's needs!

**III. THE 3<sup>RD</sup> WAY WE CAN SHOW LOVE IS TO LISTEN TO HER**

Listen to Solomon (The Wisest Man Who Ever Lived).

**PR 1:8**

**PR 6:20**

**PR 15:20**

a Solomon says "Listen to your mother!!!"

b Pay attention to what she is saying.

**Conclusion:**

Paul instructed Timothy to reverently honor the women in his life.

Mothers, both biological and spiritual, are to be shown love.

A We have looked at three ways we can show love to a special mother today.

1. Honor Her
2. Help Her
3. Listen to Her

B. We have a choice to make!

1. Follow the admonition of Scripture and obey the Commandment to  
"HONOR OUR MOTHERS"

**2. DISHONOR THEM**

BY NOT RESPECTING THEM

BY NOT MEETING THEIR PHYSICAL NEEDS

BY NOT LISTENING TO WHAT THEY SAY.

*Solomon Rosenberg, his wife, his two sons, and his mother and father were arrested and placed in a Nazi concentration camp during the Holocaust of WWII. It was a labor camp and the rules were simple: As long as you can do your work, you are permitted to live. When you become too weak to do your work, then you will be exterminated.*

*Rosenberg watched his mother and father being marched off to their deaths when they became too weak to work. He knew that his youngest son, David, would be next because David had always been a frail child. Every evening when Rosenberg came back into the barracks after his hours of labor, he would search for the faces of his family. When he found them, they would huddle together, embrace one another, and thank God for another day of life.*

*One day Rosenberg came back, but he didn't see those familiar faces. He finally discovered his oldest son, Joshua, in a corner, huddled, weeping, and praying. He said, "Josh, tell me it's not true." Joshua turned and said, "It is true, Poppa. Today David was not strong enough to do his work, so they came for him."*

*"But where is your mother?" asked Mr. Rosenberg.*

*"Oh Poppa," he exclaimed. "When they came for David, he was afraid and he was crying. Momma said, **'There is nothing to be afraid of, David,' and then she took his hand and went with him.**"*

*That illustrates a love so strong that it chooses to give up life so her child can be comforted.*

That is the kind of love that Christ has for us--a love so strong that he gave himself up for us.

Are you a part of His family?      If not, you can be!

If you're already in the family of God, commit yourself to treating the other members of the family, including your spiritual mothers, in the ways the Bible instructs you.