

Do Not Forsake Your Mother's Teaching

Mother's Day

Proverbs 1:7-9

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction. Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and do not forsake your mother's teaching; indeed, they are a graceful wreath to your head, and ornaments about your neck.

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Even Great Kings Should Bow to Their
Mothers

I Kings 2:19

So Bathsheba went to King Solomon to speak to him for Adonijah. And the king arose to meet her, bowed before her, and sat on his throne; then he had a throne set for the king's mother, and she sat on his right.

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Proverbs 30:8

Give me neither poverty nor riches;

Feed me with the food that is my portion,

⁹ That I not be full and deny *You* and say, “Who
is the Lord?”

Or that I not be in want and steal,

And profane the name of my God

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1. The Origin of Family

Genesis 1:27

And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 And God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.

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1. The Origin of Family

Genesis 2:24

A man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

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2. The Family as a School

The family is God's basic school for instructing children how to live in the world.

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3. The Fear of the Lord as the Unifying Theme

Verse 7: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning
of knowledge."

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4. The Responsibility of Both Fathers and Mothers

Verse 8: “Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and do not forsake your mother's teaching.”

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The Influence of a godly mother and
grandmother

2 Timothy 1:5

I am mindful of the sincere faith within you,
which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois, and
your mother Eunice, and I am sure that it is in
you as well

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2 Timothy 3:14-15

You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them [that is, your mother Eunice and through her from your grandmother Lois]

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5. The Submissiveness of Children

Verse 8: "Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and do not forsake your mother's teaching."

These two commands warn against the two common temptations of rebellion. One is when a child is home; and the other is when he is away from home.

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Exodus 20:12

“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the Lord your God gives you.”

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6. The Promise of Reward

Verse 9: “Indeed [literally, "because"], they [hearing your father's instruction and not forsaking your mother's teaching] are a graceful wreath to your head,
and ornaments about your neck.”

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Ephesians 6:2

"Honor your father and mother" is "the first commandment with promise."

Proverbs 14:26-27

"In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence . . . The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life"

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Proverbs 19:23

"The fear of the Lord leads to life, so that one
may sleep satisfied, untouched by evil"

Proverbs 23:22

"Do not despise your mother when she is old"

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Proverbs 23:25

Do not forsake the teaching of your mother. It will be a wreath of grace to your head and a crown of joy upon hers.