



***Help Lord, I am a Mother! – Pastor Alton Trimble
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FOUNDATIONAL TEXT:

EPHESIANS 6:1-3 (NLT)

*Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do.
² “Honor your father and mother.” This is the first commandment with a promise: ³ If you honor your father and mother, “things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth.”*

LET’ S HONOR THESE OUTSTANDING WOMEN (SPEAK WELL).

PSALM 139:13 (NKJV) *For You formed my inward parts; you covered me in my mother’s womb.*

NOTE: It was women like these who were:

- Last at the cross [MARK 15:47].
- First at the tomb [JOHN 20:1].
- First to proclaim the resurrection [MATTHEW 28:1]
- First preacher to the Jews [LUKE 2:37-38].
- Attended the first prayer meeting [ACTS 1:14].
- First to greet Christian missionaries; Paul and Silas in Europe [ACTS 16:14].

NOTE: In the same sense, these mothers we speak of are women of first:

- 1st to love somebody who needed it.
- 1st to serve someone when opportunity presented it.
- 1st to help somebody.
- 1st to understand.
- 1st to forgive.
- 1st to give.

NOTE: Paul's criteria for the women who would be honored is a reflection of these mothers.

1 TIMOTHY 5:10 (NKJV):

- *Well reported for good works.*
- *If she brought up children.*
- *If she has washed saints' feet.*
- *If she has relieved the afflicted.*
- *If she has diligently followed every good work.*

NOTE: King Lemuel, taught by his mother, described her as a virtuous woman [PROVERBS 31].

- *Priced far above rubies.*
- *Her husband can and does trust her and is profited by the relationship.*
- *Gives a lifetime of good to her husband.*
- *She is industrious and hardworking.*
- *She is resourceful and profitable.*
- *Others outside of her family benefit from her profit.*
- *She multiplies her goods.*
- *She is able to seize opportunity.*
- *What she does, she does well and with enthusiasm.*
- *The product of her effort is excellence.*
- *She is not afraid to burn the midnight oil.*
- *She is able to make something from nothing.*
- *She welcomes the less fortunate.*
- *She helps those in need.*
- *She insures that her family is well cared for.*
- *She always looks and dresses well.*
- *She is strong and respected by people.*
- *She has an optimistic view of life.*
- *She speaks wisdom.*
- *She teaches and models kindness.*
- *She looks out for her family.*
- *She has blessed her children.*
- *Her husband praises her.*
- *To her family, she is better than the best.*
- *She is a woman who respects the Lord.*
- *She is worthy to be honored with praise.*

SO, HOW DO WE HONOR OUR PARENTS AT EACH STAGE OF LIFE?

1. AS A CHILD, I HONOR MY MOTHER & FATHER BY OBEYING THEM.

EPHESIANS 6:1 *“Children, obey your parents; this is the right thing to do because God has placed them in authority over you.”*

2. AS A YOUNG ADULT I HONOR MY PARENTS:

- BY RESPECTING THEM

LEVITICUS 19:3 *“Each of you must respect his mother & father.”*

HEBREWS 12:9 *“We respect our own parents for training and not spoiling us...”(Mes)*

- BY LISTENING TO THEM

PROVERBS 13:1 *“Intelligent children listen to their parents; foolish children do their own thing.” (Mes)*

PROVERBS 23:22 *“Listen to your father's advice and don't despise your mother's experience.”(LB)*

PROVERBS 6:20-23 *“Do what your father tells you, and never forget what your mother teaches you. Keep their words with you always, locked in your heart. Their instructions will lead you... and protect you... and advise you... Their instructions are like a lamp; and their corrections can teach you how to live.”*

3. AS AN ADULT, I HONOR MY PARENTS BY:

- BY APPRECIATING THEM

PROVERBS 23:22b *“When your mother is old, show her your appreciation.”*

WHAT SHOULD I APPRECIATE?

1. APPRECIATE THEIR EFFORT.
2. APPRECIATE THEIR SACRIFICE.

The cost of raising a child from 0 to 18

Spending level		Cost
Just the basic essentials	Food, housing, clothing, transportation, health care and health insurance	\$260,366

Spending level		Cost
Deluxe essentials	All of the above with more expensive choices for food and clothing, and life insurance for the parents	\$342,976
Deluxe perks	All of the above plus extras for early childhood care, college savings, education, music and sports lessons, family vacations, electronics and gaming, and other purchases “just because.”	\$745,634

To get an idea of how much you might spend, take a spin through the calculation below:

Here's what just the basics cost (food, shelter, clothing, basic insurance, etc.):

\$260,366

LET'S PAMPER YOUR CHILD A BIT:

Select some things you'd like your child to have before age 18.

Deluxe essentials **add: \$82,640**

The basics, but nicer:

- More spending on food and clothes
- Life insurance for both parents

Vacations and recreation **add: \$70,652**

- Summer camp (ages 5-12)
- Four nights at Disney Beach Club Villa with park hopper tickets
- Three-night Royal Caribbean Bahamas cruise on Majesty of the Seas with an ocean view state room
- 14-day guided tour of "Classic Italy" from Tauck Tours

Deluxe education add: \$46,281

- Private high school for four years
- Four years of math tutoring
- Online SAT prep classes from Princeton Review
- College application fees for six colleges

Music and sports instruction add: \$7,100

- Piano lessons ages 8-11
- 20 private swimming lessons
- 20 private tennis lessons

Electronics and gaming add: \$4,238

- Three laptops
- Four iPhones
- An Xbox 360 and 12 games

Early childhood care add: \$143,308

- A full time nanny for ages 1-5.

College savings add: \$92,527

- What you'll need to put aside to save \$100,000 over 18 years.

Just because add: \$38,522

- A well-appointed bedroom set from Ethan Allen
- A quality tricycle and a hybrid bicycle from REI
- Birthday and holiday presents every year, costing \$500 a year
- Birthday parties for ages 2-10 costing \$300 each
- A new Toyota Camry

That means you'll spend, in today's dollars...

\$745,634

PROVERBS 23:25 "Give your parents joy! May she who gave you birth be happy." (NLT)

3. BY PROVIDING FOR THEM

1 TIMOTHY 5:2-4 "(In your church) treat the older women as you would your own mother, and treat the younger women as your own sisters. The church should care for any widow who has no one else to care for her. BUT if she has children or grandchildren, it is THEIR first responsibility to show godliness at home and repay their parents by taking care of them. This is something that pleases God." (NLT)

1 TIMOTHY 5:8 "Anyone doesn't take care of his own family, especially his immediate family, has denied the Christian faith and is worse than an unbeliever." (GW)

PRINCIPLES OR GUIDELINES FOR WOMEN DESIRING TO HAVE THE LEGACY OF SUCCESS AND HONORABLE MENTION.

II TIMOTHY 1:5 (NKJV) *“When I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also.”*

I. MOTHERS THAT WILL BE WOMEN OF FAITH.

II Kings 4:8-37 (NKJV)

II. MOTHERS WILLING TO SACRIFICE FOR THE WELFARE OF THEIR CHILDREN.

I Kings 3: 16-27 (NKJV)

III. MOTHERS THAT WILL NOT GIVE UP ON THEIR CHILDREN.

Exodus 2:1-10 (NKJV)

IV. MOTHERS THAT WILL TEACH THEIR CHILDREN THE WORD OF GOD.

Deuteronomy 6:7 (NKJV) *You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.*

V. MOTHERS THAT WILL TRAIN THEIR CHILDREN.

Proverbs 22:6 (NKJV) *Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.*

VI. MOTHERS THAT WILL PROVIDE FOR THEIR CHILDREN.

II Corinthians 12:14 (NKJV) *Now for the third time I am ready to come to you. And I will not be burdensome to you; for I do not seek yours, but you. For the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children.*

VII. MOTHERS THAT WILL NURTURE THEIR CHILDREN.

Ephesians 6:4 (NKJV) *And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.*

VIII. MOTHERS THAT WILL CONTROL THEIR CHILDREN.

I Timothy 3:4 (NKJV) *One who rules his own house well, having his children in submission with all reverence.*

IX. MOTHERS THAT WILL LOVE THEIR CHILDREN.

Titus 2:4 (NKJV) *That they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children.*

PSALM 27:10 (TEV) *“My father and mother may abandon me, but the Lord will take care of me”*