



**Life Group Questions**  
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Scripture: Ephesians 6:1-2; Genesis 2:18-25  
Proverbs 23:22-25; 1 Timothy 5:8

## **Life Group Questions: 4 Biblical Ways to Honor our Mothers**

### **Ephesians 6:2**

1. In Exodus 20:12 and Ephesians 6:2 we are commanded to "honor" our fathers and mothers.
  - What is the core sense of both the Old Testament and New Testament words for honor? [the notion of value]
  - What are two different ways that this core notion is used in Scripture? [to esteem highly and offering money]
  - How does the English word honorarium show one of these ideas?
  - Some people had horrible parents. Is it still possible to honor them? If so, how?
  - Have you ever had to honor your mom or dad, even when you disagreed with them?



## **Ephesians 6:1**

2. How are Children to honor their parents? (Ephesians 6:1). [Children are to obey their mothers and fathers].
  - Is this an absolute statement? (in other words, is there ever an exception?) If not, what are the exceptions?
  - Some children have horrible mothers and fathers. Are they still obligated to obey? If not, what are the exceptions?

## **Read Genesis 2:18-24**

3. In Genesis 2:18-19, God recreates pairs of male and female animals in front of Adam and has him name them.
  - Why does he do this? See especially 2:18 & 2:20? [God was showing Adam his need of a partner that is suitable and corresponding to him.]



4. In Genesis 2:24 God establishes the institution of marriage. How is it described? [Leaving and Cleaving].
  - What does this mean for the new family that was created through marriage? [It is a breaking away and forming a new, independent unit—no necessary obedience.]
  - Are married children still expected to honor their parents? [Yes, but not by obeying. In other ways].
  - What are some ways you can honor you mother (and father) after leaving and cleaving?
  - The relationship of between new couples and their parents can be challenging. As either a new parent couple or a new married couple, have you had to deal with this tension? If so, how have you handled it in a biblical way?
  
5. How is the biblical institution of marriage under attack today?
  - What are some ways that you feel our culture denigrates marriage and/or motherhood?
  - How do we fight against this influence in the family? In our Church? In our culture?



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## Read Proverbs 23:22-25

6. What are we to avoid with our older mothers?  
[Despising them]
  - What does the term despise mean? What does it mean in this context? [ignoring their godly advice]
  - How does this passage tell us to give our mothers (and fathers) joy? [by living wise and righteous lives.]

## Read 1 Timothy 5:8

7. How are we to honor our mothers in this verse?  
[taking care of our aging parents]
  - How are you doing this? Do you need to do more?