

Luke 10:39 KJV “She had a sister named Mary, which also sat at Jesus feet and heard His word.”

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“HONOR THY PARENTS!”

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Exodus 20:12 KJV “Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.”

Ephesians 6:1-3 KJV “Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.”

The scripture verse, Luke 10:39, on the Heading of my Newsletters, is a reminder of when I was a child with my brothers and sisters at our home with our parents! We were learning so much about life and the LORD from sitting at the feet of our Dad and Mom! The months of May and June contain Mother’s Day and Father’s Day respectively! To me, the thoughts of only showing honor to parents on a holiday just does not make sense!

We were taught from infancy to honor our parents, and for the most part, I doubt it would have hardly been a fleeting thought across my mind to dishonor them in some way! I would like to report that I always obeyed every single thing they ever taught me or told me to do, but that is not the case! Like most young children, I certainly had my times of correction, usually applied to my backside or back of my legs! While the physical pain lasted only moments, the disappointment I felt in their well deserved disapproval of my actions stayed with me much longer! I had that Fourth Commandment memorized from an early age!

Many people influence our lives and will inspire us to become more productive in our efforts. They will encourage us to find and develop our talents and gifts, and use them to benefit others. They will instill a sense of responsibility in us to work hard and show proper respect to others. They will not be afraid to correct us when we are in the wrong or praise us for a job well done.

On the other hand, many people are “parents” in name only! They have not shown respect to others, nor taught their children to do so! They often encourage their offspring to indulge in their sinful ways or to join them! No matter if we like it or not, our children are influenced by the way we live! If you have dishonored your parents, your children are likely to do the same!

Mother’s Day and Father’s Day often trigger memories of parents that have long gone on to their reward! If you are a child or younger person, how do you show honor to your parents? If you are older, do your reflections have joy in knowing you have taught your children what it is to honor you or do you regret the sorrows you have brought on them?

What kind of impact have you made on others?

Some people are able to write down their feelings and insights that reveal a depth they cannot often express verbally! Others just keep their thoughts inside, not allowing anyone really know who they are! Many folks are ‘great talkers’, able to vocally paint pictures in the minds of others,

as they become immersed in the story being told! Both of my parents were in this category! My sisters and brothers and I would sit at their feet while they told the “*tales of their younger years!*”

We dared not leave the room for *anything*, for fear we might miss some important and exciting details! Their gift of sharing with their children left a great impression on me!

As a child, I learned I could write a story and share it in a classroom and that I received a satisfaction in doing so. I would share my story with my folks, who always encouraged me to continue to improve. I enjoyed reading and learning and watching my Mom’s interest in many subjects. She had a good perception of the Bible and a practical way of applying them! Both she and my Dad studied the Bible daily!

As a young Mother, I tried to follow their example of parenting, but felt I did not quite measure up to the standard I had grown up with! For many years, I was busy and did not have time to write like I did when I was a student in school. Later in my life, I found some “free time” on my hands. I began to discover my poetry and writings started to flow pretty easily again. I finally realized it was a gift from God! I desired to minister to others and the LORD has opened many opportunities for me to do so!

Perhaps a poem or writing has encouraged you or enabled you to express yourself more fully. I do try to deal realistically with the subjects I write about, many are drawn from my own experiences. Some things are written as a result of real life issues someone has shared with me. All of my writings and poems are covered with prayer, asking God to meet the needs of those who read them. I believe my parents would be pleased with my dedication to serve the LORD! They prayed much for all their children, and before my Mother passed away, all of them had given their hearts to the LORD! I give honor to both of my parents, whose Godly influence still causes me to honor their memories with love and respect! They both are now “At Rest” in the Presence of God!

My parents lived to see their Fourth Generation! God blessed them abundantly in so many ways! These Scriptures remind me that to honor one’s parents pleases the LORD! Prov.31:28a “Her children arise up, and call her blessed.”

Ps.128: 1-6 Blessed is everyone that feareth the Lord; that walketh in His ways. For thou shalt eat the labor of thy hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee. Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table. Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the LORD. The LORD shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life. Yea, thou shalt see thy children’s children, and peace upon Israel.”

Show honor to your Mother and Father! God will surely bless you!

If you have questions, comments, or prayer requests please contact me at one of the above addresses. Blessings in Christ! Mary Mayko

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