

The Year of Sowing

Prayer Guide

Week 10

The Year of Sowing – Honor – Parents

Honor your father and mother.” This is the first commandment with a promise: If you honor your father and mother, “things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth.

Ephesians 6:2 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: It is interesting that Paul mentions honoring your father and mother as the first commandment with a promise. It speaks to the importance in God’s order of things of honoring our parents. Honoring our parents is not simply a command so that the life of parents might be a little easier. The Biblical principle is that we honor those who have authority over us, and have the responsibility of giving oversight over our lives. Parents are responsible for raising children to be disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, who love and obey God. Parents are responsible to provide for and protect their children. Anyone who is or has been a parent knows the weight at times of this responsibility. God tells us here that if we want a long life, and a good life, we need to honor our parents. This, by the way, has no age limits attached. As long as our parents are alive, this commandment applies to our lives. Honoring our parents is a lifelong responsibility that we need to not forget. Begin today to find ways in which you can honor your parents, and you will find that God will be faithful to His promise. Honor begins in the home, let us practice honor at home today.

Day 1: Reflect over your life, have you, and are you honoring your parents as God Commands?

Day 2: Repent of any ways you have neglected to honor your parents. If you need to ask their forgiveness.

Day 3: Ask the Lord to show you ways that you can honor your parents, or help others to do so.

Day 4: Pray the people in your church will desire to honor their parents and obey these words of God.

Day 5: Pray as a family how you can teach this principle and live it out. Teach your children early this important commandment.

Day 6: Pray for that the other churches in your city will faithfully teach this Biblical principle.

Day 7: Pray for the missionaries you know, that they will be able to teach this truth to those they minister to.