

Anchoring your soul every day

Honoring Your Children's Grandparents

We know it can be so hard to find time each day to take care of your relationship with the Lord. We want to make it easier for you, if we can. We suggest taking one of these thoughts at a time, or even just do part of one, when you can. We hope this will help you experience the hope of your relationship with Jesus as your soul's anchor every day.

Honor is an internal attitude of respect, courtesy, and reverence accompanied by appropriate attention and/or obedience.

- ❖ Read Exodus 20:12 and Ephesians 6:1-3. If you have a great relationship with your parents and your in-laws, what can you do to intentionally help your children honor them in ways that will last as they grow older?

If you do not have a great relationship with your parents and/or your in-laws, how can you help your children to honor them now? What can you do to begin to forgive your parents/in-laws?

- ❖ Read Matt. 18:21-35 and 1 John 1:5-10. Forgiveness is not always easy, but it is always necessary. What are the practical reasons we should be forgiving people? What are the spiritual reasons we should be quick to forgive?

How can other believers help you, if you are struggling to forgive a parent or in-law?

How can you model forgiveness now for your children so that they may be able to forgive you as they grow older for any potential hurts they experience?

- ❖ Read Philem. 1:4-7. Paul's words of encouragement to his brother in Christ at the beginning of a letter that may have been difficult for Philemon set a wonderful example of how to encourage others, even if there is some conflict between you.

Ask yourself if you have ever shared with your parents about the good things they taught you, something they did that was a positive influence, or kept you from going down a wrong path. What could you say to them today that would honor them and improve your relationship with them?

Spend time in prayer, thanking God that He is a perfect Father. Thank Him for your parents and your in-laws (if you have them). Ask Him to show you specific ways in which you can honor them and also how you can lead your children to honor them. Thank Him, also, that His forgiveness is always available to you; ask Him to help you extend forgiveness where it's needed and to model this for your children.

