

Honor Your Mother  
Exodus 20:12; Leviticus 19:3;  
2 Timothy 1:5; 3:14-15

1. Read Exodus 20:1-21. While the first four commandments concern our relationship with God, the last six address interpersonal or societal relationships. What is the significance in that the very first commandment to follow those addressing our relationship with God (verse 12) concerns the relationship between children and their parents?
2. Our society today has seen a dramatic increase in broken relationships between adult children and their parents. What do you think is behind this shift? How should Christians address this problem?
3. If a parent is truly abusive of her or his children, how should that be addressed from a biblical perspective?
  - a. The word “abuse” has been co-opted and redefined in many ways to justify personal feelings towards someone else. But abuse can be real. What counts as actual abuse?
4. Read Leviticus 19:3. Why do you think God places such a hard sentence on those who curse a parent?
5. Read 2 Timothy 1:5; 3:14-15.
  - a. What is the difference between a sincere faith and an insincere faith?
  - b. What role might a mother play in teaching the Word of God in the home according to these verses?
6. What examples can you share of a mother whose sincere faith and biblical instruction was very impactful on her children?
7. Why do some children walk away from the faith even when their parents’ faith and lives were very sincere and genuine?