

Today's Message: **HONORING MOM**
Leviticus 19
Series: All in the Family
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Today we honor our Moms. But how do we properly honor them? Is there something in the culture that is making honoring our moms especially challenging?

Parenting trends that absolutely 'need to stop now' by Tod Perry with Upworthy"

- 1. Pretending that not parenting is parenting**--"I won't tell my child to stop kicking your leg repeatedly because I don't want to crush his spirit!" — StoicDonkey
- 2. Denying your kid any negative experiences or emotions**--"They are a normal part of being a person, teach them to handle negative emotions now before you send them out into a world."
- 3. "Gentle parenting"**--"Gentle parenting" is a parenting approach that encourages a partnership between you and your child to make choices based on an internal willingness instead of external pressures.
- 4. Not setting clear boundaries**--"You are the adult, not the kid. Children benefit sooo much more from clear rules and consequences." — NorthWeight3580
- 5. The "bulldozer" parent**--"The parent who removes all obstacles/challenges from a child's life so they don't learn about perseverance, problem solving, failure... unless the goal is to develop a highly anxious person - then, being a bulldozer parent is great." — spinefexmouse
- 6. Stage-mom syndrome; Pushing them too hard; Too much structure**--"Pushing them too hard in sports, academics, etc... Need boredom!--" talents of your child just to boost your self-image in society."
- 7. Nonstop supervision**--"Hovering over them at every turn. Whatever happened to tossing them in a play area in another room and letting them create, explore, and get the occasional bumps?" — ansibly
- 8. Not believing the teacher**--"My kid never lies to me.' Seriously. Parents absolutely should be their kid's biggest supporter. But support sometimes means holding the kid responsible when they don't do the right thing." — jdith123
- 10. Helicopter parenting**--"Kids need freedom to explore the world, get dirty, engage in free play. I am not advocating putting the child outside on a Saturday morning and telling them to come home when the street lights come on, but an age acceptable level of freedom."
- 16. Screen addiction**--"Constantly giving your kid(s) a tablet or cellphone to keep them busy because you can't be bothered to actually be a parent or pay attention to them."
- 17. Letting the kid make the choices**--"I believe kids should have reasonable choices, like what their snack is and the character that's on their bedspread, but you can't let your 3 year old decide when you're allowed to leave your house."
- 19. Birthdays**--"The social media trend that keeps upping the expectations for birthday parties and any celebration connected to a kid... "monthiversary and half-birthday"
- 20. Parent, not friend**—Friend now / no relationship later, or parent now / friend later. Your choice!
- 21. You're not special**--"Perpetuating the myth that one's children are somehow special...they are not."

* <https://www.upworthy.com/people-are-sharing-the-parenting-trends-that-absolutely-need-to-end-now>

Where are you getting your parenting advice?

Matthew 15:14 (NIV) *"Leave them; they are blind guides. If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit."*

Shavuot / Pentecost God gave Israel His covenant in the giving of the Torah ("instructions" not "Law")
Exodus 20:12 (NLT) *"Honor your father and mother. Then you will live a long, full life in the land the LORD your God is giving you."*

Ephesians 6:2 (NLT) "Honor your father and mother." This is the first commandment with a promise"

Honor = *kavod* (כָּבוֹד) be heavy, weighty, burdensome, honored; liver

Psalm 50:23 (NLT) "But giving thanks is a sacrifice that truly honors me."

More detail to this commandment is given in Leviticus 19

Leviticus 19:1–2 (NLT) The LORD also said to Moses, ² "Give the following instructions to the entire community of Israel. You must be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy..."

Leviticus 19:3 (NLT) "Each of you must show great respect for your mother and father, and you must always observe my Sabbath days of rest. I am the LORD your God..."

Leviticus 19:32 (NLT) "Stand up in the presence of the elderly, and show respect for the aged. Fear your God. I am the LORD."

Leviticus 19:37 (NLT) "You must be careful to keep all of my decrees and regulations by putting them into practice. I am the LORD."

Do you "mock" your father and mother?

Proverbs 30:17 (NLT) The eye that mocks a father and despises a mother's instructions will be plucked out by ravens of the valley and eaten by vultures.

Listen to your father and mother

Proverbs 23:22 (NLT) Listen to your father, who gave you life, and don't despise your mother when she is old.

Respect for the elderly does not mean to **pity** them, or **patronize** them, but listen to them, trust them, assume they have much to teach you.

The young people aren't the ones with wisdom

Job 12:12 (NLT) Wisdom belongs to the aged, and understanding to the old.

Elihu respected his elders

Job 32:4 (NLT) Elihu had waited for the others to speak to Job because they were older than he.

The Lord was angry with Job's 3 friends, but not Elihu (see Job 42:7–9)

Young Pastor Timothy to respect his elders

1 Timothy 5:1–2 (NLT) Never speak harshly to an older man, but appeal to him respectfully as you would to your own father. Talk to younger men as you would to your own brothers. ² Treat older women as you would your mother, and treat younger women with all purity as you would your own sisters.

SO WHAT? Will you honor your father and mother?

Older women train the younger women!

Titus 2:4–5 (NLT) These older women must train the younger women to love their husbands and their children, ⁵ to live wisely and be pure, to work in their homes, to do good, and to be submissive to their husbands. Then they will not bring shame on the word of God.

Who will coach you as a mother? Mom; Grandma; Spiritual Mom

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ONWARD CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2022

1. ONWARD'S NEW LOCATION ANNOUNCED—We are thrilled to announce that Onward Church will be moving to our new facility at 13095 Publishers Drive, Fishers (131st & SR 37). Our planned move will be August 14, 2022. We will be renting our facility from Mission Christian Academy led by Shawn Moore.

2. YOUTH CAMP JUNE 22-26 at Walnut Ridge Retreat Center in Morgantown, IN. Grades 6-12. Cost is \$269/pp. Signup is at www.onwardstuff.com/camp See Pastor Jerry for more information.

3. NO YOUTH TONIGHT

4. HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY—9TH-12TH GRADES--Thursday nights 6-8pm at Cynthia Brown's home (14079 Clifton Ct, Fishers IN 46040). See Jerry Ackerman for more info or text him at 317-919-7171.

5. FAMILY CAMP—SEPTEMBER 9-11. Blue Gate Inn, Shipshewana. Save the dates. More info to come.

6. 2022 ONWARD TO JERUSALEM BIBLE STUDY TOUR—OCTOBER 18-29, 2022. Cost of the tour will be approximately \$3,800 per person (double occupancy). A deposit of \$500 will hold your spot. For more information, please write Pastor Gary at gary@garystump.org. Vaccine Mandates have been lifted for travelers to Israel.