

JESUS TEACHES US TO HONOR

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:45-52

Introduction:

1. Jesus has many facets to His character. One is that He is a son who respected His earthly parents.
2. We can learn great lessons about love and respect by looking at the example of Jesus.
3. From Jesus we learn...

I. HE WAS SUBMISSIVE TO HIS PARENTS

A. WHEN LEFT BEHIND IN JERUSALEM –Lk 2:41-52

1. His parents found Him in the temple after three days –vs. 46
2. Although Jesus was not worried, He submitted Himself to His parents –vs. 51 –Ref Jn 8:58

B. LESSON FOR ADOLESCENCE TODAY

1. The young are often anxious to spread their wings and fly.
2. They must bear in mind their need for instruction –Pr 1:7-9
 - a. Always have a healthy respect for parental instruction
 - b. Note some of the specifics –Pr 1:10-19

II. HONORED HIS MOTHER’S REQUEST –Jn 2:1-12

A. WEDDING FEAST IN CANA OF GALILEE

1. They ran out of wine during the feast –vs. 3
2. Jesus states that His hour had not yet come –vs. 4
3. His mother shows faith in Jesus –vs. 5-6
4. This is the beginning of signs Jesus did –vs. 11

B. LESSON FOR TODAY

1. Even after growing up and moving out one never forgets the needs of his mother
2. One still spends time with his mother (family).

III. HE TAUGHT LESSONS CENTERED AROUND MOTHERS

A. HEARING AND DOING THE WILL OF GOD

1. His mother and brothers come to see Him –Lk 8:19-21
2. The ones who are truly blessed of the Lord –Lk 11:27-28

B. HONORING GOD ABOVE MAN’S TRADITIONS –Mt 15:1-9

1. They accused Jesus and His disciples of wrong by not washing their hands –vs. 2
2. Jesus stated they were not truly honoring their parents –vs. 3-9
3. Paul taught that Christians were to honor their parents (true widows specifically) -1Ti 5:3-8
4. Jesus demonstrated this act Himself –Jn 19:25-27

Conclusion:

1. There are many ways to honor mothers on this day.
2. The greatest way is by following the example of Jesus.