A NOTE FROM MOM

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 1:7-9

Introduction:
1. The word teaches us to honor our mothers -Ex 20:12; Ep 6:2, 3; Pr 1:8
2. Mothers are worthy of honor
3. We can honor our mothers in three different ways...

I. HEEDING HER INSTRUCTIONS
   A. TO KEEP FROM EVIL
      1. Going along with the wrong crowd -Pr 1:8, 9
      2. Falling into the snare of adultery -Pr 6:20-23
   B. TO CONTINUE IN THE FAITH -2Ti 1:5-7
      1. Faith begins with good influence -vs. 5
      2. Faith continues and grows
         a. Faith should be stirred in the heart -vs. 6
         b. Hold fast the pattern of sound words -vs. 13
         c. Be strong in the grace -2:1

II. EXERCISE RIGHTEOUSNESS
   A. EVIL BRINGS SHAME
      1. The foolish man despises his mother -Pr 15:20
      2. Foolishness is overcome by heeding instruction -Pr 1:7
   B. A WISE CHILD IS A DELIGHT -Pr 23:23-25
      1. One who does not compromise the truth -vs. 23
      2. One who practices righteousness -vs. 24

III. REMEMBER ME
   A. HER PHYSICAL NEEDS
      1. When she is advanced in years -Pr 23:22
      2. Honor the true widows -1Ti 5:3, 4
         a. Children have the opportunity to repay parents
         b. Failure to do so is equivalent with a non-believer -vs. 8
   B. WELL-BEING AND SAFETY
      1. Protection -Ge 32:9-12
         a. He divides his company for protection -vs. 7
         b. He prays for protection for both mother and child -vs. 11
      2. Provision -Jn 19:25-27

Conclusion:
1. Today, let us honor our mothers with cards, flowers, and dinner.
2. Let us not neglect to honor them by living faithfully to God.

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