

Leave, Cleave...but Don't Forget

Ephesians 6:1-4

■ **There is a time to obey our parents.**

Ephesians 6:1 “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.”

■ **There is a time to leave our parents.**

Genesis 2:24 “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.”

1. There needs to be an emotional leaving.
2. There needs to be a financial leaving.
3. There needs to be a geographical leaving

■ **It is always time to honor our parents.**

Ephesians 6:2, 3 “Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with promise: “that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.”

I honor my parents because:

1. Of who they are
2. I owe them a great debt
3. Of their wisdom and experience
4. It is a pathway to blessing
5. Because you reap what you sow

I honor my parents by:

1. Living a Godly life
The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice, and he who begets a wise child will delight in him. Let your father and your mother be glad, and let her who bore you rejoice.
2. Listening to them
Proverbs 23:22 Listen to your father who begot you, and do not despise your mother when she is old.
3. Expressing love and gratitude to them.
4. Meeting their needs when they are older.
Matthew 15:5-8 Whoever says to his father or mother, “Whatever profit you might have received from me is a gift to God” then he need not honor his father or mother.’ Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition. Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: Hypocrites! These people draw near to Me with their mouth and honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me.

I Timothy 5:4 But if any widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show piety at home and to repay their parents; for this is good and acceptable before God.
5. Forgiving their failings
Ephesians 4:26, 27 Be angry, and do not sin”: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil.