

Take Care of Your Mother

As Jesus hung on the cross, near death, his mother stood nearby. As He looked at her with John standing near her, He cried, “*Woman, behold your Son!*” Then, looking at the disciple that He loved He said, “*Behold your mother!*” From that moment on, John took Mary into his own home. (*John 19:25-27*) Even while in extreme agony and pain, Jesus made sure that His mother would be cared for.

As we age, the opportunity for us to care for our mothers becomes more apparent. What a blessing it is to be able to serve the mother who loved, nurtured, and cared for us during our young lives. It is time to repay for all the home-cooked meals, the made beds, clean clothes, bed-time stories, and reassuring embraces. She read the bible to us, instructed us in God’s principles of right and wrong, and taught us by her example of faithful living. It is now time to be sure that she has all of the things that will assure a safe and fulfilled life.

From the Law of Moses to the letters of the New Testament, children are commanded to honor their parents. (*Exodus 20:12; Ephesians 6:1-2; Colossians 3:20*) Although the scriptures seem to be addressing minor children, the principle of honoring one’s father and mother should have life-long application. For some of us, our mothers have passed on from this life. For those of you who still have your mother with you, please follow the example of Jesus and take care of your mother as she once took care of you.

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