

May 11, 2014 – Mother’s Day
The Bridge Bible Fellowship
Pastor Paul S. Brown
Selected Scripture

“Blessing (Eulogizing) Your Mom”

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Discussion Questions:

1. How is the word “honor” defined in the dictionary? How would you define it in your own words? Read Exodus 20:12. What does it mean to honor your mother? What benefits does the Lord promise to those who obey this command? Read 1 Timothy 5:1-2. How are we supposed to treat older women in the church?
2. Do you like to be honored? How does it make you feel? When someone honors you how does that impact your relationship with him or her?
3. What does the word “eulogy” mean? When do most people offer a eulogy? Do we have to wait until then? When people offer a eulogy at a funeral do they typically say good things or bad things? Why? Are they unaware of the bad things that person has done? What are they choosing to do with their thoughts about that person?
4. When people speak to a living person or about a living person do they typically say good things or bad? Is it the same as it would be at a funeral? If not, why not? If we are able to control our thoughts and tongues when speaking about a deceased person can we do the same with someone who is alive?
5. If you were to give counsel to someone about the ratio of good (encouraging) things they should say to someone compared to the bad (difficult) things they should say to someone what would that ratio be? (i.e., 2:1; 5:1; 10:1...) Why did you choose that ratio? Is it always easy to think of positive things to say about another person? What are some good practices you can share with others that help you see people in a more positive light?
6. Read Eph. 4:29-30. How might our words be used to help people in need? How can we find out about their needs so we can then choose the right words?
7. How could you honor your mother (or other older women) with your talents? What acts of service could you offer that would bless her? Write down as many as you can, then schedule some times to do them.
8. Read 1 Timothy 5:3-8. What does God say is your financial responsibility toward your mother / grandmother? How could you honor your mother / grandmother (or other older women) with your treasures?
9. Take some time today to eulogize your mother (grandmother, other older woman in the church) while she is still alive to hear it. Bless her with your thoughts, tongue, talents, and/or treasures. Let her know she truly is the MVP in your life. Do this regularly so she will have a good idea of what you will say when she is gone!

[Blanks: Thoughts (Attitudes); Tongue; Talents; Treasures]