

CARING FOR YOUR PARENTS

Despite the wide variety of family types, one thing seems to be held in common among us all; all of us want to finish well with our parents.

Honor your father and mother (Exodus 20:12)

*If anyone does not provide for his own relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever
(1 Timothy 5:8)*

How can we finish well with our parents?

TO HONOR MY PARENTS I WILL MEET THEIR NEEDS.

Do for others what you would like them to do for you. This is a summary of all that is taught in the law and the prophets (Matthew 7:12)

The church should care for any widow who has no one else to care for her. But if she has children or grandchildren, their first responsibility is to show godliness at home and repay their parents by taking care of them. This is something that pleases God very much (1 Timothy 5:3)

EXPECT AND ACCEPT CHANGE.

I tell you the truth, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go (John 21:18)

BALANCE YOUR LIFE

Love others as well as you would love yourself (Mark 12:31)

EXPECT TO GROW AS YOU CARE

You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well developed, not deficient in any way (James 1:3-4)

Where you go, I will go. Where you stay, I will stay. Your people will be my people. You God will be my God (Ruth 1:16)

TRUST IN GOD.

Come to Me all of you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest (Matthew 11:28)

When you pass through deep waters, I will be with you; your troubles will not overwhelm you. When you pass through fire, you will not be burned, the hard trials that come will not hurt you (Isaiah 43)

Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him (John 14:23)