BIBLICAL WISDOM

Reflection Sheet

Honoring father and mother · 31 verses in four decks

Read a card together, sit with the reflection, and write a note.

VERSE	REFLECTION	NOTES
DECK 1: THE FOUNDATIONS OF HONOR		
Deck 1 · Verse 1 Exod 20:12	This is the command God placed at the heart of family life. Honor given at home is honor given to Him, and it carries a promise.	
Deck 1 · Verse 2 Deut 5:16	The same command is spoken again, with a blessing added. Living it out is one way a home finds peace.	
Deck 1 · Verse 3 Lev 19:3	God sets respect for mother and father beside the keeping of His Sabbaths. How we treat our parents is part of how we worship Him.	
Deck 1 · Verse 5 Gen 47:12	Joseph had power and plenty, and he used both to feed his father and the whole household. Provision is one of the simplest forms of honor.	
Deck 1 · Verse 16 1 Kgs 2:19	Solomon was king, yet he stood, bowed, and made a place for his mother. Honor is not diminished by success; it is proven by it.	
Deck 1 · Verse 17 Ruth 1:16	Ruth would not leave the mother who had become her family. Loyalty like that — staying, going, and sharing a life — is honor in its most faithful form.	
Deck 1 · Verse 22 Lev 19:32	Standing when an older person enters is a small act with a large meaning. The respect we show the aged is respect we show the Lord.	

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continued · Deck 2: Proverbs on Wisdom

VERSE	REFLECTION	NOTES
DECK 2: PROVERBS ON WISDOM		
Deck 2 · Verse 4 Prov 1:8-9	A parent's teaching is not a burden to shrug off. Worn faithfully, it becomes a grace we carry, like a garland we are proud to wear.	
Deck 2 · Verse 6 Prov 6:20	The lessons spoken at home are meant to travel with us. Keep them close, even when we are far from the room where we first heard them.	
Deck 2 · Verse 7 Prov 10:1	A wise choice can light up a father's face; a reckless one can weigh on a mother's heart. We honor them when we live in a way that lets them rest.	
Deck 2 · Verse 8 Prov 13:1	It takes humility to hear a parent's correction without rolling our eyes. Wisdom begins when we stop and listen.	
Deck 2 · Verse 9 Prov 23:22	The one who gave you life should never be set aside in old age. Care and respect belong to them then even more than before.	
Deck 2 · Verse 10 Prov 23:25	One of the sweetest gifts we can give our parents is a reason to rejoice. Live so that the one who gave you birth can be glad.	
Deck 2 · Verse 11 Prov 17:6	Grandchildren are a crown on silver hair, and parents are a pride their children can claim. A family that stays close gives both gifts at once.	
Deck 2 · Verse 12 Prov 31:28	Don't let gratitude wait for a eulogy. Rise and tell a mother she is blessed, while she can still hear it.	
Deck 2 · Verse 23 Prov 30:17	A mocking look at a father or an aged mother is no small thing. Contempt toward the ones who raised us darkens a life.	
Deck 2 · Verse 24 Mal 1:6	If a son honors his father, how much more should we honor our Father in heaven. The love we practice at home teaches us how to love God.	
Deck 2 · Verse 25 Prov 20:20	As Christians, it is our God-given duty to respect and honor our earthly parents.	

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DECK 3: THE TEACHINGS OF CHRIST		
Deck 3 · Verse 13 Matt 15:4	Jesus would not let the command be softened or explained away. What God has asked of children, He still asks of us.	
Deck 3 · Verse 14 Luke 2:51	The Son of God went home to Nazareth and was obedient to Mary and Joseph. If He could humble Himself to His earthly parents, so can we.	
Deck 3 · Verse 15 John 19:26–27	From the cross, Jesus made sure His mother would not be left alone. Love for a parent does not pause, even in our hardest hour.	
Deck 3 · Verse 26 Matt 19:19	Honoring your parents is the 5th Commandment, with a promise that your days may be long.	
Deck 3 · Verse 27 Mark 7:11–13	Taking care of your earthly guardians is how we respect and honor God.	
DECK 4: THE LETTERS OF PAUL		
Deck 4 · Verse 18 Col 3:20	A child's obedience is not only a gift to a parent. It is something that pleases the Lord.	
Deck 4 · Verse 19 1 Tim 5:4	Faith gets its first practice under our own roof. Caring for a parent or a grandparent is one way we repay a lifetime of care.	
Deck 4 · Verse 20 1 Tim 5:8	Providing for our own household is not a side task of faith. It is part of the faith itself, and we must not leave it undone.	
Deck 4 · Verse 21 Eph 6:1–3	"This is right," Paul says, and then he reminds us of the promise. Obedience in the Lord is both our duty and our blessing.	
Deck 4 · Verse 28 Rom 1:28, 30	Paul lists disobedience to parents among the marks of a mind that has turned from God. How we treat them is never a small matter.	
Deck 4 · Verse 29 2 Tim 3:1–2	In hard times, love of self crowds out gratitude. Thanking and obeying our parents is one way we refuse that drift.	
Deck 4 · Verse 30 Heb 12:9	We learned respect first from the fathers who disciplined us. That same posture, offered to the Father of spirits, is the way of life.	
Deck 4 · Verse 31 1 Tim 5:1–2	The church is a family too. Speak to an older man as you would to a father, and to an older woman as you would to a mother.	