Take Care of Your Mother

“Take care of your mother,” often rolls off my lips when speaking to my children or even the youth. Thinking of what mothers represent is amazing. From child rearing to mother hood, it needs to be commended. Speaking of carrying a child, the nine months to carry, and then delivery, followed by recovery, that is one to three years of their lives given to childbirth. Times that, by how many children a family has, a mother goes through a lot and we, as husbands and children, need to be patient and take care of them at every turn. Being a father of three, my wife has dedicated about fifteen years of the physical part of child rearing, not to mention 24/7 of motherhood. She is also a teacher and keeps a strong and steady pace in life. It is simply stunning the strength our wives and mothers have. It blows us men out of the water.

In the later verse of First Timothy 5:1-2, “Do not rebuke an older man, but exhort him as a father, younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, with all purity.” This is a great reminder of how important it is, and honorable, to take care of women. Throughout history, women have been abused and treated poorly, but God requires us to protect them in love and with a caring heart. Jesus demonstrated this on the cross when He spoke to John about this matter. Jesus, while in pain and agony said, “John, behold your mother (John 19:27).” Making sure John would take care of her, most likely because she was a widow and Jesus was departing. This is incredible; even on the cross; He shows great concern and love for her care.

I have shared before that I was raised by a single mom, who poured her life out to us six kids. She unselfishly gave of her love, time, and energy to make sure we were clothed and fed, and was also the hand of discipline. When I was older, I always repaired her home needs, mowed her lawn, and even repaired her car. In that, I would find every opportunity to read scripture and pray with her until the day she passed away. I take care of my wife, whom I love deeply, and my daughter, whom I cherish; there is nothing I won’t do for them. I will protect them under God at any cost. Yes, even put gas in my wife’s car when it’s low, and wash it. This is a labor of love, and we men need to lay aside pet-peeves, they don’t matter a hill of beans to God. Guard and protect the women in your lives in love and purity.

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