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HONORING MOM



DAVE THOMAS IS THE FOUNDER OF THE WENDY'S FAST FOOD CHAIN. BEFORE HIS DEATH HE OFTEN APPEARED IN THEIR COMMERCIALS AND PRINT ADVERTISING. MANY KNOW THAT HE NAMED HIS RESTAURANT CHAIN FOR HIS DAUGHTER WENDY. WHAT YOU MIGHT NOT REALIZE IS THAT WITHIN THE WENDY'S LOGO IS A RECOGNITION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF MOTHERHOOD. IF YOU LOOK CLOSELY AT WENDY'S COLLAR YOU SEE THE WORD "MOM" ALMOST HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT! THAT'S ESPECIALLY NOTEWORTHY WHEN YOU UNDERSTAND THAT DAVE THOMAS WAS ADOPTED. HE HAD A UNIQUE APPRECIATION FOR MOTHERHOOD AND HONORS IT IN HIS LOGO.

THE FIFTH OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS SAYS, "HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER, THAT YOUR DAYS MAY BE PROLONGED IN THE LAND WHICH THE LORD YOUR GOD GIVES YOU." (EXODUS 20:12). JESUS REPEATED THAT COMMAND IN MATTHEW 15:4 AND ADDED "HE WHO SPEAKS EVIL OF FATHER OR MOTHER IS TO BE PUT TO DEATH" FROM EXODUS 21:17. WHEN THE APOSTLE PAUL NOTES THIS COMMAND HE ADDS THAT THIS IS THE FIRST COMMANDMENT WITH A PROMISE THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH. (SEE EPHESIANS 6:2-3 AND DEUTERONOMY 5:16).

WHILE DYING FOR US ON THE CROSS, JESUS HONORED HIS MOTHER. IN JOHN 19:26-27 WE READ "WHEN JESUS THEN SAW HIS MOTHER, AND THE DISCIPLE WHOM HE LOVED STANDING NEARBY, HE SAID TO HIS MOTHER, "WOMAN, BEHOLD, YOUR SON!" THEN HE SAID TO THE DISCIPLE, "BEHOLD, YOUR MOTHER!" FROM THAT HOUR THE DISCIPLE TOOK HER INTO HIS OWN HOUSEHOLD." AT THE TIME OF CHRIST'S CRUCIFIXION MARY WAS VERY LIKELY A WIDOW, AND JESUS, BEING HER OLDEST SON, WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR HER CARE. HE THOUGHTFULLY DISCHARGED THAT RESPONSIBILITY TO THE ATTENTION OF HIS BEST FRIEND JOHN, AND HONORED HIS MOTHER IN DOING SO.

TO HONOR IS TO ATTRIBUTE HIGH STATUS AND RESPECT, TO ASCRIBE WORTH AND ASSIGN VALUE. VINE'S GREEK DICTIONARY INDICATES THAT ONE WHO IS HONORED OCCUPIES A POSITION OF HIGHEST RANK. THOUGH MANY WILL SAY THAT THEY LOVE THEIR MOTHER, THEY DO NOT HONOR HER. WHEN CHILDREN OF ANY AGE ARE DISOBEDIENT AND DEFIANT THEY DISHONOR THEIR MOTHERS. (SEE ROMANS 1:30 AND II TIMOTHY 3:2).

MAY GOD HELP US TO BE COUNTER-CULTURAL CHRISTIANS IN OUR HIGH REGARD AND RESPECT FOR MOMS AND MOTHERHOOD.

LOOKING UP!

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