

Honor Thy Father and Mother over the Holidays

1. As soon as you see your parents when you go home, hug them.
2. Say the words "I love you."
3. Introduce them to your friends and your leaders if they come to pick you up from college.
4. Girls, hold your dad's hand. Boys, hold your mom's hand.
5. Go straight home before you go anywhere else.
6. Eat your first meal at home with your mom and dad.
7. Spend your first evening at home with your mom and dad.
8. Find something around the house that you can do without being asked.
9. Then ask if there is something else you can do.
10. Ask your dad if you can go to work with him or help him with his work.
11. Brag on your mom's cooking.
12. Thank her for every meal she cooks. Thank your dad for every meal you eat at home.
13. Tell your mom her hair looks nice.
14. Tell your mom her dress is pretty.
15. If you can afford it, buy your mom a new dress.
16. Buy or make your mom and dad a Christmas gift.
17. Ladies, tell your dad he looks handsome.
18. Stand up and give your parents their favorite chair on purpose.
19. If it's within a reasonable driving distance, ask your parents to go with you to visit their parents.
20. Ask your parents to take you somewhere they used to enjoy taking you.
21. Go to a studio and pay to have your picture made with your parents.
22. Frame the picture and give your parents a copy.
23. Frame a second copy and tell them you are going to put it up in your dorm room.
24. Ask them to take you to where they grew up or where they lived when they first got married.
25. Ask your parents lots of questions about their childhood.
26. Don't correct your parents about anything!
27. Invite them to go to church with you – even if you have asked before.
28. If your parents already go to church, sit with them.
29. Men, take your mom out to eat.
30. Ladies, prepare at least one meal for your family.
31. Help do the dishes every meal.
32. Do something with your younger brothers and sisters that they want to do.
33. Turn down at least one invitation to go somewhere during the holidays and tell your parents you want to spend the time with them.

*Before you return to college, go to your bedroom, kneel down, and think about how many times your parents will walk by your empty bedroom. Let your heart fill with love for them.