

Love Dare – Daring to Love Your Parents - Day 1

“Love is Patient”

This is the beginning of the transformation of how you think about your parents. The Bible tells us in **Romans 12:2** “**Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.**”

Philippians 4:8 “**Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.**”

We need to begin to think about our relationship with our parents the way that God thinks about our relationship with our parents and how he wants us to think about that relationship.

We are going to use I Corinthians 13:4-13 as our basis for how we are to interact with our parents.

The first thing we learn is “Love is Patient”. I know that sometimes our parents seem slow, and out of touch with reality. They just don’t understand! So we show our frustration with them and we become impatient and unkind in how we speak and talk to them.

Some things you must realize.

- Your parents have lived and observed much more life than you have.
- Your parents are looking to the future and how the decisions made now will affect you in the future.
- They love you and want the best for you and want to make sure they are making the right decisions. They need to think through what their actions are saying to you.

Make it your goal to be patient and kind with your parents today. Give them the time they need to make decisions, they will affect the rest of your life.

The Love Dare Challenge: Resolve for the next day, to demonstrate patience and to say nothing negative to your parents.

Pray: Make it a priority for the next 40 days to be praying daily for your parents. Prayer changes things. If you will be faithful in prayer for your parents on a daily basis, you might just be amazed at what God does in your relationship.

- Pray for your attitude to be one of respect for your parents and the authority that God has given to them.
- Pray for the decisions that your parents have to make every day that affect your future.
- Pray that God would help you submit to their authority and rules.