

Honoring Our Parents



Ephesians 6:1-4

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (which is the first commandment with a promise), SO THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH.

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

God's Will: the Fifth Commandment

Exodus 20:12, Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you.

How strongly does God feel about this commandment?

- 1. He _____ who disobey this commandment.**

Deuteronomy 27:11,16, Moses also charged the people on that day, saying, . . . "Cursed is he who dishonors his father or mother." And all the people shall say, "Amen."

2. He said to disobey _____.

Exodus 21:15, *He who strikes his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.*

Exodus 21:17, *He who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.*

Proverbs 20:20, *He who curses his father or his mother, his lamp will go out in time of darkness.*

Proverbs 30:11-14,17

There is a kind of man who curses his father and does not bless his mother. There is a kind who is pure in his own eyes, yet is not washed from his filthiness.

Self-deceived

There is a kind—oh how lofty are his eyes! And his eyelids are raised in arrogance.

Proud

There is a kind of man whose teeth are like swords and his jaw teeth like knives, to devour the afflicted from the earth and the needy from among men.

Malicious speech

The eye that mocks a father and scorns a mother, The ravens of the valley will pick it out, and the young eagles will eat it.

Matthew 15:4, *For God said, "HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER," and, "HE WHO SPEAKS EVIL OF FATHER OR MOTHER IS TO BE PUT TO DEATH."*

3. He labels him _____.

Proverbs 15:20, *A wise son makes a father glad, but a foolish son is a grief to his mother.*

Proverbs 10:1, *A wise son makes a father glad, but a foolish man despises his mother.*

Proverbs 17:25, *A foolish son is a grief to his father and is bitterness to her who bore him.*

Proverbs 15:5, *A fool rejects his father's discipline, but he who regards reproof is sensible.*

Conclusion:

Leviticus 19:1-3, *Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:*

"Speak to all the congregation of the sons of Israel and say to them, 'You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.'"

How can they be Holy?

***Every one of you** shall reverence his mother and his father, . . . I am the LORD your God.*

Why does God place so much importance on this commandment?

What are some ways can we honor our parents no matter who or what they are?

1.

2.

3.

Romans 1:21-22, *For even though they knew God, they **did not honor Him as God or give thanks**, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools.*

4.

Colossians 3:12-13, *So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, **put on a heart of** compassion, kindness, **humility**, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.*

1 Peter 5:5, *You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, **clothe yourselves with humility** toward one another, for **GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.***

This is a Non-negotiable! There is never, ever, any circumstance where any of us are ever justified in DISHONORING any of our parents!

What is the mood of the day, the philosophy of our culture in regard to the relationship between parents and teenage or young adult children?

Am I being a selfish controlling parent because I want to indoctrinate my children in the way I live the Christian life?

Who is MY authority when it comes to how I rear my children?

How do we Honor our Christian Parents?

Turn to Proverbs and take out the sheet, *From the Book of Wisdom.*

1. **Who is speaking?**

2. **Who is being spoken to?**

3. **Look at the imperative verbs.**
 - shown in red

4. **What would you expect to be the object of these imperatives?**
 - _____

5. Look at the phrases in green.

- These words are not just teaching the fundamental doctrines of his faith, but practical every day living. Look at content of the wise sayings in the book of Proverbs.
 - choosing friends
 - work ethic
 - avoiding immorality
 - raising children
 - financial matters
 - marriage relationships
- Youth do not have the life experience that's necessary to have wisdom in all areas of life no matter how smart or talented they are, thus **God gives Parents!**

6. What important word in bold print do you repeatedly see?

- _____

7. Remember the parenthetical statement in the 5th commandment?

Ephesians 6:2-3, *HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (**which is the first commandment with a promise**), SO THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH.*

- Look at the phrases in purple

The Proverbs of Solomon

Proverbs 10:1, *A wise son makes a father glad.*

Proverbs 29:3, *A man who loves wisdom makes his father glad.*

The Heart of a Mother

My son (daughter), if your heart is **wise**,
My own heart also will be glad;
And my inmost being will rejoice
When your lips speak what is right.
Do not let your heart envy sinners,
But live in the fear of the LORD always.
Surely there is a future,
And your hope will not be cut off.
Listen, **my son**, and be **wise**,
And direct your heart in the way.
Listen to your father who begot you,
And do not despise your **mother** when she is old.
Buy truth, and do not sell it,
Get wisdom and instruction and understanding.
The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice,
And he who sires a wise son will be glad in him.
Let your father and your **mother** be glad,
And let her rejoice who **gave birth to you**.
Give me your heart, my son,
and let your eyes delight in my ways.

~ Proverbs 23:15-19, 22-26

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