

The Ten Commandments for Today

The Fifth Commandment • Exodus 20:12

Honoring My Parents In An Age Of Disrespect

Would you like to enjoy a long and abundant life?

Then keep God's command to HONOR your father and mother!

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you. Exodus 20:12

Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God has commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may be well with you in the land which the Lord your God is giving you. Deuteronomy 5:16

Three Crucial Observations Concerning the Fifth Commandment:

- This commandment is for ADULTS, not just for children.
- This commandment recognizes that respect for authority begins at HOME.
- This commandment is meant to be obeyed regardless of parents' FAULTS and failures.

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1. Parents, Be HONORABLE by Fulfilling Your Role!

- Honorable parents DISCIPLE their children in the Lord. *Psalm 78:2-6 Deuteronomy 6:6-7*
- Honorable parents DISCIPLINE their children for the Lord. *Proverbs 13:24; 19:18; 22:15; 23:13-14*

2. Children, HONOR Your Parents Regardless!

- As a young child, I honor my parents by OBEYING and RESPECTING them. *Ephesians 6:1-3 Colossians 3:20*
- As an adult child, I honor my parents by FORGIVING and not FORSAKING them. *Ephesians 4:31-32 1Timothy 5:4, 8*

God's Not Fooling About This!

For anyone who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death; he has cursed his father or his mother; his blood is upon him. Leviticus 20:9

If a man curses his father or mother, his lamp will be snuffed out in pitch darkness. Proverbs 20:20

The eye that mocks a father, that scorns obedience to a mother, will be pecked out by the ravens of the valley, will be eaten by the vultures. Proverbs 30:17

Why is God so serious about honoring our parents?

The way you respond to your parents is the way you are likely to respond to GOD!

3. Parents and Children, Enjoy Your REWARD for Obeying God!

- Parents: enjoy the privilege of being HONORED in life.
- Children: enjoy the promise of living an ABUNDANT life.

A Word to Orphaned Children and Abandoned Parents:

God has given you the CHURCH, the eternal family of God where there are no orphaned children or abandoned parents, as a place of hope and healing!