

MESSAGE

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Title : Honoring Father and Mother
Text : Exodus 20:12 & Ephesians 6:1-3

NOTES

INTRODUCTION:

Honor your father and your mother that your days may be prolonged in the land which the Lord your God gives you--Fifth commandment, but the first horizontal one which shows the premium God places on the aspect of honoring and obeying our parents. ***“Parents are the first and most visible line of authority God has over us. If we cannot honor and obey our parents, we cannot honor and obey God.” “The truth is that the most serious moral decline in a nation is when parents lose control of their children and when children no longer respect their parents!”***

Part of holiness written in Leviticus 19:3: “Each of you must respect your mother and father, and you must observe my Sabbaths. I am the Lord your God.” is reverence your mother and your father.

FIRST HORIZONTAL COMMANDMENT BECAUSE EVERYONE IS PART OF A FAMILY

A PAGE FROM THE HOLY FAMILY

“When relating with our parents, the Bible uses three major words—honor, obey and reverence, the same words used in our relationship with God.”

HONOURING OUR PARENTS:

A. Giving them our rightful respect and place in life.

To honor is to give the rightful esteem and respect due them.

B. Don't speak back at your parents

C. Honoring parents financially--Matthew 15:4-6

How we treat our parents will determine how our children will treat us in future. Remember: we always reap what we sow!

D. Never curse your parents--Severity of cursing our parents

Leviticus 20:9, Exodus 21:17, Proverbs 20:20. & 30:17.

E. Keeping your word—mean what you say and say what you mean. Always do as you have promised to your parents.

OBEYING OUR PARENTS

Ephesians 6:1

Colossians 3:20

Acts 5:29

Deuteronomy 21:18-21

Romans 1:30 & II Timothy 3:1-3

****Penalty for disobedience to parents is the same as blasphemy against God (Leviticus 24:15, 16).**

(Proverbs 6:20-22)

“Disobedience in the home leads to a despising of authority in all its forms, and obedience in the home leads to respect for old age, respect for civil authority, and respect for Christian leadership.”

LOVING OUR PARENTS

WITNESSING TO OUR PARENTS

1. Treat your parents as your parents (just as you would treat God!).
2. Relate with them as I and Thou. Don't treat them as It, but Thou.
3. Bang on heaven's doors for them--pray for them often.
4. Use every means and opportunity to share the gospel with them without being pushy.
5. Remember God has his timing too.

A good role model in the family is vital for future stable development. Imperative to bring up our children properly: *“There are no delinquent children, only delinquent parents!”*

LESSONS TO LEARN AND TO OBEY:

- **Being grateful—you can never out-give or out-bless your parents**
- **Honoring parents regardless**
- **Praying for them always**
- **Setting an example as Jesus did (John 19:26-27).**
- **Living without regrets**

This is a commandment with a promise—that you will live well in the land God gives you!

“Build a home you can enjoy and a father and mother to honor!”