

Series "Ten Commandments"
"Honor Your Parents"
Exodus 20:12
Part-6

**The Family is a Divine Institution, the very foundation of human society,
2 Timothy 3:1-5**

Commandments on the First Tablet of Stone, **1-4: Our relationship to God.
(Reverence)**

Commandments on the Second Tablet of Stone, **5-10: Our relationship to
Man. (Respect)**

Commandment #5 (Parents) Exodus 20:12.

**This is the only Commandment in which it is phrased in positive terms. It
is the only Commandment in which is promised a reward for keeping it.**

Ephesians 3:14-15

Thought Of The Passage: Children Are To Honor Their Parents, And Parents
Are To Live God Honoring Lives.

- 1. Command**
- 2. Obedience**
- 3. Honor**
- 4. Honorable**

1. Command:

Exodus 20:12 – "Honor" – a verb that means, "to be heavy," so that we are
to "give weight," so to speak, to the person who is honored; Elevating the
person to a place of importance and reverence.

"Honor your father and your mother," – literally means, "to state one is
deserving of respect, attention, and obedience."

The Family In Bible Times Was Really Different Than Ours Today.

The Home Is Where We Learn Who We Are: Interests, abilities, use the
intellects.

The Family Is The Birthplace Of Respect For Authority: It is in this classroom that a child learns that there are certain lines that cannot be crossed.

The Home Is The Birthplace Of Values: By the time a child becomes a teen, they know what is important to their parents.

Today's Family Has Been Divided Into 3-4 Residents: (Single Family Home)
We have left the hierarchy up to the individual.

Economic Survival: Israel was going into hostile Canaan; family had to be tight.

Stability In Relationships: There was much interaction between the elderly and the young.

2. Obedience: Ephesians 6: 1-4 Gives us this Commandment in Commentary Form.

Ephesians 6: 1 – “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.”

Ephesians 6: 2 – “HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (which is the first commandment with a promise),”

You could sum it up by saying children are to “Obey” and “Honor.”

Obey – is an action

Honor – is an attitude

God wants right actions from a right attitude.

Exodus 20: 12; Leviticus 19: 3

God is to be first. There is a great danger of putting parents and children before the place of God, Matthew 12: 46-50.

Ephesians 6: 1 – This Command is far from mindless; “obey” – “to listen under,” speaks of conscious listening. The idea is “to listen under with the intent to understand and obey.”

Submission – “to arrange in order, to place in proper order.”

This Does Not Teach That Children Are To Obey If It Goes Against Scripture and Conscience: “obey your parents in the Lord,”

Parents stand in the place of God, they do not replace God but stand in the place as vice-agents of God for one's childhood.

This Is A Command. Scriptures Give 6 Reasons Why We Should:

1st Reason – “that your days may be prolonged in the land,”
Exodus 20:12.

2nd Reason – “that it may go well with you,” Deuteronomy 5:16.

3rd Reason – “for this is right,” Ephesians 6:1.

4th Reason – “for this is well-pleasing to the Lord.” Colossians 3:20.

5th Reason – Jesus modeled it: “in favor with God and men.”
Luke 2:51-52.

6th Reason – Opens us up to God’s grace, Luke 6:38.

Ephesians 6:3

Exodus 21:17; Leviticus 20:9; Proverbs 4:10; Proverbs 10:27;
Proverbs 20:20; Proverbs 30:17

Samson – who disobeyed his parents.

Absalom – who was David’s son, who disobeyed his father David.

3. Honor: We should live honorable lives, and should show our honor by living honorable lives that glorify God and honor our parents.

Provision: We need to make sure that their needs are met.

Joseph – provided for his father Jacob and the family.

Jesus – Crucified on the cross made provision for his mother, John 19:27.

Matthew 15:4-6

Consideration: Spending time; what a beautiful thing to have grandparents that get to invest in a grandchild’s life.

Character: We bring honor to one’s parents by our character, and reputation; that a son or daughter that is living a righteous life.

Proverbs 23:24-25

Appreciate Them: As you get older, you begin to see all the sacrifices that they made for you! As a parent, you note what you do for your children.

4. Honorable: Ephesians 6:4 – “Fathers” – The Father/Husband is the leader in the marriage and with the children. This also includes Mothers; it is parents.

Question To Parents: “Are We Seeking To Be Honorable?”

“do not provoke your children to anger;” – Embitter your children.

“but bring them up” – Means to love them. Warm by body heat.

“in the discipline” – Loving discipline.

“and instruction of the Lord.” – Verbal instruction.

Positive – Well-being, long life, rich national grace, a social treasure.

Application:

1. As Parents, We Need To Be Reminded That Our Children Have A Mind, Character And A Body. That Means They Need Education, They Need Physical Care And To Be Disciplined For Character. Our Goal Should Be To Make Them Disciples Of Jesus Christ.
2. Some Of Us Don't Have Parents. Some Of Us Don't Even Know Who Our Parents Are, And Some Of Our Parents Have Abandoned Us. We Need To Make Sure We Forgive Them. We May Never Be Reconciled But We Can Experience Forgiveness.
3. Obedience Is An Action, Honor Is An Attitude. God Wants Right Actions From A Right Attitude. We Need To Be Better Children, And Better Parents, And Better Grandparents.