

A Word to Families in an Age of Chaos

Exodus 20:12

Series: God's Boundaries For Abundant Living - Part 5

THE COMMAND - "Honor your father and your mother,

THE PROMISE - so that you may live long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you."

I. What Does it Mean "to Honor" your Parents?

- Definition = lit. "to be heavy, glorify, to ascribe value and worth, to respect, to hold in high regard."
- Word usage in Old Testament =

II. Why Did God Give This Command?

III. What Does It Look Like to Honor Our Parents?

- As a Child I honor my parents by _____ them.

*Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.
"Honor your father and mother"-- which is the first commandment
with a promise--
"that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the
earth."
Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in
the training and instruction of the Lord.
Eph 6:1-4*

- As a Young Person I honor my parents by _____ and _____ with them.

*Listen to your father, who gave you life, and do not despise your
mother when she is old.*

Prov 23:22

*If you curse your parents, your life will end like a lamp that goes
out in the dark.*

Prov 20:20

- As an Adult I honor my parents by _____ and _____.

*The father of a righteous man has great joy; he who has a
wise son delights in him.*

Prov. 23:24

*Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is
in your power to act.*

Prov. 3:27

*But if a widow has children or grand-children, these should
learn first of all to put their religion into practice by caring for
their own family and so repaying their parents and
grandparents, for this is pleasing to God.*

1 Tim. 5:4

If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

1 Tim. 5:8

Crf. Matt. 15:1-9

IV. Are There Times When We Can't Honor Parents?

- Mark 10:23-31 = The Priority of Salvation
- Luke 9:59-62 = The Priority of Service
- Ephesians 5:31-33 = The Priority of Marriage
- Proverbs 9:7-9 = The Priority of Wisdom

Application

Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think God makes the family such a high priority?
2. How does our culture's view of both "authority" and "aging" affect our obedience to the 5th Command?
3. In what ways do you feel good about how you are "honoring your parents"? Which aspects need some attention? How will you address these?
4. Where do you find it difficult "to know" exactly what honoring your parents looks like?