

Intro:

Last week, “Be honorable”. Tonight, other side of same coin. READ WLC 128.

Main Point of Text: The son who abuses his father and mother brings shame on them and him.

Sermon Point: *Don't shame yourself.*

Move 1: Don't have a shameful attitude toward those God puts above you.

LC 127: owe all due reverence of heart. LC 128: sin against when “envying at, contempt of, and rebellion against, their persons and places, in their lawful counsels, commands, and corrections”:

- *Envy*: resent, unduly jealous. Num. 11:28-29: *Enviest thou for my sake? [or yours?]*
- *Contempt*: despise/disregard (Vos). *And the LORD said unto Samuel ... they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.* (1Sa 8:7)
- *Rebellion*: open denial of lawful authority/effort to undermine. 2 Sam 15:1-12: Absalom conspired against father 40 years before forcing David and his loyal subjects to flee the city of God.

Move 2: Don't act shamefully toward those God puts above you.

LC 127: owe all due reverence in behavior. LC 128, sin against when “all neglect of the duties required toward them”. Mat. 15:4-6, re: Pharisees' man-made tradition to get out of God's fifth command. Neglect: avoidance/excuses; not fulfilling covenant duty/contracted services. Nor offering common courtesy.

Move 3: Don't speak shamefully of those God puts above you.

LC 127: owe due reverence in word. LC 128 sin against this with “cursing, mocking, and all such refractory and scandalous carriage”: swear against, wish bad of, make fun of, gossip and slander about:

- 1 Tim. 5:1: *Rebuke not an elder, but intreat him as a father ...; 17: Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine; 19: Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses.*
- *There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother. There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness.* (Proverb 30:11-12)
- *The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it.* (Pro 30:17)

Move 4: Your shameful attitude, actions, and words bring shame on them and you.

LC 127: be an honor to them/their government. LC 128, sin against “proves a shame and dishonour to them and their government.”: Prov. 19:26 opposite of Ps. 127:4-5. Shame brought on superiors reflects on you.

“Shame”, Heb word used elsewhere (sometimes “reproach”):

- ... he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame. (Pro 10:5). Brings King's wrath (14:35)
- Sins cause fools to reproach you, are reproach to any people (Psalm 39:8; Proverbs 14:34)
- Proverbs 19:26: last part of Hebrew could be, “display shame”
- *And he that smiteth his father, or his mother, shall be surely put to death.* (Exo 21:15). READ Deut. 21:18-21. LC 99:4: opposite of promise implied in Ex. 20:12 = threat.

Conclusion:

Don't shame yourself.