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# **PERFECT TEN**

# The Fifth Commandment

5<sup>th</sup> commandment is aimed at the relationship between children and their parents. Young children and adult children are commanded to honor their Father and Mother. This com is the first one that deals with relationships. Love your neighbor as yourself, is the basis for this com.

VIDEO: All Your Kids Belong to us Lord's Supper. Susie Vystericil

### THE MOST IMPORTANT

- HOW MANY TIMES have you heard that phrase? This is: TMI day of ur life, TMI purchase, TMI decision
- TMI relationship on planet earth.
   If u r parents THINK
   If u r a child w/ parents THINK
   If u r an adult Child and have older parents THINK

#### **HIGH RESPECT AND ESTEEM**

**Exodus 20:12** "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you."

• honor your father and your mother – the <u>foundation</u> for any society

**Honor,** (to cause to be honored) high respect; esteem.

- the first commandment about relationship of mankind
- this commandment governs the earliest relation that a person has, with their parents

**Deuteronomy 5:16** "Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live long and that it may go well with you in the land the LORD your God is giving you."

### **2** God has commanded you – Father knows best

- these words from God as all words from God must be lived by faith, kids don't often think their parents have a clue
- there will be some parents that are not worth a child's honor, but children must still give it (doesn't mean if parents

are doing something illegal or are abusing their child that they need to put themselves in harms way)

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### **3** with a promise – it's important enough to reward

- I believe God knows that this will be a difficult at times, so he hands a carrot out there (so to speak)
- also, the nature outcome of children obeying their parents is for things in life to go well

# 4 that you may enjoy long life – the very thing we all desire

- by honoring and obeying your parents you will learn to respect all people, pl will like having you around, doors for employment and other opportunities will be opened by God.
- of course there will be exceptions to this but for the most part God will prolong and bless the children who obey and honor their parents.

### IF SATAN CAN TEAR IT APART...

- I THINK I can safely say Hollywood and most movie makers are under the control of Satan.
- When is the last time you watched a movie or TV show that honored Father and Mother?

### Simpsons? Family Guy? Modern Family.

- I want to make a statement, I know exceptions, but hear me
- \* Children cannot \_\_\_\_\_ their parents if their lives are a \_\_\_\_
- Live by faith, honor your parents even if they don't deserve it, that's between them and God, children live by this commandment and God will live by His promise.

### **VIDEO: OCTOBER SKY**

- of course there is an exception to this, but many children have overcome bad parents
- if you're looking for an excuse to not obey this commandment then your heart is not right and neither are ur actions

# ABSALOM, David's Son. Mary. Isaac & Abraham. Jacob & Esau

- \* I hope to set some parents free
- If your parents overstep their bounds there is a respectful way to reply.
- Is there a normal family in the Bible

### YOU BRING THE HONOR

1 as an act of your will and your faith in God, honor ur parents 2 3

# **LORD's Supper**

Examples from Bible: David's Son,

- may be trying to do all kinds of things to prolong your life, this may be missing.

There comes a time when we all have to personal responsibility. The us government doesn't think you know how to raise your children and that the gov should help you.

### **VIDEO: All Your Kids**

Lean Forward: MSNBC Melissa Perry. All your kids belong to us, They are ours,

# Question: "What does it mean to honor my father and mother?"

Answer: Honoring your father and mother is being respectful in word and action and having an inward attitude of esteem for their position. The Greek word for honor means "to revere, prize, and value." Honor is giving respect not only for merit but also for rank. For example, some Americans may disagree with the President's decisions, but they should still respect his position as leader of their country. Similarly, children of all ages should honor their parents, regardless of whether or not their parents "deserve" honor.

God exhorts us to honor father and mother. He values honoring parents enough to include it in the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:12) and again in the New Testament: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother which is the first commandment with a promise, so that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth" (Ephesians 6:1-3). Honoring parents is the only command in Scripture that promises long life as a reward. Those who honor their parents are blessed (Jeremiah 35:18-19). In contrast, those with a "depraved mind" and those who exhibit ungodliness in the last days are characterized by disobedience to parents (Romans 1:30; 2 Timothy 3:2).

Solomon, the wisest man, urged children to respect their parents (Proverbs 1:8; 13:1; 30:17). Although we may no longer be directly under their authority, we cannot outgrow God's command to honor our parents. Even Jesus, God the Son, submitted Himself to both His earthly parents (Luke 2:51) and His heavenly Father (Matthew 26:39). Following Christ's example, we should treat our parents the way we would reverentially approach our heavenly Father (Hebrews 12:9; Malachi 1:6).

Obviously, we are commanded to honor our parents, but

how? Honor them with both actions and attitudes (Mark 7:6). Honor their unspoken as well as spoken wishes. "A wise son heeds his father's instruction, but a mocker does not listen to rebuke" (Proverbs 13:1). In Matthew 15:3-9, Jesus reminded the Pharisees of the command of God to honor their father and mother. They were obeying the letter of the law, but they had added their own traditions that essentially overruled it. While they honored their parents in word, their actions proved their real motive. Honor is more than lip service. The word "honor" in this passage is a verb and, as such, demands a right action.

We should seek to honor our parents in much the same way that we strive to bring glory to God—in our thoughts, words, and actions. For a young child, obeying parents goes hand in hand with honoring them. That includes listening, heeding, and submitting to their authority. After children mature, the obedience that they learned as children will serve them well in honoring other authorities such as government, police, and employers.

While we are required to honor parents, that doesn't include imitating ungodly ones (<u>Ezekiel 20:18-19</u>). If a parent ever instructs a child to do something that clearly contradicts God's commands, that child must obey God rather than his/her parents (<u>Acts 5:29</u>).

Honor begets honor. God will not honor those who will not obey His command to honor their parents. If we desire to please God and be blessed, we should honor our parents. Honoring is not easy, is not always fun, and certainly is not possible in our own strength. But honor is a certain path to our purpose in life—glorifying God. "Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord" (Colossians 3:20).

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