

HC 104 Q. What is God's will for you in the Fifth Commandment?
A. That I honor, love, and be loyal to my father and mother and all those in authority over me; that I obey and submit to them, as is proper, when they correct and punish me; and also that I be patient with their failings – for through them God chooses to rule us.

Proverbs 1:8 ⁸ My son, hear the instruction of your father, And do not forsake the law of your mother; (NKJV)

Colossians 3:20 ²⁰ Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord. (NKJV)

Proverbs 23:22 ²² Listen to your father who begot you, And do not despise your mother when she is old. (NKJV)

Ephesians 5:22-24 ²² Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. ²⁴ Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in everything. (NKJV)

Ephesians 6:1-3 ¹ Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: ³ "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth." (NKJV)

Colossians 3:22 ²² Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God. (NKJV)

Romans 13:1-2a ¹ Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. ² Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God ... (NKJV)

Hebrews 13:17 ¹⁷ Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you. (NKJV)

Ephesians 6:5-9 ⁵ Slaves, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, ⁶ not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, ⁷ rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, ⁸ knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free. ⁹ Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him. (ESV)

G.I. Williamson "God's authority comes to expression in our daily lives by means of people whom he has invested with his authority over us."

Andrew Kuyvenhoven "God gives authority to people not to lift them up above others but to enable them to fulfill a mandate from him."

1 Peter 2:18 ¹⁸ Servants, *be* submissive to *your* masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh. (NKJV)

Philip Ryken "Respect for those who are in authority is respect for God, because all authority comes from him. Our respect is not based on their personal qualities or professional qualifications, but on the position God has given them."

Matthew Henry "Those who, in conscience towards God, keep this and the rest of God's commandments, may be sure that ... that they shall live as long on earth as Infinite Wisdom sees good for them, and that what they may seem to be cut short of on earth shall be abundantly made up in eternal life, the heavenly Canaan which God will give them."

Philip Ryken "One of the reasons ... [Jesus] is the perfect Savior is because he was the perfect child."