

## Theology Simply Explained — WSC64 (2) “What an Honoring Obedience Looks Like”

Pastor walks his children through Westminster Shorter Catechism question 64—especially explaining how an “honoring” obedience will be cheerful, sincere, consistent, complete, etc..

WSC64: What is required in the fifth commandment? *The fifth commandment requireth the preserving the honor, and performing the duties, belonging to every one in their several places and relations, as superiors, inferiors or equals.*

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So the shorter catechism question for this week is What is required in the fifth commandment? The answer is the fifth commandment required, the preserving the honor and performing the duties.

Belonging to every one. And there are several places and relations. As superiors inferiors are equals. And in our first lesson about that, Uh, we were thinking about why? Uh, Honor and duty go together. And how this? Belongs, even to the nature of the way, we Love and obey god that we don't merely have a duty of obedience to God but that it comes out of a A right response to his worth.

Which is what honor is it's a right response to worth. It's very closely related to love. If love is conceived of correctly. And what we noticed in the commandment and in the catechism's good summary, Of what the commandment requires. Is that there is honor that is due to everyone regardless of what place we are in and what place there are in.

And there is duty that is owed to everyone. Uh, not just the duty of Proper. Submission to authority when we're under it, but the duty of proper exercise. Of authority when we are. When we are in it. And so we we thought about that for a while. But in our second lesson, i want to zero in on what this means, For how you obey your parents sophia.

And the reason i single u out is because you are the least practiced in Uh, obeying mom and dad because Uh, you've been alive for the least amount of time. And so you have not heard. Right away. All the way into cheerfully nearly as much as the other children have.

But that is a direct. Uh, when we say right away all the way in cheerfully, It's a Uh, direct consequence of or desire to fulfill the command which is not just children obey your parents in the lord, which is a bible command and ephesians chapter 6, but even the apostle there.

Uh, goes on to explain that he is making application of honor your father. And your mother. And the in the lord part actually helps us. With the honor part. Because honor, your father and your mother doesn't just mean do what your mom and dad say It means that you do it with a cheerful heart.

It means that you do it. Uh, immediately you don't delay doing it as if Um, as if it's optional or unimportant, But you do your obedience right away and you don't stop. Uh, you don't do partial obedience. That isn't an honoring way to obey, you obey all the way.

And we can add Other ones every time so that you don't say well. I have been obeying for a while. I have obeyed a number of times now, but i'm kind of tired of it. I'm going to take this commandment this command of mom off. Uh i'm a pretty obedient girl, i don't have to obey this time.

No. Obedience that comes from honoring of his right away all the way cheerfully. Every time. Uh, Even when mom's not looking, if it's an honoring way of obedience, you're not just obeying in order to not get in trouble or to be thought of as obedient you're obeying. Because you're recognizing in your heart, that god gave you your mommy and made her the mommy.

And so, Your heart wants to obey before the face of god, not just before the face of your mom. And then, as well as possible, which is an upgrade, from the, from the one that we used to say, quickly, Uh, not right away, not just right away to begin, but doing it.

Uh, quickly although quickly isn't always as well as possible. Uh so as well as possible as an upgrade of that that you want to obey as excellently. As possible. Uh, so when god says, honor your father and your mother, He's not just saying. Uh, that you have to obey mommy.

He's talking about the way that you obey mommy. Right away. All the way. Cheerfully. Which is sometimes. Um, you'd be given a commandment and if you don't immediately do it. Uh, cheerfully Uh, mom or dad might say no cheerfully. And, If you don't get the message you say no.

Uh, show me your face. Is that what cheerful looks like? That's not cheerful enough. That doesn't look like what cheerful looks like and we get you. Uh to work on, even just smiling and there's this amazing thing where forcing yourself outwardly. To have the discipline of presenting cheerfulness actually helps you inwardly many a sour child in our house has actually been Made cheerful by god's blessing on the practice of having to try to be cheerful.

And even not even try. Try to make it cheerful face while indulging, a sour heart, which is a very, very difficult thing to do and in God's mercy, didn't permit them to be able to do it. Um, So, The fifth commandment requires you. To preserve the honor of your mom or your dad, even as you obey.

What mom and dad command? And this is a help to you because like we said, the tying of the honoring and the duty together. Is something that goes back to how we are to obey. God. And one of the first places that you learn, To tie honor and duty together.

Is and how you obey your mom and dad. And god blesses that to children. Who learn to obey and honor their parents. So that as he works graciously in them and brings them to faith. And they learn to want to obey god, they already have established in their hearts.

That external pattern. Of combining honoring and dude, And obeying. And so we are. Praying to god. Not exactly in the same child words that we used to but a lot of what we prayed to god. About our obedience to him, as lord help me, not just to obey, you help me to obey right away.

Lord, i am in danger of growing weary and well-doing help me to obey all the way. Help me to obey, every time. Lord. I have a grumbling heart. I have a lazy heart. I don't feel like obeying today. Help me not just to obey But to obey, cheerfully. Help me to remember that.

You are always looking. That i will obey. As one who is before your face. And all of these things that we desire. Um, by god's grace and the desire itself comes

from god's grace, of course. All these things that we desire by god's grace, that he would help us in in the manner of our obedience towards him.

Are things that some of our first lessons in that sort of obedience. He gave us by means of a daddy. And a mommy. That from our birth. That was even from before our birth that was The primary set of relationships that he had given us and what a mercy, it is from god.

That he gives it to us and gives us that opportunity to learn the connection of honoring. And obedience. And how dreadful it would be. Um, not even so much if you had missed the opportunity, it would be dreadful for you. But if your daddy and your mommy, Uh, practice some form of child training.

That didn't bring those two things together under god. With his discipline and his instruction. Presenting who he is and what he has done in the gospel so that you learn Um, to say, Uh, lord. You don't just tell me to obey my parents. You tell me to obey my parents in the lord jesus.

Please give me the sort of obedience for mom and dad. That comes from jesus. The right away and all the way and cheerfully and all those other parts. Help me to honor my father, and my mother. The way jesus honored his And so, The lord. Uh, blessing. It to you.

Uh, then And helping your mom and dad, they will also give you not just discipline and instruction. That the discipline of the lord and the instruction of the lord. And we start to see how The lord is both the dads and mom's helper and the children's helper. Because he is the one who has tied.

The honoring and the obeying together.