

Honor Thy Father and Thy Mother

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Straight Paths Bible Church
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Exo 20:12 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

Mat 15:4 For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death.

Mark 10:19 Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother.

Eph 6:2 Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise;

- I. To honor Father and Mother is a command of God.
 - A. 7 times in the NT – 6 of those times it was spoken by Jesus himself.
 - B. It is one of the 10 commandments.
 - 1. It is the first of the last 6 commandments that deal with our relationships with other men.
 - C. To fail to comply with the 5th commandment is every bit as bad as failing to comply with any of the rest of the 10.
 - 1. That means it is as immoral and wrong as murder, adultery, stealing, and lying.
 - 2. Somehow it has come to have much less significance to the people of this generation.
 - 3. It is broken all the time by people who claim to be Christians as though it is not even important anymore.
 - D. This is THE commandment that Jesus used to show the Pharisees what hypocrites they were:

Mat 15:3-9 But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition? For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death. But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, It is a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; And honour not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition. Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

- II. Honor means to fix a value upon; revere; value; recognize their worth.; valuable, most precious, dear, beloved.

Webster – To revere; to respect; to treat with deference and submission, and perform relative duties to.

To reverence; to manifest the highest veneration for, in words and actions; to entertain the most exalted thoughts of; to worship; to adore.

To treat with due civility and respect in the ordinary intercourse of life.

To dignify; to raise to distinction or notice; to elevate in rank or station; to exalt.

- A. We honor what we highly esteem.
- B. We honor what we recognize as higher rank.
 - 1. Socially, financially, physically.
- C. To honor anyone is to remember the noble deeds they have done and sacrifices they have made for you and others.
- D. The withholding of honor simply shows that you really think yourself to be more worthy of honor than the parents who gave you life and kept you alive until you could get old enough to dishonor them.

III. When we come into the world our Father and Mother are in God's stead for us.

- A. They have our complete trust and confidence.
 - 1. In the mind of a child, there is nothing his father and mother cannot do.
 - 2. It never enters into the mind of a child that father or mother would lead them wrong to tell them a lie.
- B. They have our complete dependence upon them for all our needs.
- C. We rely on them 100% for our protection.
- D. We go to them exclusively for comfort and assurance.
 - 1. No face, or voice is so sweet and welcome to a child as mother and father.
- E. No one can even begin to take their place.
- F. God designed it this way on purpose – we all come into the world with a clean slate and a good roadmap to find our way to Him.

IV. But something happens to challenge this design of God and overthrow it.

- A. Its importance is undeniable because of its exalted position in God's basic moral law.
- B. It is a basic step in getting acquainted with, and knowing God.

Mal 1:6 A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honour? and if I be a master, where is my fear? saith the LORD of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name?

- 1. When a child gets out of the way in this matter of honoring his father and mother he is sure to miss God.
- 2. There is no way a person can honor God while failing to honor his parents.
- 3. MUCH LESS will he be able to honor God while DISHONORING his parents.
- C. Therefore, it is no surprise that the devil would go all out to attack and undermine THIS commandment above all others.
 - 1. He accomplishes this through influences OUTSIDE of the home.
 - 2. Peers are the best tool the devil has to transfer the natural affections and honor that children have for their parents to some teenaged friend or group of green-horned, self-proclaimed philosophers, and wise men.
 - 3. It is so plain that it is an evil power at work in this because it is so un-natural for this to happen.

V. Failing to honor your Father and your Mother is a terrible wicked sin!

Rom 1:28-32 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, malice; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

This verse plainly states that children who are disobedient to their parents are worthy of death!

2 Tim 3:1-5 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, **disobedient to parents**, unthankful, unholly, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: **from such turn away.**

This verse tells us plainly to “turn away” from those who are disobedient to their parents.

Ezek 22:7-8 In thee have they set light by father and mother: in the midst of thee have they dealt by oppression with the stranger: in thee have they vexed the fatherless and the widow. Thou hast despised mine holy things, and hast profaned my sabbaths.

- A. It is WORSE than adultery.
- B. It is WORSE than murder.
- C. It is WORSE than stealing.
- D. It is WORSE than lying.
- E. All these are wrong because they hurt others, and by doing any of these things you are showing that you are not in compliance with the first two commandments also. (love thy neighbor as thyself)
- F. If just NOT HONORING them is a sin, how much more wicked is it in the sight of God to DISHONOR them?

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Prov 30:17 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.

Deu 27:16 Cursed be he that setteth light by his father or his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen.

Deu 21:18-21 If a man have a stubborn and rebellious son, which will not obey the voice of his father, or the voice of his mother, and that, when they have chastened him, will not hearken unto them: Then shall his father and his mother lay hold on him, and bring him out unto the elders of his city, and unto the gate of his place; And they shall say unto the elders of his city, This our son is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton, and a drunkard. And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die: so shalt thou put evil away from among you; and all Israel shall hear, and fear.

Exo 21:17 And he that curseth his father, or his mother, shall surely be put to death.

Lev 20:9 For every one that curseth his father or his mother shall be surely put to death: he hath cursed his father or his mother; his blood shall be upon him. (First in the list of adultery, incest, and other wicked sins)

Prov 30:11 There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother.

Prov 20:20 Whoso curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness.

- G. Honor thy father and thy mother ...not just with words, but with your life.
 - 1. The highest honor given to a father and a mother is a child whose life causes others to realize they had good parents, and honor them, also.