

Exodus 20:12

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

1. The state of our society

- a. Disrespectful towards parents
- b. Treats parents as dumb
- c. Abandons parents in a home and treat them as useless and outdated
- d. Shows exemplify the state of our culture

2. The Parents God gave you

- a. Family is the foundation of society
- b. God appointed your parents
- c. God defines the origin of family; not culture
- d. God calls you to obey and honor your parents

3. Honor

a. Treating them with deference
- humble submission

b. Providing for them and looking after them in their old age

Mark 7:9-13

And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! 10 For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’

11 But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, “Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban”’ (that is, given to God)[d]— 12 then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, 13 thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

1 Timothy 5:4

But if a widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show godliness to their own household and to make some return to their parents, for this is pleasing in the sight of God.

4. Your father and your mother

- a. It means your parents as a whole
- b. Even in adulthood
- c. It means honor both parents equally
- d. This is the foundation for society respect as a whole

5. How do we dishonor them?

- a. By not obeying them
- b. By not listening to them
- c. By not helping them
- d. By abandoning them
- e. By not supporting them financially when needed
- f. By speaking bad of them
- g. By hurting them

6. A promise

- a. This is the first commandment with a promise from God.
- b. Does not mean you will always live a long life, but it will be one full of joy and God's presence.

Ephesians 6:4

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

7. A word of counsel

- a. Do not provoke them to anger
- b. Live by example, not from the mouth out.
- c. Humble yourself under the mighty hand of God he'll exalt you.
 - i. Humble yourself when you are wrong
 - ii. Ask for forgiveness when you have wrong them
