

Honor Your Father and Mother



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Honor (Verb)

- To show respect for.
- To bow to.
- To esteem or revere.
 - Esteem: to regard highly or favorably; regard with respect or admiration.
 - Revere: to stand in awe of, to fear.



Old Testament

- The Old Testament was given to the Jews as a “shadow” of what was coming...Jesus Christ!
- When God gave the 10 commandments to Moses, He also gave Moses approximately 613 other rules (food, family, worship, and society) that were known as the Mosaic Law.
- We do not need to follow the Mosaic Law any more; however, parts of it are important to show us what God expects for perfection.

The Ten Commandments

- 1) You shall have no other gods before me.
- 2) You shall not make for yourself any carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth;
- 3) You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.
- 4) Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God.
- 5) **Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you.**
- 6) You shall not murder.
- 7) You shall not commit adultery.
- 8) You shall not steal.
- 9) You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- 10) You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's.

The Ten Commandments

- Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER," which is the first commandment with promise: "THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU AND YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH." And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.
(Ephesians 6:1-4)
- The 5th commandment is the only commandment that comes with a blessing!
- Honor your father and your mother, **that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you.**

Old Testament Wrath

- If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and who, when they have chastened him, will not heed them, then his father and his mother shall take hold of him and bring him out to the elders of his city, to the gate of his city. And they shall say to the elders of his city, “This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard.” Then all the men of his city shall stone him to death with stones; so you shall put away the evil from among you, and all Israel shall hear and fear.

(Deuteronomy 21:18-21)

- And he who strikes his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.

(Exodus 21:15)

New Testament

- When Jesus came, He fulfilled the Mosaic Law.
- He was the only perfect man to ever live and was the only person ever Who was capable of upholding all 618 rules in the Mosaic Law.
- As Christians, we have been given a new set of “Laws” to follow...

The Law of Liberty

- Jesus was asked by a Lawyer:
"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" **(Matthew 22:36)**
- Jesus answered:
"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets." **(Matthew 22:37-40)**

The Law of Liberty

- This includes 9 of the 10 commandments.
- We do not have to rest on the Sabbath anymore (the Sabbath is Saturday and was only commanded of the Jews before Christ came and fulfilled it).
- We “rest” every day in the work Jesus did for us.
- The “Law of Liberty” is what the Holy Spirit puts on our hearts.
- The process of sanctification is the Holy Spirit trying to conform us to follow this perfectly.

The Family God Wants

- The family is one of the most important structures God ever created.
- The Family structure was created to show people how they should relate to God.
- Children should relate to their parents in the same way people are supposed to relate to God.
- When children disrespect their parents, they are disrespecting God.

Children are a Blessing From God

- **Psalm 127:3-5** Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth. Blessed is the man who has his quiver full of them;
- **John 16:21** A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.
- **James 1:17** Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

Children's Responsibility

- Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord.

(Colossians 3:20)

- Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

(Ephesians 6:1)

- My son, hear the instruction of your father, And do not forsake the law of your mother;

(Proverbs 1:8)

Parents Responsibility

After Giving them the Law...God Told the Israelites...Teach Your Children...

- **Deuteronomy 4:9** Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children.
- **Deuteronomy 6:6-9** And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.
- **2 Timothy 3:14-15** But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Parents Responsibility

- And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

(Ephesians 6:4)

- Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.

(Proverbs 22:6)

Discipline

- **Proverbs 13:24** *Whoever spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him.*
- **Proverbs 22:15** Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; The rod of correction will drive it far from him.
- **Proverbs 23:13-14** *Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you strike him with a rod, he will not die. If you strike him with the rod, you will save his soul from Sheol.*
- **Proverbs 29:15** *The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child left to himself brings shame to his mother.*
- **Proverbs 29:17** *Discipline your son, and he will give you rest; he will give delight to your heart.*

Ouch!

The eye that mocks his father,
And scorns obedience to his
mother, The ravens of the valley
will pick it out, And the young
eagles will eat it.

(Proverbs 30:17)

Only Time You May Disobey

The only time a child may disobey their parent(s) is if the parent(s) tells them to sin or do something against God's direct will.

A Perfect Son

Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.

(John 5:19)

- NOTE: A perfect son requires a perfect father!

QUESTIONS

- What do you think about having to honor your father and your mother?
- How do you think your parents feel when you disobey them?
- What thing(s) that your parents ask you to do give you trouble?
- How do you think you might be able to change in order to obey your parents better?
- What do you think about the Israelites stoning very disobedient children?
- Do you have brothers or sisters that disobey your parents?
- How do you think you might be able to help them to obey your parents?
- Do you have friends that disobey their parents?
- How do you think you might be able to help them to obey their parents?