

# Series: Biblical Relationships

---

## WEEK 9

### Section 5 – RELATING TO OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS

#### A. Parents

1. **HONOR** them – *Eph 6:2-3; Ex 20:12* (the only commandment dealing with human relationships)
  - This is a key behind all right human relationships in society.
  - A person who grows up with a sense of respect for and obedience to his parents will have the **FOUNDATION** for respecting the authority of other leaders and respecting the rights of **ALL** people in general!
  - *See Ex 21:15, 17; Lev 20:9* – consequence was death!
  - In these last days, we see the breakdown of society in general. Things that were wrong are now right and visa versa! *2 Tim 3:2-3; Rom 1:30*
  - God is a God of ORDER and structure. He knows full well that if a man will not learn to obey authority (human/parental), His commandments will not be obeyed. If a man will not LOVE his parents, that man will not love God!
  - He quotes the same thing in regard to Himself – *Deut 4:40; Mal 1:6; Pr 30:17* – prey for demonic activity; REBELLION = **WITCHCRAFT**
2. **LEAVE** them – *Gen 2:24*
  - End your dependency to them
  - Financial; Emotional; Instructional (you still love and honor them!)

#### B. Brothers and Sisters

1. If they are **LOST** – they are still your brother or sister, so love them as you would love anyone that is without Christ. Deal with them the same way you would with someone else who is lost – *Col 4:5*
2. Concerning the **BODY** of Christ – treat them as you would RIGHTLY relate to your flesh and blood. Remember, we are also related by BLOOD to each other! It is a testimony to the world – *John 15:12, 17; 13:34-35*

NOTE: There are times when you must work things out...same as family at home!

## Series: Biblical Relationships

---

### C. In-Laws

Because a husband and wife are **ONE**, your in-laws become (of sorts) your parents. You simply deal with them the same way as your own parents! 1-Honor, 2-Leave

*Gen 2:24; Mt 19:5-6; Mk 10:8; Eph 5:31*

### D. Grandparents, Other Family Members

1. Give to the **AGED** the place of Honor – *Lev 19:32; Job 12:12; Pr 16:31*
  - Honor them due to the experience in life.
  - However, be careful, they may be lost or spiritually weaker.
  - Always remember *Rom 14:1* – discern what instruction to practice!
2. Offer to **ALL** other family members the same respect you would anyone else whether they are **SAVED** (how would you treat another member of God's family?) or **LOST** (how would you treat a lost person? *Col 4:5*).

### E. Conclusion

1. **This class was designed to establish BASIC biblical truths that govern ALL human relationships.** This was not an exhaustive study concerning any of the previous covered subjects. You are responsible to go back and break these subjects down further as it is necessary in relation to various situations you encounter in life.
2. Remember, **the Bible is our textbook for ALL matters concerning life and godliness. It alone is the authority in all family matters and relationships in life.** Authors of other books can be helpful, but **NEVER** let them replace the one book God Himself authored!
3. **The relationship between Jesus Christ and His church is always the proper model to follow concerning all human relationships** (*especially the relationship between a husband and wife*).