

sermon discussion

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MAIN POINTS & KEY SCRIPTURES

Exodus 20:12

We all need to honor up.

If anyone fails to honor his parents, is there anyone he will spare? –Augustine

- Malachi 1:6
- Mark 7:5,10–13
- Colossians 3:20
- Proverbs 15:20
- Leviticus 20:9
- 1 Peter 2:13–17
- 1 Samuel 2:30b

We need to honor even in the bad.

- 1 Peter 2:17
- 1 Peter 3:9
- Mark 11:25
- 1 Peter 2:15

Honor up because it lengthens life.

- Romans 13:3

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. In American culture, many tend to believe that honor and respect should be earned. Do you believe honor and respect should be given or earned? Why?
2. **Read Romans 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:13-17; Hebrews 13:7 & 17.** To what authority figures does God call us to show honor and respect? What are some specific ways we are to demonstrate this?
3. **Read 1 Timothy 5:1 & 16.** How should we approach elderly men and women when they have strayed? What responsibility do we have for the widows in our families?
4. **Read Exodus 20:12 & Ephesians 6:1-3.** What promise did God attach to this fifth commandment? Why do you think honoring your parents would lead to a long life?
5. What are some examples of how we can honor parents at different stages of life, such as when we are under 18 living in their home, when we're adults living on our own, when they are older and need our care?
6. The Church Father Augustine said, "If anyone fails to honor his parents, is there anyone he will spare?" What do you think he was trying to get at? Do you agree or disagree with him?
7. Is it possible to dishonor or disrespect those in authority and still honor and respect God? What authority figure do you find it most difficult to honor and respect? Why?

GOING FURTHER

MEMORIZE: *Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.* **1 Peter 2:17**