

The Fifth Commandment: Love People by Honoring Your Parents

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A Note To Parents: The Ten Commandments are probably the best known and least understood of the moral requirements in the Bible. Yet they can be summarized in one word: love. Commandments one through four teach us how to love God. Commandments six through ten teach us how to love our neighbor (Mt. 22:37–39). When they are misused, they will bring death and sorrow. But in the hands of a skillful and competent parent, they can bring life and happiness to children. A key to properly understanding the Ten Commandments is to understand the distinction in the Bible between law and gospel:

Law: The imperatives of the Bible; the wise commands that tell us what we should DO for God's glory.

Gospel: The indicatives of the Bible; the happy announcements that tell us what God has DONE for our good.

Purpose of the Law Before Conversion	The Gospel	Purpose of the Law After Conversion
To convict us of our guilt and lead us to Christ, NOT to obligate God to love us and admit us to heaven based on what we DO.	The announcement of the <i>good news</i> of what Christ has DONE: He died on the cross for sinners, was buried, raised from the dead, and appeared to many eyewitnesses. All who believe in Christ are fully forgiven and adopted into his family.	To show us how to please God for our happiness and his glory, NOT to obligate God to keep loving us and bless us with health and wealth based on what we DO.

Five Ways to Love Your Neighbor by Honoring Your Parents

1. Listen to what they teach you about God's _____ and God's _____.
2. Do what they tell you to do without _____.
3. Tell them the whole truth without _____.
4. Ask them questions to help them be _____.
5. Honor other adults that your parents tell you to honor when they are _____.