

HONORING OUR PARENTS

"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you."

Exodus 20:12 (NIV)

❖ Why Did God Give This Commandment?

1. There are no PERFECT PARENTS.

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 3:23 (NIV)

2. Respect for AUTHORITY begins at home.

Give to everyone what you owe them: Pay your taxes and government fees to those who collect them, and give respect and honor to those in authority.

Romans 13:7 (NLT)

3. How I relate to my parents will affect every other RELATIONSHIP I have.

Wise children pay attention when their parents correct them, but arrogant people never admit that they are wrong.

Proverbs 13:1 (TEV)

4. Obeying this commandment promises God's BLESSINGS and PROTECTION.

"...that your days may be long upon the land the Lord you God is giving you."

Exodus 20:12 (NKJV)

❖ How Do I Honor My Parents?

1. As a child, I honor my parents by OBEYING and RESPECTING them.

Children, obey your parents; this the right thing to do because God has placed them in authority over you.

Ephesians 6:1 (TLB)

A child who mistreats his father or mother is a public disgrace.

Proverbs 19:26 (TLB)

2. As a youth, I honor my parents by ACCEPTING and APPRECIATING them.

Be grateful for the good things that the Lord has given you and your family...

Deuteronomy 26:11 (GNT)

When your mother is old, show her your appreciation.

Proverbs 23:22 (GNT)

3. As an adult, I honor my parents by AFFIRMING and not ABANDONING them.

They should... put their religion in practice by caring for their own family and so repaying their parents and grandparents, for this is pleasing to God.

1 Timothy 5:4 (NIV)

If anyone does not provide for his... immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

1 Timothy 5:8 (NIV)

❖ A Closing Challenge about "Honoring Our Parents"

"Honor your father and mother as the Lord your God commands you."

Deuteronomy 5:16 (GW)

1. To honor them is to LOVE them.

"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love."

John 15:9-10 (NIV)

2. To honor them is to FORGIVE them.

We despised Him and rejected Him—a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief. We turned our backs on Him and looked the other way... ⁵ He was wounded and bruised for our sins... ⁶ God laid on Him the guilt and sins of every one of us... ⁹ He had done no wrong, and has never spoken an evil word."

Isaiah 53:3, 5-6, 9 (TLB)

3. A word to parents: Be HONORABLE.

And now a word to parents: don't keep on scolding and nagging your children, making them angry and resentful. Rather bring them up with loving discipline.

Ephesians 6:4 (TLB)

4. A word to those without parents: There is a FATHER you can DEPEND on.

My father and mother may abandon me, but the Lord will take care of me.

Psalms 27:10 (GNT)