

Lovin the Law – A Command and a Promise

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Ephesians 6:4 (AMP) – “Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger [do not exasperate them to the point of resentment with demands that are trivial or unreasonable or humiliating or abusive; nor by showing favoritism or indifference to any of them], but bring them up [tenderly, with lovingkindness] in the discipline and instruction of the Lord”.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV) – “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work”.

Exodus 20:12 (NIV) - “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you”.

Ephesians 6:1-3 (AMP) – Children, obey your parents in the Lord [that is, accept their guidance and discipline as His representatives], for this is right [for obedience teaches wisdom and self-discipline]. “Honor [esteem, value as precious] your father and your mother [and be respectful to them]” – this is the first commandment with a promise – “so that it may be well with you, and that you may have a long life on the earth”.

“**promise**” = Greek *epangelia* – “summons; a promise that announces what is fitting”

“When the bonds of family like break up, when respect for parents fails, the community becomes decadent and will not live long” – **Francis Foulkes**

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1 Peter 2:9 (NIV) – “But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light”.

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Luke 2:48-52 (NKJV) – So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, “Son, why have you done this to us? Look, your father and I have sought you anxiously”. And He said to them, “Why did you seek me? Did you not know that I must be about my Father’s business?” But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them. Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

1 Peter 2:17 (NIV) – “Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor”.

Matthew 15:3-6 (NIV) – Jesus replied, “And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition? For God said, ‘Honor your father and mother’ and ‘Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death’. But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is ‘devoted to God’, they are not to ‘honor their father or mother’ with it. Thus, you nullify the word of God for the sake of your tradition”.

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1 Timothy 5:3-8 (NIV) – “Give proper recognition to those widows who are really in need. But if a widow has children or grandchildren, these should learn first of all to put their religion into practice by caring for their own family and so repaying their parents and grandparents, for this is pleasing to God. The widow who is really in need and left all alone puts her hope in God and continues night and day to pray and to ask God for help. But the widow who lives for pleasure is dead even while she lives. Give the people these instructions, so that no one may be open to blame. Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever”.

“The Christian who falls below the best heathen standard of family affection is the more blameworthy, since he has what the heathen has not, the supreme example of love in Jesus Christ” – ***Newport J.D. White***