

TAKE HOME SHEET



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Message: Honor Your Parents
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Honoring our parents is not a suggestion from God but a command. Some parents make doing this easy, but others do not. The command doesn't say to honor parents you deem worthy of respect. Learning to respect authority has benefits for us and everyone around us.

The following can be answered individually, but would be great in discussion with a few others:

What are some ways you can show honor and respect to your parents?

If your parents have passed, is there still something you can do to honor them?

If you are a parent, what can you do to make it easier for your child(ren) to honor and respect you?

If you have a parent that is not living an "honorable" life, how can you follow God's command without compromising the values and beliefs that God also calls us to?

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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1. You must not have any other god.
2. You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind.
3. You must not misuse the name of the LORD your God.
4. Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

- These first four focus on our relationship with God.
- The next six focus on our relationship with others.

Understanding the second section comes from following the first.

Honor your father and mother. Then you will live a long, full life in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

Exodus 20:12 (NLT)

Honoring our parents is a gift we offer them out of respect for our God.

honor (def): to recognize the value of someone and to act accordingly

Holman Bible Dictionary

Respecting authority is essential in building a strong society. The place to learn it is in our first classroom – the home.

¹ Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. ² “Honor your father and mother.” This is the first commandment with a promise: ³ If you honor your father and mother, “things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth.”

Ephesians 6:1–3 (NLT)

Beware of excuses that appear to justify dishonoring our parents.

⁹ Then he said, “You skillfully sidestep God’s law in order to hold on to your own tradition. ¹⁰ For instance, Moses gave you this law from God: ‘Honor your father and mother,’ and ‘Anyone who speaks disrespectfully of father or mother must be put to death.’ ¹¹ But you say it is all right for people to say to their parents, ‘Sorry, I can’t help you. For I have vowed to give to God what I would have given to you.’ ¹² In this way, you let them disregard their needy parents. ¹³ And so you cancel the word of God in order to hand down your own tradition. And this is only one example among many others.”

Mark 7:9–13 (NLT)

We can honor a position without agreeing with the person or supporting what they do.

Honoring our parents is a choice that reflects our reverence for God.

¹ You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. ² For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred.

2 Timothy 3:1–2 (NLT)
(See also Romans 1:30)