

# Honor Your Father and Mother

Exodus 20:12 / Eph 5:25

## **Preface:**

We backtrack a bit to match our commandments with the season. Today is Mother's Day, so we come to the 5<sup>th</sup> Commandment. It is the first of the commands that deal with your relationships with people. Remember these last 6 commands deal with moral character.

## **Introduction:**

What is character? Character is not what others judge you to be or have, but what you are when no one else is looking. It is what you are essentially on the inside. That is why in each of these moral commands Jesus always went to the core of the problem, not the superficial.

Character begins in childhood. We are all sinners, so we are not talking about sinless perfection, or that a child by doing good can attain to perfect obedience, we cannot. Character is built into a child beginning at an early age. Communists believed that if they had access to a child's mind, by the age of five they would make him a communist. That is, they would build the structure of character in that child.

## Mom, and Dad, What are you building into your children?

It is a command not only to the children, but firstly to the parents. The parents must first be partakers of the command. They must first have character to produce character in their offspring.

- It is possible to build anger into your children.
- It is possible to build insecurity into your children.
- It is possible to build fears into your children.
- It is possible to build laziness or a healthy work ethic into your children.
- It is possible to build low-self esteem into your children, or confidence and security

## **God's Moral Laws**

5. Honor your father and mother... so that...
6. Shall not kill (murder) hatred, vengeance, or anger
7. Shall not commit adultery, or practice sexual immorality (lust eye-mind, heart, body)
8. Shall not steal (earn your own way) work, own, tithe
9. Shall not lie (be honest, don't cheat, don't fib, don't deceive, or cover up)
10. Shall not covet (which is (which is idolatry Col. 3:5) love money, success, fame, fortune

**The Command:**  
*“Honor Your Father and Mother”*

Honoring is...

I. Consider them wiser than yourself.

(ie) Mark Twain about his dad.

II. Respect their position and rights as heads of the home.

Respect of constituted authority is a basic of life. Respect for a baby sitter, a bus driver, a teacher, a principal, policeman, or president.

Disrespect always brings shame.

III. Obey them in all things.

Dictatorships are never pleasant. Rules are necessary to every area of society. Rules begin in the home. Explanation of rules is necessary. “Why?” needs to be answered. What are the rules? Are they written? Are they explained? Are they flexible or rigid? Are they consistent? Is the punishment defined? Or is it knee jerk reaction? Do you punish or discipline while angry, or do you wait for the anger to subside so that you can instruct, not just strike.

IV. Speak honorably of them and to them.

It is a shame to curse father or mother. “my old man” or “the old battle ax” or nag

A curse always brings a curse.

A blessing always brings a blessing.

Cast your bread on the waters... whatever a man sows that shall he reap.

V. Cooperate with them in the home as co-heirs of a great family.

Willing service, help, work, chores, etc.

“Family” is us. We are a family. We are a great family. We are a team. Our house is a great place to live.

(ie) Somewhere around 13 years old I finally got it. I knew it, but I got it. Obey is better than getting punished, criticized, and disciplined. Obedience brings rewards. Pleasing your parents is better than tormenting your parents.

## Conclusion...

Honor your father and mother.

God is concerned about our submission to constituted authority.

God is concerned about our willingness to learn.

God is concerned about our attitude toward rules.

You honor your Mother (or Father) when you...

- Willingly submit to and obey their rules
- Praise them for their work
- Refuse to be critical of them to others
- Take care of their needs
- Assist them in family work

## Homework Assignment

Talk about family rules:

(Past and present - What Mom and Dad had to do)

- What are they?
- Are they written?
- Are they just?
- Are they consistently applied?

# The Ten Commandments (The List)

1. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.
3. Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
5. Honor thy father and thy mother.
6. Thou shalt not kill.
7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
8. Thou shalt not steal.
9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
10. Thou shalt not covet.

Ephesians 5:25 [Husbands, love](#) your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

Colossians 3:19 [Husbands, love](#) *your* wives, and be not bitter against them.

Ephesians 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: [for this is right](#).

# The Ten Commandments

(FULL VERSION - KJV)

**Exodus 20:3-17**

3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

7 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

10 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

12 Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

13 Thou shalt not kill.

14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

15 Thou shalt not steal.

16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbor's.

## Do You Know The 10 Commandments?

1. Thou shalt \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Thou shalt \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Thou shalt \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Remember \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Honor thy \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Thou shalt \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Thou shalt \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Thou shalt \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Thou shalt \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Thou shalt \_\_\_\_\_.

Exodus 20: 3-17