

Series: Honoring God in the 10 Commandments

Title: A Home Worth Having

Text: (Ex 20:12) (Deut 5:16)

(Ex 20:12) *Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.*

(Deut 5:16) *Honour thy father and thy mother, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.*

Theme: Respect for Parental Authority=Respect for God

Parents are God's Representatives to us.

1st Commandment with a promise tied to it.

The 5th Commandment:

The #5 in Biblical Numerology =Grace

The 5th Comm has been called the centerpiece of God's Law.

It comes at the head of the 2nd section of Commandments:

Serves as a bridge from Man's relationship to God and brings us to Man's Relationship to man.

1st Four Comm has to do with Man's Relationship with God.

Honor His Authority

Honor His Person

Honor His Name

Honor His Creation - Sabbath

Next 6 Comm has to do with Man's Relationship to other Men.

Honor Our Creation - Father & Mother

5th Commandment:

Man's First Social Relationship is in the Home.

God created the Home long before the Nation.

God created the Home long before the Church.

Reiterated in NT: (Eph 6:1-3)

A sign of the disintegration of Human Society & of the last days is children disrespecting & Disobeying parents.

(Rom 1:30) (2 Tim 3:2-3)

God said We are to Honor: (Ex 20:12)

Honor~To revere; to respect;

to treat with deference & submission, & perform duties to.

Means More than Obey.

Carries with it Love & Respect.

If we Honor our Father & Mother, We are Honoring God also:

(Is 58:13-14)

We are to Honor our Father:

A Type/Symbol of God

Provider

We are to Honor our Mother:

A Type/Symbol of the Church: (Eph 5:22-32)

Went through the valley of death to bring you life.

1st Commandment with a promise tied to it.

Sets forth God's Authority Structure.

God's Divine Chain of Command.

NOTE: Many children learn to play the Parents against each other.

Promise of Long Life: (Eph 6:1-3)

1st step to a downward spiral of sin: Disobey this Command.

Many young men will not listen.

(Prov 1:8-9)

Many Young Girls Lose Their Virtue:

(Article: My Boyfriend killed my parents)

Jesus Left Us an Example:

(Luke 2:51)

(1 Pet 2:21)

We Brake This Commandment When We...

Show Disrespect for our Parents.

Are Disobedient To Them.

Fail to Properly Support Them.

Disobedience to Parents is a Sign of the Last Days: (2 Tim 3:2)

God gave the Family for Living:

God gave the Family for Learning:

God gave the Family for Legacy:

(Ex 20:12)

(Deut 5:16)

Talk to the Parents:

There are no Perfect Parents.

Only God, & look @ how His 2 children turned out.

(Prov 22:6) Don't let Satan beat you up with this verse.

A Proverb is NOT as Promise.

A Proverb is a General Principle, Generally Applied, that brings about a General Result.

A Proverb is a Short Sentence based on Long Experience.

Your Child has a Will of there Own.

Do Not Have Goals for your Children!

I have Desires for my Children, I have Goals for myself.

I desire my children to live Godly lives.

I have a goal for myself to Live a Godly Example.

Your child has a sin nature:

Your children re more likely to become what we ARE, rather than what we TELL them.

So how can we be Parents Worth Honoring?

I. By Being Legit:

Kids can spot a fake!

(Eph 6:4)

(Col 3:21)

Explain Nurture: *Introduce them to that which nourishes, promotes growth; education; instruction*

Explain Admonition: *Use Gentle reproof;*

counseling against a fault;

instruction in duties;

caution; Use every Good/Bad Example!

direction: Devotion w/o Direction leads to Disaster.

Help them to Learn from the Bible & Your GOOD Example.

More Caught then Taught: They Become what we are

Don't Provoke them to wrath by living a Double Standard:

If you will admit when you are wrong.

Apologize for your wrongs.

Clean up your Mistakes God's way.

They will learn more from that than your Phony Perfectionism.

Have your children heard you tell them how you got saved?

Can they recite it?

At your funeral, will they be able to comfort others by reciting it?

Have your children heard you pray and call their name out to God?

Asking God to Bless them, Protect them, Provide for them?

Have your children heard you read the Bible to them?

(2 Tim 3:15) They can grasp it!

Have your children seen you give God His Tithe's and offerings?

Have you taught them why and How? (Mal 3:10; 1 Cor 16:2)

Have your children seen you go to the Altar and confess your sins to God? *Illus:* Pray in the Tears on the Altar.

Have your Children seen you giving out Gospel tracts to people, trying to get them to Christ. (Matt 10:32; Lk 12:8)

Have your children heard you tell someone how to be saved?

Pleading with that soul to trust Christ?

Knowing you were not ashamed to be publically identified with Christ?
(Mk 8:35-35; Lk 9:24-26)

Have your children heard you tell someone how much your church means to you (Heb 10:24-25)

How do you want your kids to treat church in their life?

Grown adult people, get mad about something, they jerk their kids, break their relationships.

This happens several times in their life, and I guarantee you will beg God for your kids to be in a church like this one with your Grandkids.

Have your children heard you tell each other how much you love each other?

Do they see you with acts of tenderness w/ your spouse?

Mom and Dad: hug and kiss each other!

Whats Wrong with you. Love each other!

Well, I'm not that kind of a guy. Well you need to Be!

Kickin the door of ISIS stronghold, hand to hand w/knife,
but wont be vulnerable with your 140lb wife.

Have your children heard you express gratitude to God for His blessings in your life? (Ps 9:1-2)

This is a discontented world.

It's easy to find something to complain about.

Illus: Pointing out problems without offering solutions & volunteering to make it better is just **COMPLAINING**.

We scold our kids for Whining, what about you?

Have they ever heard us give a testimony in church?

(Ps 35:18)

They learned to be materialistic & shallow from us. (Ps 34:1)

The time we have with them is short, and irretrievable.

It will be gone before you know it.

Our children need to see our love for God, each other, love for them, and God's service.

So how can we be Parents Worth Honoring?

II. By Loving Them:

(Titus 2:4) *That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,*

Loving them is NOT giving them what they WANT.

Loving them is Giving them what they NEED.

Touching and hugging them:

How did the Father treat the Prodigal son?

(Lk 15:20)

Jesus told us this and gave his approval.

Illus: I never hugged my parents, until I got right with God!

If you want your children to remain sexually pure, hug them.

Don't let Hollywood set their understanding of acceptable physical touch.

Affection is not weakness.

If you have daughters hug them.

Tell them you love them.

Make sure they know that you love them the way they are.

Speak their love language and they won't be as likely to need the affection of a teenage boy.

Bless Them: Speak the Words over them.
(Gen 48:15) (Heb 11:20)

Comfort Them:
(Ps 103:13)
Do not laugh at their pain when the doll breaks, the lizard or dog dies.
It is real pain to the child.

Listen to Them:
How long has it been since they were able to finish a full sentence in your presence.

Teenagers typically are all clammed up till 11:45pm at night.

Give them Time: Never go anywhere alone.
Take one of the kids with you!
Teach them basic things.
Illus: Tying their shoes.

Bring Them to Christ: (Matt 19:13-14)
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III. By Lifting Them: (Col 3:21)
Encouragement is different than praise.
Be positive.
Be encouraging.
Praise is based on performance.
Encouragement is based on who they are.
They will not always do good
They will always be yours.

Encouragement is twice as powerful than Praise.
They do need praise, so Praise Character, not Performance

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IV. By Limiting Them:

It takes firm restrictions to set children free.

Obedience is the ability to be Creative within divinely appointed boundaries.

(1 Sam 3:13)

Your child needs limits.
God set limits on His children in the garden of eden.

Children push the boundaries, and if those boundaries move, the child will have no stability/security.

Rules without Relationship breed rebellion.
Devotion without Direction leads to disaster.
If you don't set restrictions on your kids, someone else will.

(Ps 11:3) Our children need foundational truth.

Train Them Up for God:

(Prov 22:6) *Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.*

Instruct them in God's Word:
(Deut 4:9) (Deut 6:6-7) (Deut 11:18-19) (Is 38:19)

Instruct them in God's Judgements:
(Joel 1:3)

Tell them of God's Miraculous Works:
(Ex 10:2) (Ps 78:4)

Teach them to Obey God Word by Command/Example:
(Deut 32:46) (1 Chron 28:9)