

Honor in the Home Notes

Exodus 20:12

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Main Point: Honoring your parents is always proper.

Observations

1. This is a _____ commandment.
2. This is the first commandment dealing with the _____.
3. This is directed not to parents but to _____.
4. This command is a present imperative, which means we are to be in the habit of honoring _____.
5. This command is directed to each of us.

The Precept of Honor

1. The word "honor" literally means a "heavy _____."
2. To "honor" is to assign the greatest possible weight to a person in terms of _____ by holding them in "high regard."
3. To "dishonor" means to treat someone as if they were "light or _____."
4. We are to honor our parents because of their _____, not necessarily because of their performance.
5. Scripture tells us eight times to "honor your father and mother."
6. The emphasis here is on the _____, not merely the act. It deals with the way we obey.
7. Honoring the elderly is linked to honoring the _____ (Leviticus 19:32).
8. We prioritize honor according to what we _____ highly (Proverbs 4:8).
9. It is counter-cultural today
 - You and I are to honor both "father and mother."
 - No matter how the family may be redefined by culture, the phrase "father and mother" is not with same-sex parenting.
 - By definition, a father is a man, and a mother is a woman.

The Promise of Honor

1. Honor is so honorable God Himself underscored it with a _____ (Exodus 20:12, 2 Peter 1:4).
2. Positive promises associated with the command.
 - Your life will generally be _____ (Ephesians 6:3).
 - You will experience _____ (Deuteronomy 5:16).
 - It is the _____ thing to do (Ephesians 6:1).
 - It teaches respect for _____ (Romans 13:1-2).
 - God provides _____ for those who honor their parents (Proverbs 6:20-23).
 - You will bring _____ and joy to your parents (Proverbs 15:20).
 - It helps you grow in _____ and insight (Proverbs 4:1-4).
 - God is _____ when you honor your parents (Colossians 3:20).
 - Ask God to turn your _____ back home (Malachi 4:6).

The Dangers of Dishonoring

1. Disobedience to parents is listed along with other heinous _____ in Romans 1:30-32.
2. One of the signs of the end times will be the increasing _____ of children (2 Timothy 3:1-2).
3. Some negative promises associated with breaking this command
 - A _____ life (Exodus 21:15, 17)
 - An _____ life (Proverbs 30:17).
 - A _____ life (Deuteronomy 27:16).
 - An _____ life (Ezekiel 22:7, 15)

Phases of Parenthood

1. _____ – The parent functions as benevolent dictator.
2. _____ – The parent encourages their growth from direction to self-direction.
3. _____ – The parent encourages a child's growth from dependence to independence.
4. _____ – Parenting is no longer one of proactive involvement but of patient availability.

Practicing the Commandment

1. Jesus honored His parents by being _____ to them (Luke 2:51).
2. Jesus honored His earthly mother by providing _____ for her (John 19:26-27).
3. Jesus honored His Heavenly Father by becoming a sacrificial _____ (Philippians 2:7-8).

Questions to Ponder

1. How are you doing showing honor to others (Romans 12:10, 13:7)?
2. In what specific ways are you honoring or dishonoring your parents (Proverbs 1:8, 23:22)?
 - Take the initiative to _____ the relationship in whatever increments you can.
 - Recognize your parents have done some things right and some things _____.
 - _____ them, even as God in Christ has forgiven you.
 - Thank your parents for the _____ they have made for you.
 - See your parents as Christ sees them.
 - Treat them with _____.
 - Support and _____ for them.
 - Always speak well of them, whether they are alive or not.
 - _____ them publicly and privately.
 - Don't forsake them.
3. Parents, in what ways are you showing honor to your kids (Colossians 3:21)?
4. Adults, how are you honoring your aging parents today?
5. In what ways are you showing honor to God (Psalm 29:2)?