



WEEK 5: HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER

“Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.”

Exodus 20:12 (NIV)

WHO IS THIS COMMANDMENT ADDRESSED TO?

- The commandment applies to _____.

*“The eye that mocks a father,
that scorns an aged mother,
will be pecked out by the ravens of the valley,
will be eaten by the vultures.”*

Proverbs 30:17 (NIV)

WHY DOES THIS MATTER TO GOD?

- In the Kingdom of God, _____.
- Families are the _____.

“Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live long and that it may go well with you in the land the LORD your God is giving you.”

Deuteronomy 5:16 (NIV)

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO “HONOR”?

- Honor is _____.

His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."

"Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them.

Luke 2:48-51 (NIV)

- Honor is not _____.

I said to their children in the wilderness, "Do not follow the statutes of your parents or keep their laws or defile yourselves with their idols. I am the LORD your God; follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws."

Ezekiel 20:18-19 (NIV)

- Honor does not _____.

HOW CAN YOU HONOR A _____?

Understand the difference between:

- Honor and _____.
- Honor and _____.
- Honor and _____.

The Bottom Line: Honor is an _____.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean to "honor" someone? Do you think there is any difference between honor and obedience?
2. If you are a parent, what would it look like for your kids to honor you? If you're not a parent, what do you think it would look like to honor your parents (or grandparents)?
3. If you have a complicated or difficult relationship with a parent (or both parents), what is one small way you can honor them this week?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

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Exodus 20:12 (NIV)

WHO IS THIS COMMANDMENT ADDRESSED TO?

- The commandment applies to children of every age.

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Proverbs 30:17 (NIV)

WHY DOES THIS MATTER TO GOD?

- In the Kingdom of God, every life has value.
- Families are the foundation of society.

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Deuteronomy 5:16 (NIV)

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO “HONOR”?

- Honor is the demonstration of respect.

His mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.”

“Why were you searching for me?” he asked. “Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?” But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

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Luke 2:48-51 (NIV)

- Honor is not unconditional obedience.

I said to their children in the wilderness, “Do not follow the statutes of your parents or keep their laws or defile yourselves with their idols. I am the LORD your God; follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.”

Ezekiel 20:18-19 (NIV)

- Honor does not excuse abuse.

HOW CAN YOU HONOR A DISHONORABLE PARENT?

Understand the difference between:

- Honor and relationship.
- Honor and agreement.
- Honor and enabling.

The Bottom Line: Honor is an ongoing practice.

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