

## Honoring Your Parents

The first four commandments prepare us to live out the final six commandments.

*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**

<sup>2</sup> “Honor your father and mother.” This is the first commandment with a promise: <sup>3</sup> If you honor your father and mother, “things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth.” **Ephesians 6:2-3 NLT**

Honor: time (tim-may’); to value, respect, or highly esteem; to treat as precious, weighty or valuable.

We commonly use the things in our life we don’t view as valuable.

Why did God include this in the Ten Commandments?

- Every parent is human.
- God used their DNA to make you unique.

...“God knit me together in my mother’s womb . . . and recorded every day of my life before I was born.” **Psalms 139:13,16 NLT**

**As a child I honor my parents by obeying them.**

*Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Colossians 3:20 ESV*

**As a parent I gain my children’s honor by living a life worthy of respect.**

- Lead them.

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. **Proverbs 22:6 ESV**

- Encourage them.

*Wise words satisfy like a good meal; the right words bring satisfaction. Proverbs 18:20 NLT*

- Discipline them.

*Those who spare the rod of discipline hate their children. Those who love their children care enough to discipline them.*

**Proverbs 13:24 NLT**

**As an adult I honor my parents by treating them as valuable.**

- Look beyond the role and see the person.
- Seek their advice when making decisions.

*A wise son heeds his father’s instruction, but a mocker does not respond to rebukes. Proverbs 13:1 NIV*

*Listen to your father, who gave you life, and don’t despise your mother when she is old. Proverbs 23:22 NIV*

- Forgive them.

*Make allowance for each other’s faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Colossians 3:13 NLT*

**Honoring your parents teaches you to honor your God.**

**Next Steps:**

- Forgive my parents and choose to honor them daily.
- Make the decision to honor God daily.