

Salt and Light for the King

5th Commandment

Exod 20:12 “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.”

- Hebrew word: *kavōd* = to weigh heavily upon; be heavy, dull; be weight, be honored [113x]
- Greek word: (1) *timāō* = to honor, value, revere [21x] (2) *timē* = honor; value; price [41x]

Group question:

What questions do you have about the 5th commandment? How have you struggled to obey the 5th commandment?

What examples have you seen of people keeping the 5th commandment? Breaking the 5th commandment?

What is honor?

1. Reverence:

- John Frame, 576 “a heart attitude, a deference that leads to service”
- _____ or _____ (Lev 19:3, 32; 1 Tim 5:1)
- Worship or _____ (Is 43:4; Prov 3:9)
- Ordered affections: Love God more than family (Mt 10:34-39; Mk 10:28-31; Lk 14:26; Lk 9:59-60)
- _____ / Respect (1 Ki 2:19)

2. Submission & _____

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

Eph 6:1-3 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), 3 “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.”

- Before obedience, submission
 - Defer to authority as the one who bears responsibility and who is wiser
 - Be a student: Learn from parents as teachers (Deut 6:6-7; Prov 1:8, 10; 2:1; 3:1)
 - Listen with respect (Prov 23:22)
- Children either obey or disobey (Eph 6:1; Col 3:20)

- Obedience is not absolute or blind (Jesus in Lk 2; 1 Tim 5:1). Human authorities have limited authority.

Group question: How does obedience change over time? Children > Teens > Adulthood

3. Return a _____

- Financial support (1 Tim 5:3-8; 5:17; Rom 13:7)

- Respect for parental _____ (Prov 28:24)

- Children aim to _____ their parents (Prov 10:1; 15:20; 23:25; 29:3)

- Gratitude and thanksgiving (Rom 1:21-23; Prov 30:11)

What are some sins of dishonor?

- _____ (Lam 1:8)
- Neglect of _____ required (Mal 1:6; Is 43:22-23)
- _____ (Rom 1:30; 2 Tim 3:2)
- _____ (Deut 21:18-21)
- Hold in _____; revile; speak evil of, insult (Mk 7:10; Deut 27:16)
- _____, mocking, shame, dishonor (Exod 21:17; Lev 20:9; Prov 20:20; Prov 30:11, 17)
- _____ one's parents (1 Tim 1:8-9; Prov 19:26)
- _____ (Prov 28:24)
- To steal or remove honor (Is 23:8-9; 2 Sam 10:3-5)
- To falsely _____ (2 Sam 6:20)

Who should you honor?

- “father & mother” = biological (or adopted) parents...
 - Yet “father & mother” also refer to all _____ authorities (especially church and civil)
1. Scripture uses “parents” as _____ for non-familial relationships (Gen 45:8; Jdg 5:7; Isa 49:23; 2 Kings 5:13; 2 Kings 2:12; 6:21; Jdg 17:10; Ps 34:11; Prov 1:8, 10, 15; 1 Cor 4:15; Gal 4:18-19; 1 Tim 1:2; Titus 1:4; Lev 19:32; 1 Tim 5:1-2)
- God the _____ (Mal 1:6; Mt 6:9; Eph 3:14-15)
 - Honor of parents is _____ after honor for God the Father and God the Son (1 Tim 1:17; 1 Tim 6:15; Heb 2:9; Rev 4:9-11)
 - God the Son modeled how to honor God the Father (*Jn 5:22-23; 8:49*)
2. All relational spheres are _____ from the family
3. Submission to non-familial authorities _____ children’s submission to parents
- Submission by husband-wife (Eph 5:22-24, 33; 6:1-5; Col 3:23-24)
 - ...bondservant-masters (Eph 6:5; Col 3:23-24; 1 Pt 2:18)
 - ...citizen-emperor (1 Pt 2:17; Prov 24:21)

Reciprocal Honor

- Authorities should honor those they are _____ for (Mt 20:25-28; Jn 12:12-16)
- Honor for “_____” (1 Pt 2:17; Rom 12:10; 13:7; Eph 5:21)

Why should we obey, honoring our parents?

?? What are reasons why you should keep the 5th commandment?

- The original context of Exod 20 and Deut 5
- Why? _____ in the land
- Covenant _____ to God's law is connected to _____ and _____ in the land (Lev 18:5; Deut 4:1; 5:29; 5:32-6:3; 6:18, 24-25; 10:12-13; 11; 12:28; covenant blessings in Deut 28:1-14 and curses in Deut 27:9-26; 28:15-68; Deut 30:15-20; 1 Kings 3:14; Neh 9:29; Psalm 1; Is 55:3; Ezek 18:5-9; 20:11; Amos 5:4-6; Mal 3:8-12)
- Remember the uses of the law:
 - The law leads sinners to Christ, the perfect keeper of the Law
Matt 19:17 And he said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments."
 - The law expresses God's moral will for us — how we should live
- Following the teaching of *wisdom* from one's parents leads to life (Prov 1:33; 3:1-2; 4:10; 9:10-11; 10:27)
- There were _____ for disobeying the 5th commandment (Exod 21:17; Lev 20:9; Deut 21:18-21; Prov 20:20; 30:11, 17)
- You can possess eternal and abundant life, even if you face suffering, persecution or early death (Mark 10:23-31; Col 3:23-24; 1 Tim 4:7-8; 1 Pt 3:8-12)
- What land? The _____ (Eph 6:1-4)