

THE TEN COMMANDMENT SERIES
INTO THE HEART OF GOD

Exodus 20:12

“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

it's the fifth commandment of the Decalogue, but it's the first commandment with built-in promise, says the apostle Paul;

Eph. 6:1-3

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. :2 *“Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with promise:* :3 *“that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.”*

A word to all parents this evening.

Parents, be honorable in your office as a parent
toward your children.

This is a perfect time to point out that the 10 commandments (the Decalogue) is divided up into two sections. The 1st. are the (vertical) Commandments 1 to 4 and the 2nd. set, (horizontal) commandments 5 to 10 dealing with our relationships with others. **There is no greater “other” relationship than that between parents and their children.**

This is the first commandment that commands that we give honor and reverence to someone other than God.

(it's a command to honor parental authority)

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THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT

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1.) Honoring your father's love

Exodus 20:12

"Honor your father

Honoring God for His authority. Honoring your Father for his.

Immediately and Directly we are introduced to the word **"Honor"**. The meaning of the word is all important to understanding the rest of the commandment or precept.

Honor καβαδ, *kaw-bad'*; or כָּבֵד καβεδ, *kaw-bade'*; the word has two definitions and the meaning is dictated by the context. For example: **(1)** in a negative sense = heavy, burdensome, severe. **Obedience** **(2)** in a good sense, glorious, noble, excellent, rich, abundant, **Obedience**.

Fathers – Dad's are Called by God to Communicate the Characteristics of God.

The Power/Position of a Father in The Eyes of a Child.

The Wisest Man in The World Knew This

Prov. 2:1-5

My son, (Solomon was dad) if you receive my words, And treasure my commands within you, :2 So that you incline your ear to wisdom, And apply your heart to understanding; :3 Yes, if you cry out for discernment, And lift up your voice for understanding, :4 If you seek her as silver, And search for her as for hidden treasures; :5 Then you will understand the fear of the LORD, And find the knowledge of God.

A Father's Position in The Eyes of a Child...

Is to be a leader, an instructor, a priest, a defender, an encourager, a provider, a coach, a guide, - a God-like figure.

God has placed the roll of a father upon the man. **A man loves very differently** than a woman. And a fathers love compliments a mother's love by design.

Eph. 6:4

And you, **fathers**, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in **the training and admonition** of the Lord.

A father shows love and expresses love in ways that a mother was not designed to give and likewise – the father cannot love in ways that a mother can.

Our Culture and our Churches

***Are not encouraging men to men and fathers to be dads.
In many ways and in biblical ways the Bible teaches that the father
As the loving disciplinarian of the home.***

Prov. 13:24

He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is **careful to discipline him**.

Prov. 22:15

Foolishness is **bound up** in the heart of a child;
The rod of correction will **drive it far from him**.

Matthew Henry

We are to come when they call us, go where they send us, do what they bid us, what they refrain from us, they forbid; and this, as children, cheerfully, and from a principle of love - receive.

Col. 3:21

Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become **discouraged**.

Why? – because your words create, stamp, emboss, tattoo a personality upon that son or daughter of yours.

We create our kids – that's the power of a Father.

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2.) Honoring your mother's care

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"Honor your mother,

Honoring God for His **comfort**. Honoring your Mother for hers.

**In many ways I see the mother
As the comforter of the home.**

Even as He hung on the cross, Jesus was concerned about His mother and made provision for her care.

John 19:25-27

Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. **:26** When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, **"Woman, behold your son!"** **:27** Then He said to the disciple, **"Behold your mother!"** And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home.

The Influence of a Mother Cannot be Overstated.

William Wallace wrote:

"The Hand That Rocks The Cradle Is The Hand That Rules The World".

Because the time and effect that a mother has is awesome in shaping and molding that child.

It's Been Said That There are 10 Commandments that Bless the Mother.

That We Give them These Attentions: Verbal, Affectionate, Patient, Grateful, Generous, Tender, Forgiving, Devoted, Cheerful, Honorable.

Whether she lives close to you or has gone on to be with the Lord, celebrate her life by how you live now.

Prov. 31:28

Her children rise up and call her blessed;

Titus 2:4

Let the older women train the younger women to
(1) love their husbands and (2) children,

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3.) Honoring the days of your life

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that **your days** may be long upon the land

Responsible to your God. Responsible to your Parents.

This is a Commandment

That promises a special blessing of a good life.

When does this occur? At what age does this happen?

Contrary to our cultural persuasion it's not 18 or 21. The answer is found in

Gen. 2:24.

"For this cause shall a man leave his father and his mother
and cleave unto his wife."

Children are to obey their parents UNTIL they get married.
When marriage takes place – there is a move from one God ordained covering to the next. From parental authority to the divine authority of marriage.

Did you get that?

Your parents are like God in your life until you're on your own and then it's you and God and your spouse till death do you part.

Most young people are either wounded or destroyed between the ages of 18 to 30-ish as they “test drive” life without any “authority figure” over their lives. There's no mom or dad. There is no God – it's all about them, for them, by them.

On the other hand, if they move in with you (the child) to be cared for in their old age, YOU are the one in authority. You must do so respectfully, of course, but it's your house so you set the rules. The question is, who is the head of this home? It has nothing to do with how old you are. **Authority is transferred in the leaving and cleaving process.**

Listen, few of you young people have ever thought about what I am about to say here –
this 5th. Commandment also means that you are to honor your parents by **taking care of them in their old age**. We are to comfort our parents, and to make their old age as easy as is possible.

Growing old isn't for wimps and old parents need your grace.

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4.) Honoring the LORD your God

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The LORD is your God. Your Parents are to Honored.

We should obey our parents cheerfully - before we have to be threatened with bodily mayhem and destruction.

“if you don’t take out the trash I’m going to: %^##\$@#\$()*(

“give your kids set **rules** and **boundaries**”
that’s how they become **citizens**.

when we decide to obey
we honor God, our parents and those we know.

when we decide to obey
we create a pathway to blessings and happiness.

when we decide to obey
we guarantee our future

Prov. 14:11-12

But the house of the wicked will be overthrown, But the tent of the upright will flourish. :12 There is a way *that seems* right to a man,
But its end *is* the way of death.

These sometimes die an untimely or an uncommon death, as in the case of Absalom, the rebellious son of King David.

Lev. 20:9

“For everyone who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death. He has cursed his father or his mother. His blood will be upon him.

Parents and Children Alike – We’re to be Honoring 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.

The family is the place where the pattern of love, respect and submission to God, which is the basis of order in all these other areas, is first set. Because God's authority is delegated in a limited way to the parents in the home, to the elders in the Church, to the teacher in the school, and to the magistrate in the state.

Parents – someone is molding your child. Someone is making them into what they want. Who is it? Who puts the most into your child's head and heart? Who is forming their worldview and opinions? Who is it?

California Law - State Bill #48 (SB-48)

The Fair, Accurate, Inclusive and Respectful Education Act of 2011 or SB 48 - California State law requires public schools to teach the contributions of gays as part of history and social studies classes. “Instruction in social sciences shall include the early history of California and a study of the role and contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans, and members of other ethnic and cultural groups to the California economy, political, and social development of California and the United States of America as a whole.

I Thank God for Our School District and Our Leaders
But Parents – Never assume that public education has your
children’s best interest in mind – not any more.

This is God’s definition of a Family. He was and is the creator of the family idea and the concept of family. He knows what works and what doesn’t work for a family, a village, a nation.

I’ve Got a Newsflash - God is not listening to the “wisdom” of the governors of New York or California. He’s not swayed by those who do not believe in natural marriage – He’s not threatened by what an atheistic culture says a family is or is not. – nope ! God says Children are to honor their mothers and fathers because moms and dads create babies and moms and dads raise kids and kids become the future – everybody knows that! – *I think*

In our 21st. Century - Having two fathers for parents and the government forcing that against the will of the people - In a normal world, would be a form of state funded child abuse. (*mental & emotional*)

A Word in Honor of the 5th. Commandment:

Our parents are the first of these authorities we have to learn to honor in time, the first we encounter chronologically. But it is more than that. They are also the ones who (1) are most like God. Like God, they (2) brought us into existence without our advice, consent, or aid. They (3) sustained us, through nursing, diapers, etc., (4) when we were totally helpless; in this they are a picture of Grace. They are the first and primary source, by their (5) instruction, their (6) discipline, and (7) their example, of our ideas of right and wrong; in this they are a (8) type of God as judge. Even poor and imperfect parents--all but the most evil—(9) function in these ways and portray for us this symbolism, however imperfectly. And therefore it is no accident that (10) the most basic and important title for God in the Christian faith is Father. (family)

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5.) Honoring the generosity of God

Exodus 20:12

That He is **giving** you.

Honoring The Generosity of God and our Parents.

Parents (grandparents) desire the best, the most for their children, that is a universal truth in any cultural. The sad thing is children do not understand nor know this. it is the parents duty to ground their kids in reality.

Parents must learn how and when to say words like “no” and “yes” and “wait” and “maybe” if they are going to raise normal kids.

Junior screaming and flopping on the floor at toys-r-us because he wants something is not normal and unacceptable. He will grow up to be a socialist looking for hand outs all his life thinking the world was created for his pleasure.

Making Church Attendance a Priority

Is a powerful testimony to your children.

To teach and train your child to serve others and God. And - God will honor your child's service to Christ.

We Can See Mom and Dad - we can't see God

Show me a person who does not honor his parents and I will show you a person who has difficulty relating to others and is estranged from God. If we don't honor our father and our mother whom we can see, how can we honor God whom we cannot see? Or anyone else to whom honor and submission is due?

Give The Invitation & Challenge

**QUE - WORSHIP TEAM TO COME OUT
OFFERING
THE MOMENT OF DECISION IS NOW**

Go Off Air

End of Study

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