

“Honour Thy Father and Thy Mother”

Ex. 20:12

Open:

- Understanding Biblical Family Structure.
 - Marriage defined by Bible principles = *“One man and one woman for life.”*
 - Man = Head of the home. (Protector and provider)
 - Mother = Keeper of the home. (Organizer)
 - Children = Responsibilities are to obey God and obey parents.
 - Any order or alteration of the Biblical family structure will lead to chaos.
- Understanding Honour.
 - Honor = To revere or respect. Submission.
 - We need to recognize that there is a difference between an Idol and a Hero.
 - Idol = Admired because of talents. (Sports, music, craftsman...)
 - Some people are naturally talented, and this does not take away from that individual’s ability or character; but when talent seeks to replace character there is a flaw.
 - Hero = Revered because of their character. (parent, soldier, mentor...)
 - The reason people like Idols and tend to have few heroes is because having heroes inspires and demands an emulation of that hero’s character.
 - We need to understand that *“Honour begins in the home.”*
 - There is not substitution for honoring mother and father.
 - There is no stipulation on honoring one parent more than the other.
 - There is no emotion or expression that can replace honor. (Love, trust, admiration)
 - We should understand that honour begins with obedience. Obedience breeds that character that births honour in the life of an individual. **Eph. 6:1-3** *“Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. [2] Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) [3] That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.”*
 - Obedience is taught because it teaches a loyalty to truth.
 - Honour is a result of those who have made obedience and character the standard.
 - We need to recognize where obedience may not be possible, honour is. (**ILL:** *Government or a Sinful Parent.*)

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- It is important to recognize that the command to Honor mother and father is the most important commandment when it comes to preserving a nation.
 - The home is the foundational building block of society. A nation whose home are chaotic will be a nation of chaos.
 - Crime...Mental instability...Suicide
 - *“As goes the home, so goes the church and the nation.”*

- We can not expect the church or the government to teach honor and ignore its importance in the home, this leads to rebellion.
- We then must realize that honor does not occur naturally in man; it must be taught, and this teaching must begin in the home.
 - Man is naturally selfish and seeks to be honoured.
 - Man, naturally seeks those who are weaker than himself to compare himself. God wants man to compare himself to the word of God and those who would motivate man to be stronger.
 - Man, naturally seeks to be entertained with idols (talented people) instead of those heroes who inspire character, respect, and honour.

I. Honouring father and mother is the first commandment with promise.

- **Eph. 6:1-3** *“Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. [2] Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) [3] That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.”*
- A. Personal benefit = *“That it may be will with thee...”*
 - i. There is a joy in life that comes to those who are obedient. Those who choose to live their life contrary to the rules often end up bitter and angry at all figures of authority.
 - ii. Those who choose to live a life of obedience, find their life going more smoothly than those who spend their life trying to find their own way to do things.
- B. Personal reward – *“...thou mayest live long on the earth.”*
 - i. God blesses those who are obedient with a fuller life.
 - ii. Not everyone who lives a life of obedience will live to be 100 and not everyone who lives a life of disobedience will die young; but there is a distinct difference of success and profitability in the life of those who choose to live obedient to God’s Word.
- C. Promise of Freedom
 - **Lev. 18:28** *“That the land spue not you out also, when ye defile it, as it spued out the nations that were before you.”*
 - **Lev. 20:22** *“Ye shall therefore keep all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them: that the land, whither I bring you to dwell therein, spue you not out.”*
 - i. Not only does a life of honour and obedience bring a length of life but it also brings a better quality of life.
 - ii. Those who choose to ignore God’s rules will find themselves subjected to a more sever set of rules and regulations (man’s law).
 - iii. We find the contrast of successes between God’s economy and man’s economy laid out for us throughout the book of Proverbs. Any time man obeys God we find not only freedom but a certain success that comes with a “free” society.

II. Honour expects and demands personal responsibility

- **Rom. 13:7** “Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.”

A. From the one who is seeking it.

- i. It is important to realize that just because you are in a position of leadership, it does not automatically grant you the privilege to live your life however you want and still be respected.
- ii. One must realize, in order to receive honour and respect, one must live his life in a way that is worthy of that honour and that respect.

- a. Police Officer Government officials Solider
- b. Pastor Teachers Doctor
- c. Parents Role Models (Heroes)

B. From the one who is giving it.

- i. Those who are under someone’s leadership need to recognize that they are not held responsible for how the leader leads; but they are held accountable for how they follow.
- ii. Just because a leader is not living their life in such a way that deserves respect does not mean that I can not show them the respect their position demands.
- iii. There is never a good reason to being unkind, rude, or disrespectful. I can obey God and still honour those ungodly leaders that are in my life.

- a. **Prov. 16:7** “When a man’s ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.”
- b. **Rom. 12:18** “If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.”

III. How to express honour.

- A. Give gifts of gratitude.
- B. Show the respect that honour demands.
- C. Verbally express your thankfulness.
- D. Live your life by the morals and principles that they have taught you.

Close:

- Everyone is or will soon be a leader. Are you living your life in such a way that deserves honour?
- Are you living your life in obedience and in honour of those who have invested in you?
- Do you express honour through your actions and by the words you speak?

The 10 Commandments

- 1. Thou Shalt have no other gods before me.
- 2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.
- 3. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.
- 4. Remember the Sabbath.
- 5. **Honour thy father and thy mother.**
- 6. Thou shalt not kill.
- 7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
- 8. Thou shalt not steal.
- 9. Thou shalt not bear false witness.
- 10. Thou shalt not covet