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THE FORGOTTEN COMMANDMENT

Mother's Day 2018
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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

Deuteronomy 5.16; Matthew 15.4, 19.19; Mark 7.10, 10.19; Luke 18.20; Ephesians 6.2

"...marriage is being ostracized, children are being victimized, the family is being trivialized, fathers are being demonized, mothers are being marginalized, roles are being disenfranchised, and God's order is being vandalized." - Billy Graham

1. WHAT ARE WE TO DO?

Why is this so important to God?

What does honor look like?

• What honor is not...

• What honor is...





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2. WHY ARE WE TO DO IT?

- It's an acknowledgement of all they've done.

"When you have children, you begin to understand what you owe your parents." - Japanese saying

"...a family is a perpetual relay of truth. It is a place where principles are hammered and honed on the anvil of everyday living. It's where character traits are sculptured under the watchful eyes of moms and dads—where steel-strong fibers are woven into the fabric of inner constitutions." - Edith Schaeffer

- God's training simulator is the home.

- It's where I learn to relate to others.

- It's where I learn to relate to God.

"Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them." - James A. Baldwin



3. HOW ARE WE TO DO IT?

☐ It looks different at different stages.

- As a child, I honor my parents through obedience.

Children, obey your parents; this is the right thing to do because God has placed them in authority over you.
Ephesians 6.1 (The Living Bible)

- As a young person I honor my parents through respect

Listen to your father, who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old. Proverbs 23.22

"When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years." - Mark Twain

- As an adult I honor my parents through care and acceptance.

But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. 1 Timothy 5.8 (ESV)



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"It's been estimated as many as 60 percent of senior citizens who live in a nursing home environment do not receive outside visitors." – Review Journal

"Seniors who get no visitors have a greater chance of being victims of abuse or of neglect by caregivers in their nursing facility." – Review Journal

Jesus replied, "And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition? For God said, 'Honor your father and mother' and 'Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.' But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is 'devoted to God,' they are not to 'honor their father or mother' with it. Thus you nullify the word of God for the sake of your tradition. Matthew 15.3-6

Corban laws

A word to those with dishonorable parents

A final word to parents

"I am socializing two Homo sapiens into the dominant values of the Judeo-Christian tradition in order that they might be instruments for the transformation of the social order into the kind of eschatological utopia that God willed from the beginning of creation." – Peggy Campolo

...so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you. Exodus 20.12b