

Honor Your Parents!

10 Commandments pics

Ex. 20:12 - "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

Exodus 21:17

"Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.

Deuteronomy 5:16 - "Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live long and that it may go well with you in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

Leviticus 20:9

"Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death. Because they have cursed their father or mother, their blood will be on their own head.

Matthew 15:4 - For God said, 'Honor your father and mother' and 'Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.'

I. What does it mean to honor your parents?

1. In our youth we are called to Honor through Obedience.

Colossians 3:20 - "Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord."

Ephesians 6:1-3

1 where we read, "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."

John Maxwell tells a story about 2 boys on their way to school...and -talking about their families. One boy said—"I've figured out a SYSTEM for getting along with my MOM.... It's very simple--- She tells me what to do....AND I DO IT!!!"

Ephesians 6:1 - Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

PROVERBS 6:20 - My son, observe the commandment of your father And do not forsake the teaching of your mother;

PROVERBS 23:22 Listen to your father who begot you, And do not despise your mother when she is old.

2. In young adulthood we are called to Honor our parent through recognizing their wisdom.

The Hebrew word translated "honor" here means to "make heavy" or "weighty".

The word picture is weighing down someone with esteem and respect.

The opposite of "honor" is to take someone "lightly," by withholding honor and respect.

Honor also denotes a "deserved deference".

II. What can adult children do to honor their parents?

1. Appreciate them for what they have done.
2. We can honor our parents for not resenting what they were not and what they did not do for you.
3. Honor your parents by making them a part of your families' life now if that's possible.
4. In our parents elderly years we are to honor or parents by helping with their support if needed.

III. Why the command is so important?

Parental honor lays the foundation for our attitude toward all authority figures.