

Live Long And Prosper!

Mt. 15:4 (ESV) - For God commanded, 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.'

Exodus 20:12 (ESV) - "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

Exodus 21:17 (ESV) - "Whoever curses his father or his mother shall be put to death.

Deut. 5:15 (ESV) - You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore, the Lord your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

1. What Does It Mean To Honor Our Parents?

(kaw-bad') is the Hebrew word translated "honor" here means to "make heavy" or "weighty".

In the New Testament... Honor (Gk- Tim-ah' o) = To value or revere

Leviticus 19:3 (ESV) - Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father, and you shall keep my Sabbaths: I am the Lord your God.

Eph. 6:1-3 (ESV)

1 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."

2 Thess. 3:10-12 (ESV)

10 For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat.

11 For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies.

12 Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

Acts 4:19 (ESV) - But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge,

Matthew 10:37 (ESV) - Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

3. Why Is Parental Honor Important?

Romans 13:7 (ESV) - Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

** The primary way we teach our kids about honor is how we respond to our own parents.*

** We also model proper respect for authority in how we act toward umpires and referees in sports.*

**We model proper respect for authority in how we respond to the pastors and spiritual leaders in our lives.*

**We also model proper respect for authority in how we respond to the police.*

**We model proper respect for authority in how we respond to our State and National leaders also.*

**We also model proper respect for authority in how we respond to teachers.*

**We model proper respect in how we respond to our bosses.*