

# Commandment 5 Honor your Parents

## Deuteronomy 5:16



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- It is part of the Asian culture
- This command does not say obey your parents
- But the idea to honor parents lasts a lifetime

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RESPECT FOR ONES PARENTS IS THE HIGHEST DUTY OF CIVIL LIFE.

*Family*

# I. What does the Word “Honor” Mean?



- The word honor in the Hebrew language is translated different ways
- The word really means, *heavy and burdensome*
- You are carrying a heavy load when you honor your parents
- It isn't an easy thing to honor your parents



- My Dad enjoyed going to Montana and deer hunting
- But he was in his 80s and could not drive the long distance
- So he asked if I would like to go along



- *Honor also means respect*
- Respecting means that we hold them up
- Just by living a good life, taking care of our family, doing the right things you are respecting your parents



- And respect them with your words
- Speak respectfully to them.
- It seems as some parents get older, they get more difficult to deal with. The body is wearing out and aches and pains are a major part of their life.



- *And lastly, honoring means to be abundant*
- Maybe your parents have enough money to live in their old age
- So the idea of having an abundance of things isn't an issue
- But giving gifts and spending time with them will make them feel abundant



## II. The Only Command With a Promise



## Ephesians 6

*“Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right, honor your father and mother-which is the first commandment with a promise-that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth”*

- How does honoring our parents help us to live longer?
- We know that obeying our parents as children help us to live longer
- If you obeyed your parents it kept you from doing stupid things



- As we get older, we honor our parents and God gives us a longer life
- It is a promise that God made and God keeps his promises
- The promise also says “*that it may go well with you in the land*”
- As we honor our parents, this helps us with other relationships in life
- Our relationship with our parents is a foundation for other relationships



# III. What if your Parents weren't Honorable



- Maybe your parents were verbally and physically abusive
- They used their words or belt in a way that they shouldn't be used
- Now you are older and you look back and see that what your parents did was too much, it was abusive
- Do you still honor them?



There is a movie called “I Can Only Imagine” about the life of Bart Millard, the writer of the #1 song, “I Can Only Imagine” His Dad beat him and verbally abused him



- It is easy to honor nice parents
- But remember, the word honor has the idea that it isn't easy to do
- May the Lord direct you as you honor your parents
- God wants you to do it



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It is part of the Asian culture

Maybe you have seen a lack of respect for parents in American

But that isn't how God wants us to treat our parents

I grew up in the church

My parents brought me to church every Sunday

I learned about the Bible, story by story

And there were many good Sunday School teachers

And I learned the idea of obeying my parents

I can not say that I was perfect

But this idea changed me into a better person

And I continued to honor my parents as they got older

This command does not say obey your parents

There are other passages in the New Testament that say obey

And obedience to parents is for children living with their parents

But the idea to honor parents lasts a lifetime

### I. What does the Word "Honor" Mean?

The word honor in the Hebrew language is translated different ways

The word really means, *heavy and burdensome*

You are carrying a heavy load when you honor your parents

It isn't an easy thing to honor your parents

But God wants you to do it and commands that you do it

My Dad enjoyed going to Montana and deer hunting

But he was in his 80s and could not drive the long distance

So he asked if I would like to go along, that really meant I would do

all the driving and all the listening. My Dad was talkative

So every October I would drive 8 hours to Minnesota and then drive my

Dad 10 hours to Montana and he would talk the entire time

Do you know that it is exhausting to listen to someone for 10 hours?

I said things like, ah huh, ya, oh really, you don't say

Not to mention the entire time we were in Montana

He enjoyed it so much that he would talk about it 10 months before

Are you ready to go to Montana?

He really enjoyed it and it was my way to honor my Dad

I could have used my vacation time to do what I wanted to do

But I chose to do this and even though it was difficult, it was

worth it. I also called him almost every day to honor him

How you honor your parents will be different

But find those things and they are not easy things to do

Usually, honoring is difficult, it takes time and can be a burden

to you. ***Honor also means respect***

Respecting means that we hold them up

We talked about this with the name of God

We respect how we use the name of God

And we respect God by how we live

Just by living a good life, taking care of our family, doing the

right things you are respecting your parents

There is nothing worse for a parent than an adult child that

makes bad decisions. That grieves a parent

Honor them, respect them by living a good life

And respect them with your words

Speak respectfully to them.

It seems as some parents get older, they get more difficult to deal with

Older people can be opinionated, they may say whatever comes to mind

You want to respect them and help them not to say everything

The body is wearing out and aches and pains are a major part of

their life. Our patience for them during these times is respectful

***And lastly, honoring means to be abundant***

Maybe your parents have enough money to live in their old age

So the idea of having an abundance of things isn't an issue

But giving gifts and spending time with them will make them

feel abundant

As we get older, family becomes more important

And maybe all they really want to feel rich is a visit from you

America has Nursing Homes and that isn't a good thing

There are people that could be taken care of by family but they

don't want to bother with it

Remember that the 1st meaning of honor is heavy and burdensome

American Christians need to rethink and do the right thing

## II. The Only Command With a Promise

Paul, a writer of the New Testament said it in Ephesians 6

*“Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right, honor your father and mother-which is the first commandment with a promise-that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth”*

How does honoring our parents help us to live longer?

We know that obeying our parents as children help us to live longer

If you obeyed your parents it kept you from doing stupid things

Remember being a teenager and you were with friends that were foolish and you took a dare?

Physiatrists have done studies on the teenage brain and they say teens are actually fearless at that age and try to do dumb things

Some states do not allow teenagers to drive together because they dare the drive to do dumb things

Here is one. A teenager is driving a car and videoing it at the same time.

He is not paying attention and gets in a car wreck with 4 other cars and is seriously injured. In the hospital he puts the video on Youtube and the police use the video to convict him of reckless driving-stupid.

Their brains can not discern and see risk

Teenagers are willing to take chances that can lead to dumb things

I like how one comedian said it, at 12 years old aliens come and take the brain of your child. They no longer reason, and then when the child turns 19 the alien puts the brain back in the child

To obey the parent at that age is to honor your parent

And you will do less stupid things and live longer

As we get older, we honor our parents and God gives us a longer life

It is a promise that God made and God keeps his promises

The promise also says *“that it may go well with you in the land”*

As we honor our parents, this helps us with other relationships in life

Our relationship with our parents is a foundation for other relationships

Our relationship with God is the other foundation

Those who don't honor their parents probably won't respect authority

And therefore will get in trouble and it won't go well for them

Those who don't respect their parents probably don't get along with people. And therefore, they argue with people more

So honor your parents

Living longer and getting along well in life are good things

## III. What if your Parents weren't Honorable

There are good parents in the world, maybe yours weren't

Maybe you were disciplined as a child and didn't like it

You probably deserved the discipline

You thought it was not fair

We all think things are not fair, if we don't like it

Maybe your parents were verbally and physically abusive

They used their words or belt in a way that they shouldn't be used

Now you are older and you look back and see that what your parents did was too much, it was abusive

Do you still honor them?

There is a movie called “I Can Only Imagine” about the life of

Bart Millard, the writer of the #1 song, “I Can Only Imagine”

His Dad beat him and verbally abused him

Then his Dad became a Christian and changed

The movie is about him forgiving and honoring his Dad

It wasn't easy for Bart

I don't know how difficult your childhood was

It is easy to honor nice parents

But remember, the word honor has the idea that it isn't easy to do

May the Lord direct you as you honor your parents

God wants you to do it

And you will be a better person for it

Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may go well with you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

Honra a tu padre y a tu madre, como el SEÑOR tu Dios te lo ha ordenado, para que disfrutes de una larga vida y te vaya bien en la tierra que te da el SEÑOR tu Dios.

Waheshimu baba yako na mama yako; kama BWANA, Mungu wako, alivyokuamuru, siku zako zipate kuzidi, nawe upate kufanikiwa katika nchi upewayo na BWANA, Mungu wako.

要孝敬父母,照着耶和华你的神吩咐你的,使你可以得享长寿,也使你在耶和华你的神赐给你的地上,得享福乐。

Құдай Иең саған өсиеттегендей, ата-анаңды сыйла! Сонда Құдай Иең өзіңе табыстайтын елде игілікті де ұзақ өмір сүретін боласың.