

# Father's Day 2021

Honor Your Parents! Exodus 20

<sup>12</sup> Honor your father and mother.

Then you will live a long, full life in the land the LORD your God is giving you.  
Exodus 20:12

## WHY DID GOD GIVE THIS COMMANDMENT?

There are no **PERFECT** parents!

Respect for **AUTHORITY** begins at home and carries throughout life!

How I relate to my parents will affect every other **RELATIONSHIP!**

## HONORING PARENTS AT VARIOUS STAGES OF LIFE

### As a CHILD, I Honor My Parents by **OBEYING** & **HONORING** them!

Children, **obey** your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. **"Honor** your father and mother." This is the first of the Ten Commandments that ends with a promise. And this is the promise: If you honor your father and mother, "you will live a long life, full of blessing."  
Ephesians 6:1-3

Children who mistreat their father or chase away their mother are a public disgrace and an embarrassment.  
Proverbs 19:26

**"Obey"** = Hūpakouō under + listen  
simply do what they say willingly, pleasantly, immediately

**"Honor"** = timaō to place value on something, to make something valuable

### As a YOUNG PERSON, I Honor My Parents by **ACCEPTING** & **APPRECIATING** them!

**\*\*This is a crucial stage.** You can now begin to see your parents' faults and hang-ups.  
A lack of acceptance here will cause many problems down the road in all relationships

>**ACCEPTANCE** is **NOT**....

>Pretending they're perfect!

>Ignoring mistakes

>Agreeing with all

>**ACCEPTANCE** IS....

> Realizing God used them to make **YOU!** Biology 101

> **Listening** to what they have to say.

*Listen to your father who gave you your life and do not despise your mother..*  
Proverbs 23:22

> Most importantly it means **Forgiveness!**

*If you curse your father or mother, the lamp of your life will be snuffed out.*  
Proverbs 20:20

## APPRECIATE....

1. **Their effort**—parenting is tough                      2. **Their sacrifice**—kids are expensive  
*go and celebrate because of all the good things the LORD your God  
has given to you and your household.*                      Deuteronomy 26:11

### 3. As an ADULT, I Honor My Parents by **AFFIRMING** not **ABANDONING** them.

**Affirm**—stay in touch, share the details of your life, send flowers now, listen to them.

**Do NOT Abandon!**

**Old Age** can be **LONELY!**

*If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.*                      I Timothy 5:8 (NIV)

*....their [children or grandchildren] first responsibility is to show godliness at home and repay their parents by taking care of them. This is something that pleases God very much.*  
I Timothy 5:4

### A word to those without parents ...

*Even if my father and mother abandon me, the LORD will hold me close.*

Psalm 27:10

*Father to the fatherless, defender of widows—this is God, whose dwelling is holy.*

Psalm 68:5