

## HONORING PARENTS

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### Exodus 20:12 (ESV)

#### HOW TO HONOR YOUR FATHER & MOTHER:

1. **A child honors the parents by being obedient** (Ephesians 6:1-3)
  - Submit to parents' authority
  - Follow instruction; without argument
2. **A young adult honors the parents by showing them respect** (Luke 18:20)
  - Talk to and about parents with respect
  - Give parents consideration
  - Express and show parents gratitude
3. **An adult honors the parents by providing for their needs** (Mark 7:9-12)

#### New Living Translation

<sup>9</sup>Then he said, "You skillfully sidestep God's law in order to hold on to your own tradition. <sup>10</sup>For instance, Moses gave you this law from God: 'Honor your father and mother,' and 'Anyone who speaks disrespectfully of father or mother must be put to death.'<sup>11</sup>But you say it is all right for people to say to their parents, 'Sorry, I can't help you. For I have vowed to give to God what I would have given to you.'<sup>12</sup>In this way, you let them disregard their needy parents.

- Provide for financial needs

- Provide for physical needs
- Provide for emotional needs

#### HONORING PARENTS WHO HAVEN'T BEEN HONORABLE

Respect the **position** even if you can't respect the **person**

#### CENTRAL TRUTH:

Children are to honor their father and mother throughout their lives.

#### LIFEGROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What one insight from the teaching seems most personally significant to you right now?  
***A child honors the parents by being obedient*** (Ephesians 6:1-3)
2. Generally, do you feel that children in today's society are obedient and submissive to parents' authority? Why or why not?
3. What causes a child to challenge a parent's authority and what can be done to relieve that problem?  
***A young adult honors the parents by showing them respect*** (Luke 18:20)
4. When do you think a child moves from honoring the parents by being obedient to honoring the parents by showing them respect?
5. What would it look like in everyday life if you honored your parents by showing them respect?  
***An adult honors the parents by providing for their needs*** (Mark 7:9-12)
6. Do you think children look to the government (Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and other programs) to carry much of the responsibilities families have been given by God to provide for the needs of their aging parents? Explain your answer.
7. What would it look like in everyday life if you honored your parents by providing for their needs?
8. **Responding to the Message** – What action can you take in the next week to start putting this into practice or to cooperate with God in bringing about transformation that you seek in yourself in response to today's teaching?