

X: the ten

Honor Mom and Dad

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Guiding Questions for Chapter Groups, Family or Solo Study:

As we continue talking about the Ten Commandments, we're also trying to memorize them. Try completing this by memory:

Tablet 1: Relationship with _____.

1. You shall have no _____.
2. You shall not make or worship _____.
3. You shall not misuse _____.
4. Remember the _____.

Tablet 2: Relationships with _____.

1. Honor your _____.
2. You shall not _____.
3. You shall not _____.
4. You shall not _____.
5. You shall not _____.
6. You shall not _____.

On a scale of 1 to 10, how hard or complicated is it for you to honor your father and (not "or") your mother?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
We're the Cleavers! We're the Bradys! We're the Huxtables! We're the Targaryens!
Picture-perfect. Blended, awesome. Looks normal. It's not. It's a bloodbath.

Explain your answer as succinctly as possible. What makes (or made) your relationship with your parents what it is (or was)?

The Commandment to "Honor" your father and your mother is unique among the other nine Commandments, and it's unique among other ancient legal codes. How?

Scripture and Quotes:

Exodus 20:12 Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

Deuteronomy 5:16 Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God commanded you, so 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.

Proverbs 19:26 Those who do violence to their father and chase away their mother are children who cause shame and bring reproach.

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What did the word "honor" mean in ancient Hebrew, and what did it not mean?

What was the primary purpose of this Commandment in its own context?

How do we often misinterpret "honor your father and mother"?

What did Jesus teach us about this kind of honor?

How did the Apostle Paul instruct the first Christians fulfill the Commandment to "honor your father and your mother"? How were his specific instructions different from the Commandment in Exodus?

How do you think God is calling you to apply His commandment to "Honor your father and mother" to your life today? What are the things you could do differently to show more honor to your parents?

Parents: what are some things you could do differently to be more *honorable* toward your children and to "bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord"?

Pray: Heavenly Father, you are worthy of all honor. Thank you for setting us on a path toward freedom, and showing us the way to live. Help us to show honor to our parents, even when they might not be deserving. Help those of us who are parents to lead their families with courage and conviction in Christ. In Jesus' name. Amen.

John 19:25-27 Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciples whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Ephesians 6:1-4 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother" - this is the first commandment with a promise: so that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth. And fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

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