

# HONORING YOUR PARENTS

## Values That Motivate – Part 5

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**Exodus 20:12 (NIV)** *"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you."*

#### WHY DID GOD GIVE THIS COMMANDMENT?

Honor your father and mother because...

- Σ There are no \_\_\_\_\_ parents.
- Σ Respect for \_\_\_\_\_ begins at home.
- Σ How you \_\_\_\_\_ to your parents affects every other relationship?

#### HOW TO HONOR YOUR PARENTS...

1. **AS A CHILD:** You honor your parents by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ them.

**Ephesians 6:1 (TLB)** *"Children, obey your parents; this is the right thing to do because God has placed them in authority over you."*

2. **AS A YOUNG PERSON:** You honor your parents by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ them.

**Proverbs 13:1 (NLT)** *"A wise child accepts a parent's discipline; a young mocker refuses to listen."*

#### Accept Your Parents By...

- Σ \_\_\_\_\_ God used them to give you life.
- Σ \_\_\_\_\_ to what they have to say.

Σ \_\_\_\_\_ any hurts they brought on you.  
**Proverbs 20:20 (TEV)** *“If you curse your parents, your life will end like a lamp that goes out in the dark.”*

### Appreciate Your Parents By...

Σ \_\_\_\_\_ their effort.

Σ \_\_\_\_\_ their sacrifice.

3. AS AN ADULT: You honor your parents by

\_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_ them.

**Proverbs 3:27 (NIV)** *“Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act.”*

**1 Timothy 5:8 (TEV)** *“If any do not take care of their relatives, especially the members of their own family, they have denied the faith and are worse than an unbeliever.”*

**1 Timothy 5:4 (NIV)** *“But if a widow has children or grandchildren, these should learn first of all to put their religion into practice by caring for their own family and so repaying their parents and grandparents, for this is pleasing to God.”*

### WHAT PARENTS SHOULD THINK ABOUT...

Σ \_\_\_\_\_ honorably enough to be honorable.

**Ephesians 6:4 (CEV)** *“Parents, don’t be hard on your children. Raise them properly. Teach them and instruct them about the Lord.”*

Σ \_\_\_\_\_ your children choose God.

**Matthew 18:6 (NLT)** *“If anyone causes one of these little ones who trusts in Me to lose faith, it would be better for that person to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone tied around the neck.”*

**Psalms 27:10 (TEV)** *“My father and mother may abandon me, but the Lord will take care of me.”*