



**THE BEST THING ABOUT HONOR  
EPHESIANS 6:1-3**



# 1. THE COMMAND TO HONOR PARENTS WAS GIVEN TO PARENTS, FIRST.

**Exodus 20:12** "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you."

- The 5<sup>th</sup> commandment of 10. The first dealing with our relationships with others. The first 4 commandments deal with our relationship with God.



I honor my parents when their opinion is of higher value than the opinions of my friends!

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO “HONOR” YOUR PARENTS?

- **Honor** – Greek word meaning - to revere, venerate; to value;
- **Honor** - Hebrew - to give weight to; to esteem as superior in standing.
- **Honor** and **obedience** are two different concepts.



## 2. THE BEST THING ABOUT HONOR – IT COMES WITH A REWARD!

- **Exodus 20:12** "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.
- **Ephesians 6:3** "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land."
- Reward is individualist and corporate!



I “obey” when act on what my parents have said rather than what others say.

### 3. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO “OBEY”?

- “**Obey**” - Greek “hupakouw” – to listen to, to obey, to hearken; as the duty of a doorkeeper, answer a knock, open (the door)
- “**Authority**” – Greek “ekousia,” the power to act, decide, or enforce obedience from or over another.



### 3. OBEDIENCE IS SPIRITUAL FOR BELIEVERS.

- **Eph 6:1,**

- A. Children obey your parents "in the Lord"

- B. "for this is right"



### 3. SCRIPTURE ASSUMES TWO OPINIONS ARE PRESENT FOR YOUTH TO CHOOSE FROM.

- **Prov 1:8** Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching, 9 for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck.
  - Proverbs 1 is an appeal to a son to choose to listen to his parents instruction rather than the instruction of his friends . He will perish when listening to the folly of his friends; they do not have his interest at heart.



## 4. **GOD HAS GIVEN PARENTS “AUTHORITY” OVER THEIR CHILDREN.**

- A. Parents are given authority over their children, by God, as a duty of parenting. Eph 6:1-3, Col 3:20.
- B. A parent is not tasked, by God, to be a friend to their child. Friends are not given authority over their friends; parents have. Eph 6:1-3,





## 5. PARENTAL AUTHORITY CHANGES AS CHILDREN BECOME ADULTS.

- **Authority changes as a child readies to leave the home.  
Gen 2:24**

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| 1. Birth to pre-teen     | Parents |
| 2. Pre-teen to age 18/21 | Shared  |
| 3. Age 18/21 and up      | Self    |

- **Honor is for a lifetime. Obedience changes to adulthood.**



## DISOBEDIENCE IS A SYMPTOM OF A DARK TIME IN HUMAN HISTORY.

- **Romans 1:28** And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, ..., to do those things which are not proper, ..., 30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, ...
- **2 Timothy 3:1** But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. 2 For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy,