

God Honoring Relationships between Parents and Children

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"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, because this is right. Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with a promise, so that it may go well with you and that you may have a long life in the land. Fathers, don't stir up anger in your children, but bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."

Focus Question for the Message:

How does it glorify God when we honor and obey our parents? Moms and dads, how can we honor and glorify God in our parenting?

1. A Moral Foundation

- Verse 1
- The presence of children
- The societal role of a parent
- The biblical role of a parent
- Right versus wrong
- "Obey your parents, in the Lord"
- Purpose behind the command

2. A Biblical Foundation

- Verses 2-3
- The Ten Commandments
- Exodus 20:1-17 and Deuteronomy 5:1-21
- The structure of the Ten Commandments
- Honor and respect
- The first commandment with a promise
- Practical applications

THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

- 1) You shall have no other gods before Me.
- 6 You shall not murder.

2 You shall not make idols.

- 7 You shall not commit adultery.
- 3 You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
- 8 You shall not steal.

- 4 Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
- 9 You shall not bear fals witness against your neighbor.

- 5 Honor your father and your mother.
- 10 You shall not covet.

3. Train and Instruct

- Verse 4
- Instruction for the fathers
- Why fathers and not mothers?
- "Don't still up anger in your children..."
- "Bring them up in instruction and training in the Lord."
- Colossians 3:21
- What are your children learning?