July 13, 2025 | Honor Parents
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sermon notes

What is HONOR ?

Ephesians 6:1-4 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “ Honor your father and mother, ” which is the first commandment with a promise; “ that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth. ” Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Why should we Honor our Parents?

- It is RIGHT

- It PLEASES GOD

How do we Honor our Parents?

- When we are Young: OBEDIENCE

- As Young Adults: RESPECT

- When we are Adults: APPRECIATION

going deeper

Take a moment to pray. Confess your need for the Holy Spirit ' s help in illuminating God ' s Word to you.

Reread the 5th commandment (Exodus 20:12) and Ephesians 6:1-4

How does learning to honor our parents prepare us to honor God?

What are the consequences both spiritually and relationally when we fail to honor our parents? What are the blessings when we do?

Solomon with all of his God given wisdom wrote most of Proverbs as instructions for a child to grow in wisdom. Read the following excerpts:

Proverbs 1:8-9
Proverbs 6:20-22
Proverbs 13:1

Did you/do you treat your parents ' instructions like the proverbs command?

What does it mean to honor parents who have failed us, hurt us, or weren ' t present?

What are some ways you can honor your parents even if they have different values or are not disciples of Jesus?

How might your parents like to receive honor? If possible, take time to talk with them and discuss this question.

What are some practical steps you can take this week to show honor to your parents - through words, time, service, or prayer?

Read the following passages:
Proverbs 15:20
Proverbs 23:22 - 25

Does the way you honor your parents bring them joy?

upcoming

Vacation Bible School | July 14-18 | 9am-12pm | Register online in Events
Prime Timer ' s Breakfast | Thurs, July 17th | 8:30am | Papa Ozz
Men ' s Summer Event | Sat, Aug. 9th | 3pm | See Events tab for info/RSVP