

THE SECRET TO A LONG & HAPPY LIFE

The Fifth Commandment

“Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live long and that it may go well with you in the land the LORD your God is giving you.”

Deuteronomy 5:16; see also Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 27:16

How to honor your parents:

1) _____ **them.**

Exodus 31:17; Deuteronomy 21:18-21; Acts 5:29; Romans 1:29-30;
Ephesians 6:1-3; Colossians 3:20; 2 Timothy 3:1-2

2) _____ **them.**

Proverbs 1:8-9; 3:1-2; 4:1-2, 10, 20-22; 6:20-22; 7:1-2

3) _____ **them.**

Exodus 21:17; Leviticus 19:3, 32; 20:9; Proverbs 30:17

4) _____ **them.**

Exodus 21:15; Matthew 15:4-6; John 19:26; 2 Timothy 3:1-5

If necessary, _____ **them.**

Colossians 3:13; Matthew 6:12, 14-15

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Questions for Reflection & Discussion

1. Read Deuteronomy 5:16 and 27:16. Why do you think those who honor their parents are more likely to live a long and happy life?
2. Read Ephesians 6:1-3 and Deuteronomy 21:18-21. At what age do you think obedience to our parents ceases to be something God expects? Why? How has obedience to or disobedience to your parents affected your quality of life?
3. Read these verses from the Book of Proverbs: 1:8-9; 3:1-2; 4:1-2, 10, 20-22; 6:20-22; 7:1-2. What is an important life lesson you learned from your father or mother? How did they teach that lesson to you?
4. Read Leviticus 19:3 and 19:32. Do you think ageism exists in our culture? Do you think it exists in our church? How can we show greater respect for those who are older than we are?
5. Read Matthew 15:4-6 and 2 Timothy 3:1-5. How are you caring for, or preparing to care for, your aging parents? What limits to that care do you think are appropriate? Why?