

HONOR YOUR PARENTS

TEXT: (Exodus 20:12, KJV)

¹² Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

INTRODUCTION

1. "Thou shalt have no other gods before me" (Exodus 20:3, KJV).
2. "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image" (Exodus 20:4, KJV).
3. "Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain" (Exodus 20:7, KJV).
4. "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy" (Exodus 20:8, KJV).
5. "Honour thy father and thy mother" (Exodus 20:12, KJV).
6. "A wise child brings joy to a father; a foolish child brings grief to a mother" (Proverbs 10:1, NLT).

I. A DELICATE BALANCE

A. Obedience to Parents

1. "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right" (Ephesians 6:1, KJV).
2. "Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them" (Luke 2:51 NIV).
3. "Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God" (Romans 13:1 NLT).

B. Honor Parents

1. "Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father" (Leviticus 19:3 ESV).
2. "Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee" (Exodus 20:12 KJV).

C. Speak Kindly of Parents

1. "If you insult your father or mother, your light will be snuffed out in total darkness" (Proverbs 20:20, NLT).
2. "Anyone who dishonors (Greek version, speaks disrespectfully of; most other versions, curses) father or mother must be put to death. Such a person is guilty of a capital offense" (Leviticus 20:9, NLT).

II. HONORING ADULT PARENTS

A. Show gratefulness for them.

1. "Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee" (Exodus 20:12, KJV).

B. Treat Them with Respect

1. "Each of you must show great respect for your mother and father" (Leviticus 19:3, NLT).

C. Provide for Them

1. "Standing near the cross were Jesus' mother, Mary, his aunt, the wife of Cleopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother standing there beside me, his close friend, he said to her, 'He is your son.'

And to me he said, 'She is your mother!' And from then on I took her into my home" (John 19:25-27 TLB).

III. REAPING WHAT YOU SOW

A. Sowing Seeds of Honor and Respect

1. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Galatians 6:7, KJV).

B. Independence and Responsibility

1. "If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it. Or if one part of our body is honored, all the other parts share its honor" (I Corinthians 12:26, NCV).
2. "A wise child brings joy to a father; a foolish child brings grief to a mother" (Proverbs 10:1 NLT).

C. Consider Your Actions

1. "You are a letter written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, a letter written not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts" (II Corinthians 3:2, GW).

CONCLUSION

1. "A wise child brings joy to a father; a foolish child brings grief to a mother" (Proverbs 10:1, NLT).
2. "Children are known by the way they act, whether their conduct is pure, and whether it is right" (Proverbs 20:11, NLT).
3. "Honour thy father and thy mother" (Exodus 20:12, KJV).