



5. Honor Your Father and Mother

Exodus 20v12

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**Focus on the Family...**



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*‘kaved’* = heavy

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**Romans 1v29-32:** They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, <sup>30</sup> slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; <sup>31</sup> they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy.

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**Parents**

*(A kind and loving authority)*



**Children**

*(Who gladly submit to that authority)*

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- Doing what they say

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**Proverbs 1v8-9:** Listen, my son, to your father's instruction

and do not forsake your mother's teaching.

<sup>9</sup> They are a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck.

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**Eph 6v1-2:** Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. <sup>2</sup> “Honour your father and mother” —which is the first commandment with a promise...



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V4: Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

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*‘Children are not to obey their parents without exception but in everything that is compatible with their primary loyalty, namely their loyalty to Jesus.’ (Stott)*

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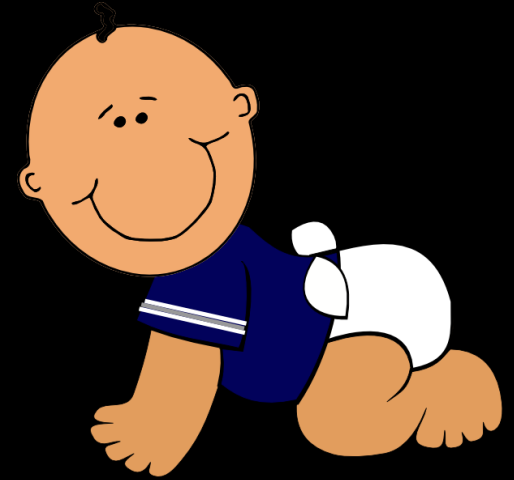


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1 Tim 5v3-4: Give proper recognition to those widows who are really in need. But if a widow has children or grandchildren, these should learn first of all to put their religion into practice by caring for their own family and so repaying their parents and grandparents, for this is pleasing to God.



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**Mark 7v9-13:** And he continued, “You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions! <sup>10</sup> For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and mother,’ and, ‘Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.’

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<sup>11</sup> But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is Corban (that is, devoted to God)— <sup>12</sup> then you no longer let them do anything for their father or mother. <sup>13</sup> Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down.

### **3) Meet their Needs**

**Honour your father and your mother...**

- **Respect their Position**
- **Obey their Instruction**
- **Meet their Needs**

