

Faith Works: Family

“Honor Your Parents”

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“Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.” Ex. 20:12

“Honor” – Hebrew - kabad: give weight to
Greek - timao: to prize, esteem

Parents, Children and the Image of God

Genesis 1:26-28; 5:1-4

“Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness”...so God created man in His own image... He created him male and female...God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it.” ” Gen.1:26-28

“When God created man, He made him in the likeness of God. He created them male and female and blessed them. And when they were created, He called them “man”. When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, in his own image; and he named him Seth.” Gen.1:1-4

- Honor is given to our parents because they are made in the image of God.
- We must teach our children to honor us because we are made in the image of God.
- When we do not honor our parents, we do not honor God and we distort His image.

But what about....?

- Do I have to obey my parents no matter how old I am?
- What happens when I get married and have my own family?
- What if my parents are not followers of Christ?
- What if my parents tell me to do something that is a sin?
- How do I honor parents that have been abusive or neglectful?

What are the ways I can honor my parents?

1. Obey and honor their authority.

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2. Speak well of them.

“Her children will rise up and call her blessed.” Prov. 31:28

“Whoever curses his father or his mother, his lamp will be put out in deep darkness.” Prov. 20:20

3. Treat them with respect.

"The eye that mocks his father, and scorns obedience to his mother, the ravens of the valley will pick it out, and the young eagles will eat it." Prov. 30:17

"You shall rise before the gray headed and honor the presence of an old man and fear your God: I am the LORD." Lev. 19:32

4. Heed their wisdom.

"Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching." Prov. 1:8

"A fool despises his father's instruction, but he who receives correction is prudent." Prov. 15:5

5. Provide for them.

"If anyone does not provide for his immediate family, he has denied the faith." 1 Tim. 5:8

Evaluate how you honor your parents

1. Do I consider my parents a gift to be prized?
2. Do I seek out the wisdom of my parents by asking questions and listening to them?
3. Do I honor and respect my parent's friends as a way to respect my parents?
4. Do I take time to ask them how they are doing and try to help them when I can?
5. Do I make an effort to spend time with them and treat them with kindness?
6. Do I realize that honoring my parents is honoring God?
7. Have I forgiven my parents for things that have hurt me?

Closing prayer:

"To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve His God and Father – to Him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen." Rev. 1:5-6