

## **THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT**

### **"Honor thy father and thy mother." Exodus 20:12**

**A. The Command in the Old Testament:** Read Exodus 20:12

1. Notice that in giving this command, God makes a definite promise to those who keep it. What is this promise? Exodus 20:12  
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2. What did God later say was to be the penalty for breaking this command? Deuteronomy 21:18-21  
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**B. An Example of Obedience:** Read Exodus 1:22-2:10

1. When the king ordered all boy babies to be killed, how did Miriam help in saving her brother's life? Exodus 2:4, 7, 8  
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2. Was this honoring or dishonoring her parents? Why?  
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3. How might the future of the whole nation of Israel been affected if Miriam had not helped her parents at this time? (*THINK!*)  
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**C. An Example of Disobedience:**

1. When David was king, how did his son Absalom dishonor him? 2 Samuel 15:2-6, 10  
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2. What was David afraid Absalom would do to him? 2 Samuel 15:14  
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3. Because Absalom allowed his greed and selfishness to keep him from honoring his father, what three things finally happened to him?
  - a. 2 Samuel 18:9, 10 \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. 2 Samuel 18:14, 15 \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. 2 Samuel 18:17 \_\_\_\_\_

**D. The Command in the New Testament:**

1. What should children do besides honor their parents? Ephesians 6:1-3  
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2. What other people besides our parents should we honor and obey? Romans 13:1-4; Hebrews 13:17a  
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3. What is one way we can honor these people? 1 Timothy 2:1, 2  
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**E. The Command in Present-Day Life:**

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1. What is one characteristic of the heathen which God through Paul warned would be increasingly true of people in the last days? (Compare Romans 1:30 with 2 Timothy 3:1, 2)
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2. What is the two-fold command which God gives to parents concerning their children? (See Ephesians 6:4)

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3. What should parents keep constantly in mind in giving commands to their children? (See Hebrews 13:17b)
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4. Are we honoring our parents if we:

a. broadcast their faults to others? \_\_\_\_\_

b. criticize them before others, including our own children after we are grown? \_\_\_\_\_

c. adopt the common attitude toward mothers-in-law? \_\_\_\_\_

d. allow their way of life to make us cold, critical, and indifferent toward them? \_\_\_\_\_

e. fail to uphold the standards taught us by Christian parents? \_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Do I give the respect and obedience which is due to my parents, teachers, and officials in the government?
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2. If God gave me what I deserved, would I live a long life, or would I be stoned to death?
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