

# **Commandment 5 – Honor Thou Father and Thou Mother**



**Exodus 20:12**

- **Review – The Study of the Ten Commandments**
  - **The Ten Commandments was never given as a way of salvation.**
  - **Our eternal salvation, our forgiveness, and our right standing with God are wholly and completely rooted in Jesus’ finished work on the cross.**
  - **The most important document ever written is the Ten Commandments.**
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- **Commandment 1 – “Thou (You) shall have no other gods before Me”**
  - **God’s character demands loyalty.**
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- **Commandment 2 – “Thou shall not make unto you any graven image – Exodus 20:4-6**
  - **Never make nor worship false gods.**
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- **Commandment 3 – “Thou shall not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain”**
  - **Never misuse God’s name; never use profanity.**
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- 4. Commandment 4 – “Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy.”**
- **The Sabbath was made for man, it was for man’s good!**

## **Commandment 5 – “Honor Thou Father and Thou Mother” - Exodus 20:12**

- **This commandment includes all necessary acts of kindness, material support, respect, and obedience to one’s parents (Eph. 6:1-3; Col. 3:20).**
- **Normally children of believers must remain under parental guidance until they become part of another family unit through marriage.**
- **In a world that worships and imitates youth and uses “assisted suicide” to eliminate unwanted old people, this commandment sounds like an echo from a time-warp.**

- The family is of vital importance, for the family was the first institution formed upon earth.
- The family – father, mother, and child – is the most important institution.
- Every generation must give attention to the family and strengthen it if the human race is to survive.
- God established the primacy and importance of the family forever when He created the first man and the first woman.

1. Who is to obey this commandment? Everyone

2. How long was this commandment to be in force? As long as men and women and children live upon earth.

- If the family is disintegrated, then all the great virtues of life would soon disappear.

3. What is the charge of this commandment? “Honor your father and your mother.”

○ Note six points about the charge of this commandment.

A. The Hebrew word “honor” means that we are to respect, esteem, and highly regard our parents.

- What does God mean by honoring our parents?

B. Note that mothers are to be honored just as much as fathers and fathers just as much as mothers.

C. Note that every person within the family is mentioned; the child, mother, and father.

- The implication is clear: the families of the earth and the world as a whole are to be filled with honor and respect.

D. Note that this commandment emphasizes one of the great lessons of life, that we learn by example (Titus 2:7; Prov. 22:6).

E. What about parents who neglect their children or who abuse their children?

- The word “obey” means to submit to; to comply with; to harken; to heed; to follow the directions or guidance.
  - a. There is a limit to the child’s obedience.
  - b. The phrase “in the Lord” also tells why the child is to obey his parents.
- F. What about abusive children, children who abuse their parents?
  
- 4. There are two great promises attached to this commandment.
  - A. The person who honors his parents will live an extended life upon earth.
  - B. The person who honors his parents will inherit the promised land.
  
- 5. What is the decision required by this commandment? Obedience.