



TITLE: HONOR YOUR PARENTS

TEXT: Exodus 20:12: "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you."

TARGET: Raising children, empty nesters, yet to have children, or not wanting children, we are all children of someone. Today's message is more than just about _____, it is about _____.



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I. The _____ of this Command:

- A. The Invention of the Family:** Genesis 1:27-28
- B. The Importance of the Family:** The family is the foundational institution of society ordained by God. (Genesis 2:20-25, 4:1; Exodus 20:5-6; Joshua 7:10,15,24-25; 2 Kings 13:23)
- C. The Instruction towards the Family:**
 1. **Treasure them:** Psalm 127:3
 2. **Teach them:** Deuteronomy 6:6, 2 Timothy 3:15-16
 3. **Train them:** Proverbs 22:6.*Ephesians 6:4
 4. **Testify to them:** Titus 2:7, James 1:22

II. The _____ in this Command:

- A. Explanation of Honor:** Give Weight or Glory
- B. Expectation of Honor:**
 1. **Obedience:** Recognizing Authority
 - a) Ephesians 6:1
 - b) Colossians 3:20
 2. **Respect:** Recognizing Attitude Phillipians 2:14
- C. Examples of Honor:** *outdo one another with honor*
 1. **Forgive them:** They are not perfect
 2. **Encourage them:** They are not teflon
 3. **Speak Well of them:** Do not belittle them
 4. **Seek Wisdom from them:** Their life experiences
 5. **Care for them:** They have needs too

III. The _____ in this Command:

- A. Bridge Command: Connecting** - 1-4: Love God & 6-10: Love People
- B. Blanket Command: Covering** - speaks to the way we should relate to all authority.
- C. Blessed Command: Covenant** - "Honor your father and mother" (*this is the first commandment with a promise*) Ephesians 6:2

TAKEAWAY: No nation is stronger than the family structure that makes them up. As goes the home, so goes the nation, the community, the church.

people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation. We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, that whenever a Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as shall seem most likely to promote their Happiness and safety. In extending the same, we are sensible that Governments long continued should not be changed for light and transient causes; and according to the experienced sense of the human mind, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. -- Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government, that the history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct

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Father, we thank you for Your everlasting goodness and sovereignty and for the blessings You give us daily. One of the greatest of these is our freedom. Lord, forgive us for sometimes taking this freedom for granted. May we use it to see Your Will done right here and now. May we use it to stand up for the unseen and speak out for the unheard. May the freedom given to us be extended to all men and women who are burdened and in need rescue. God, as we celebrate the founding of the nation we live in, we pledge to never forget that our first allegiance is to You. This is Your land, we are Your people, and in Your kingdom there is room for all who call upon Jesus Christ as Savior. That hope is why we have reason to celebrate today. Amen.



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