

# **HONOR ROLE**

God's Top Ten - Part 5

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**Exodus 20:12**

*"Honor your father and mother, so that you may live long in the land..."*

*Exodus 20:12 (NIV)*

## **1. WHY DID GOD GIVE THIS COMMANDMENT?**

**Because ...**

- There are no perfect parents!
- Respect for authority begins at home.
- How I relate to my parents will affect every other relationship.

## **2. HOW TO HONOR MY PARENTS.**

### **A. TEACH MY CHILDREN TO HONOR ME.**

*"Children, obey your parents: this is the right thing to do because God has placed them in authority over you." Ephesians 6:1 (LB)*

*"If you refuse to discipline your son, it proves you don't love him; for if you love him you will be prompt to punish him." Proverbs 13:24 (LB)*

*"Discipline your son in the early years while there is hope. If you don't you will ruin his life." Proverbs 19:18 (LB)*

### **B. TREAT MY PARENTS WITH RESPECT.**

*"Listen to your father who gave you your life and do not despise your mother..." Proverbs 23:22 (NIV)*

*"Be grateful for the good things that the Lord has given you and your family..." Deuteronomy 26:11*

*"...when your mother is old, show her your appreciation." Proverbs 23:22 (GN)*

### **C. GIVE SUPPORT TO MY PARENTS.**

*"Take care of any widow who is really in need. But if a widow has children or grandchildren, they should learn to serve God by taking care of her, as she once took care of them. This is what God wants them to do... People who don't take care of their relatives, especially their own families, have given up the faith." I Timothy 5:4, 8 (CEV)*

***A word to parents: Be Honorable!***

*“And now a word to you parents; Don’t keep on scolding and nagging your children, making them angry and resentful. Rather, bring them up with loving discipline...” Ephesians 6:4 (LB)*

***A word to those without parents:***

*“My father and mother may abandon me, but the Lord will take care of me.”  
Psalm 27:10 (GN)*