

**The Fifth  
Commandment: Honor  
your Father and Mother**

Exodus 20:12

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
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**Overview**

- The first commandment is foundational to all the rest
- The first four commandments are foundational to the final six
- The wellbeing of the family is foundational to the wellbeing of Israel as a nation
- The fifth commandment is reiterated in the NT
- The wellbeing of the Christian family should weigh heavily upon us

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**The Fifth Commandment**

- **Exodus 20:12**  
Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the Lord your God gives you.

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Honor is *kabod*, “heavy, weighty”

- **Malachi 1:6**

‘A son honors his father, and a servant his master. Then if I am a father, where is My honor? And if I am a master, where is My respect?’ says the Lord of hosts to you, O priests who despise My name. But you say, ‘How have we despised Thy name?’

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Parents are to be treated with “fear”

- **Leviticus 19:3**

Every one of you shall reverence his mother and his father, and you shall keep My sabbaths; I am the Lord your God.

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Disrespect for parents is serious!

- **Leviticus 20:9**

If there is anyone who curses his father or his mother, he shall surely be put to death; he has cursed his father or his mother, his bloodguiltiness is upon him.

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Disrespect for parents is a cause of the captivity

- **Ezekiel 22:7**  
They have treated father and mother lightly within you. The alien they have oppressed in your midst; the fatherless and the widow they have wronged in you.

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Obedience to parents is commanded

- **Ephesians 6:1**  
Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

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The 5<sup>th</sup> Commandment is reiterated

- **Ephesians 6:2, 3**  
Honor your father and mother (which is the first commandment with a promise), that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth.

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Fathers are not to wrongly take advantage of their God-given authority

■ **Ephesians 6:4**

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

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Respect for fathers was the assumed case

■ **Hebrews 12:9 - 10**

Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness.

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Caring for elderly parents is included

■ **Mark 7:10 - 12**

For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who speaks evil of father or mother, is to be put to death'; but you say, 'If a man says to his father or his mother, whatever I have that would help you is Corban (that is to say, given to God), you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or his mother'

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Applications and Implications

- 1) We must not allow the wicked culture to determine our family life
- 2) Only devotion to Christ is more important than our family relationships
- 3) We must consider the wellbeing of our families to be *kabod*, “weighty”

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- 1) We must not allow the wicked culture to determine our family life

■ **Titus 1:12, 13**

One of themselves, a prophet of their own, said, “Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons.” This testimony is true. For this reason reprove them severely so that they may be sound in the faith,

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- 1) We must not allow the wicked culture to determine our family life

■ **Romans 1:30, 31**

slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful;

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2) Only devotion to Christ is more important than our family relationships

■ **Luke 14:26**

If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple.

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3) We must consider the wellbeing of our families to be *kabod*, “weighty”

■ **1Timothy 5:8**

But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

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3) We must consider the wellbeing of our families to be *kabod*, “weighty”

■ **Colossians 3:18-21**

Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and do not be embittered against them. Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not exasperate your children, so that they will not lose heart.

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3) We must consider the wellbeing of our families to be *kabod*, "weighty"

What should be avoided in the church most certainly should be avoided in the home

■ **Colossians 3:8-9**

But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices,

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3) We must consider the wellbeing of our families to be *kabod*, "weighty"

What should be practiced in the church most certainly should be practiced in the home

■ **Colossians 3:12-14**

So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.

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