



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

“The Ten: Commandments for Today” is a series designed to encourage us to apply the truths of these ancient instructions to our lives today. This week we learn what it means to honor our father and mother.

1. Share a story from your childhood when you did something wrong without your parents' knowledge. Did they eventually find out? What was the result?

Read Exodus 20:12, Ephesians 6:1-3, and Colossians 3:20.

2. Why does God call us to honor our parents? What does it mean to honor our parents?
3. The scriptures tell us that honoring our parents, even though they are not perfect, comes with a promise. Listen to the following question and answer exchange with John Piper on RightNow Media in the River City Christian library called “Honor your parents.” How does his explanation help you understand this promise?
4. Jesse emphasized that we honor our parents because God tells us to. We are to honor the position not necessarily the person or the choices that they make. How would you explain this concept to a person who didn't have a good parental role model?

Read 1 Timothy 5:8 and Matthew 15:1-9.

5. When our parents get older we are called to honor them by taking care of them. According to these passages, why is it important to care for our parents? What warnings are given for those who fail to follow this command?
6. If you have a parent or parents that are living, how can you honor them? If your parents have passed, how can you still honor their memory?



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MESSAGE NOTES

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO ME?

Why should we honor our parents?

1. It is the right thing to do. (Ephesians 6:1)
2. It pleases God. (Colossians 3:20)
3. It teaches us respect for authority.
(Romans 13:1-2)

How do we honor our parents?

1. As a child you honor your parents by obeying them.
2. As a young adult you honor your parents by respecting them. (Leviticus 19:3)
Respect means:
 - Accept their instruction.
 - Accept their discipline.
3. As an adult you honor your parents by appreciating them.

WHAT IS GOD ASKING ME TO DO?