

HONOR

Extreme Makeover...Family Edition (Part 4)

⁴¹ Then God spoke all these words, saying, ² 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ³ "You shall have no other gods before Me. ⁴ "You shall not make for yourself an idol," Exodus 20:1-4a (NASB)

⁴⁷ "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain," Exodus 20:7 (NASB)

⁴⁸ "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. ... ¹² Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the Lord your God gives you." Exodus 20:8, 12 (NASB)

⁴¹⁶ "Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God has commanded you, that your days may be prolonged and that it may go well with you on the land which the Lord your God gives you." Deuteronomy 5:16 (NASB)

I. ALL CHILDREN ARE COMMANDED TO HONOR THEIR PARENTS.

- When children do not honor their parents it begins to unravel the very fabric of society.

⁴¹⁵ "He who strikes his father or his mother shall surely be put to death. ...

¹⁷ "He who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death." Exodus 21:15, 17 (NASB)

Honoring Your Parents DOES NOT Mean:

- A. To go back and seek their approval
- B. To make yourself vulnerable to their hurtful behavior
- C. Ignoring or denying the past

Honoring Your Parents DOES Mean:

- A. Choosing to place great value on your relationship with them
- B. Taking the initiative to try and improve the relationship
- C. Recognizing that they have done some things right
- D. Acknowledging the sacrifices that they made for you
- E. Seeing them as Jesus does
- F. Forgiving them

II. WHEN WE HONOR OUR PARENTS IT BLESSES US.

⁴² Honor your father and mother (which is the first commandment with a promise), ³ So that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth." Ephesians 6:2-3 (NASB)

III. WHEN WE DON'T HONOR OUR PARENTS IT DEVASTATES THEM.

⁴³⁹ The heart of King David longed to go out to Absalom;" 2 Samuel 13:39a (NASB)

⁴²⁸ Now Absalom lived two full years in Jerusalem, and did not see the king's face. ... ³³ So when Joab came to the king and told him, he called for Absalom. Thus he came to the king and prostrated himself on his face to the ground before the king, and the king kissed Absalom." 2 Samuel 14:28, 33 (NASB)

¹² ... And the conspiracy was strong, for the people increased continually with Absalom. ... ³⁰ And David went up the ascent of the Mount of Olives, and wept as he went, and his head was covered and he walked barefoot. Then all the people who were with him each covered his head and went up weeping as they went." 2 Samuel 15:12b, 30 (NASB)

⁴²⁹ The king said, 'Is it well with the young man Absalom?' ... ³³ The king was deeply moved and went up to the chamber over the gate and wept. And thus he said as he walked, 'O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!'" 2 Samuel 18:29, 33 (NASB)

⁴⁵ Then Joab came into the house to the king and said, 'Today you have covered with shame the faces of all your servants, who today have saved your life and the lives of your sons and daughters, the lives of your wives, and the lives of your concubines, ⁶ by loving those who hate you, and by hating those who love you. For you have shown today that princes and servants are nothing to you; for I know this day that if Absalom were alive and all of us were dead today, then you would be pleased.'" 2 Samuel 19:5-6 (NASB)

IV. IT'S TIME TO HONOR OUR PARENTS.

- A. Even if you don't feel like it

(Your children will grow up and treat you the way you have taught them as they have watched you treat your parents!)

- B. Even if they won't receive it
- C. Even if they have been abusive

V. HOW TO HONOR MY PARENTS:

- A. Be honest
- B. Be positive
- C. Be public
- D. Be decisive