

TALK IT OVER

Honor Your Parents

BOTTOM LINE

How I relate to my parents affects all my other relationships.

CONVERSATION STARTER

Who were your favorite fictional TV parents and why? Or, what's a memorable moment you shared with your parents?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily:
newpointe.org/thedaily
- [The Two Nonnegotiables in Our House](#) – A 5-minute read by Sandra Stanley

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

Honor your father and mother. This is the first of God's Ten Commandments that ends with a promise. And this is the promise: that if you honor your father and mother, yours will be a long life, full of blessing. Ephesians 6:2-3 TLB

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

A child who robs his father or mother of respect is full of shame and disgrace. Proverbs 19:26 NCV

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 the loving discipline of the Lord himself. Ephesians 6:4 TLB

"The history of the world is not based on the record of our wars, but the well-being of our households." – John Ruskin

"It's respect for your parents that is the basis for every other kind of respect and every other kind of authority." – Tim Keller

"If you've come to know the Lord through godly parents, you have received the greatest gift of all." – Dwight Mason

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How has your view of your parents changed over the years? What prompted the change? God says you are to honor the position of parenthood no matter how the parent dishonors it. Discuss. What does that look like? *Psychology Today* states that the number-one goal of modern parents is to teach their children to be independent, assertive, and self-reliant. Forty years ago, the number-one goal of most parents was to impart moral values to their children. As a society we are no longer big on respect for or submission to authority. How do you see evidence of that? How is it affecting society in general? School? Church? Home? How do you see rewards or benefits for honoring parents? When you do not honor your parents, you shame and discredit God. Discuss. When we live at home, we are to honor by obeying and respecting our parents. Talk about what it means to "obey your parents in the Lord." What does demonstrating an inward attitude of respect look like? When we mature and leave home, honoring parents means accepting them and appreciating them. What are meaningful ways to do that? Talk about honoring a parent who is hard to honor. If you are a parent, how can you make it easier to be honored authentically?

ACTION STEPS

I choose to honor my parents by _____.
I will show appreciation by _____.
I will pray daily for them and for my own relationship with my children.