

SERIES: 10 COMMANDMENTS  
#5 – “KEEPING THE 5<sup>TH</sup>”  
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A DIVINE REMINDER

EXODUS 20:2

“I am the Lord your God, who rescued you from the land of Egypt, the place of your slavery.”

COMMANDMENT #5

EXODUS 20:12

“Honor your father and mother. Then you will live a long, full life in the land the Lord your God is giving you.”

→ The 5<sup>th</sup> commandment is a turning point

- Commands 1-4 = our relationship with God
- Commands 5-10 = our relationship with one another

1. This commandment is not speaking about what one’s parent

- HONOR = to attach value, significance, or weight; to esteem; to respect
- We honor our parents by being obedient, helpful, caring, respectful, kind, thankful, and loving
- **NOTICE:** *It doesn’t say, “Honor your parents **if** they deserve it” or “Honor your parents to the degree that they **merit** honor.”*
- “Children, always obey your parents, for this pleases the Lord.” **COLOSSIANS 3:20**
- “If children do not learn to honor their parents, they are given little basis for honoring anything or anybody: teachers, police officers, religious leaders, employers, and government.” **J. ELLSWORTH KALAS**

2. For children, parents stand in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God

- “Then he returned to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. And his mother stored all these things in her heart.” **LUKE 2:51**
- “When a person conducts himself by honoring his mother and father, God is heard to say, ‘It is as though I were living with them and they honored me.’”  
**TALMUD** (the set of teachings and commentaries on the Torah that form the basis for Jewish law)

3. Our generation has a poor \_\_\_\_\_ for a belief in honoring parents

- We \_\_\_\_\_ human life
- Our \_\_\_\_\_ dishonors the roles of moms and dads
- Parents have \_\_\_\_\_ their role and teaching responsibility
- “American society needs to find some way to reassert the moral values on which the country was founded, to proclaim and defend them in family, church, and school, so as to inscribe them in individual personalities.”  
**DANIEL WALKER, Rhodes scholar, author, & professor**

4. This is the first commandment with a \_\_\_\_\_

- When we are \_\_\_\_\_ to what God has commanded us to do, He is faithful to bless us
- “‘Honor your father and mother.’ This is the first commandment with a promise: If you honor your father and mother, ‘things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth.’” **EPHESIANS 6:2-3**
- The “land” symbolized God’s presence, protection, and provision