

I Am a Promise

Honor your father and your mother so that you will live a long time in the land that the LORD your God is going to give you.

Exodus 20:12 NCV

The Principle

To live a **blessed life** by honoring and respecting your parents.

The Purpose

Children, obey your parents as the Lord wants, because this is the right thing to do. The command says, “Honor your father and mother.” This is the first command that has a promise with it—“Then everything will be well with you, and you will have a long life on the earth.”

Ephesians 6:1-3 NCV

Reasons for the 5th Commandment

- Honor makes me **healthier**
- Honor is the foundation for **success**

The Practice

I will **teach** my children to honor God by **respecting** my authority.

1. Begin by training **behavior** (Pre-School)

Train it - Encourage it - Enforce it

Teach them [10 Commandments] to your children and talk about them when you sit at home and walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Write them down and tie them to your hands as a sign. Tie them on your forehead to remind you, and write them on your doors and gates.

Deuteronomy 6:7-9 NCV

The LORD corrects those he loves, just as parents correct the child they delight in.

Proverbs 3:12 NCV

5. Graduate to mentoring role (Grade School)

Children, come and listen to me. I will teach you to worship the LORD. You must do these things to enjoy life and have many happy days.

Psalm 34:11-12 NCV

Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

Colossians 3:20 ESV

Fathers, do not nag your children. If you are too hard to please, they may want to stop trying.

Colossians 3:21 NCV

Wise children take their parents' advice, but whoever makes fun of wisdom won't listen to correction.

Proverbs 13:1 NCV

Fathers, do not make your children angry, but raise them with the training and teaching of the Lord.

Ephesians 6:4 NCV

6. Finish with encouraging responsibility (Teen Years)

To God, Family, and Others

Those who love their father or mother...son or daughter more than they love me are not worthy to be my followers.

Matthew 10:37 NCV

The father of a good child is very happy; parents who have wise children are glad because of them. Make your father and mother happy; give your mother a reason to be glad.

Proverbs 23:24-25 NCV

Children who obey what they have been taught are smart, but friends of troublemakers disgrace their parents.

Proverbs 28:7 NCV

And God said, "So a man will leave his father and mother and be united with his wife..."

Matthew 19:5 NCV

Take care of widows who are truly widows. But if a widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to do their duty to their own family and to repay their parents or grandparents. That pleases God.

1 Timothy 5:3-4 NCV

But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.

Matthew 18:6 ESV

My father and mother may abandon me, but the Lord will take care of me.

Psalm 27:10 GNT