



Pastor's Comments

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Honor Your Parents

On Sunday, September 9, in the 10:45 a.m. service our congregation will begin studying the 26th of the "49 **Commands of Christ**" which is "**Honor Your Parents.**" Jesus said, "For God commanded, saying, **Honour thy father and mother**" (Mt 15:4).

In this study we will cover three phases that we pass through in demonstrating honor to our parents as we grow up. By distinguishing these levels, we will understand how to deal with difficult situations regarding parental authority.

1. Honor Through Obedience.

Ephesians 6:1-3 states, "Children, **obey your parents** in the Lord: for this is right. **Honour thy father and mother**; which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth." Obedience to parents is acting with the knowledge that God directs through them to do good.

2. Honor Through Wisdom. Wise children will continue to follow the Godly counsel from their parents, "A wise son heareth his father's instructions." As they get older and are required to make more and more decisions, they will also be open and responsive to the counsel of their parents, "Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old" (Proverbs 23:22). We demonstrate wisdom then we value the counsel our parents give from their years of experience.

3. Honor With Support When Parents Become Old. When children see their parents honoring their own aging parents, the children are taught through a living example how they should honor and care for their parents when they get older.

Christ's final command was "Go...and teach all nations...**to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you**" (Mt. 28:19-20). Jesus promised, "If ye **keep my commandments**, ye shall abide in my love..." (John 15:10). I invite you to join us for this study.

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