

**God's Top 10 List!**  
**"Number 5: The Foundation of Blessing"**  
**Exodus 20:12 (page 53)**

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The fifth commandment is a t r a n s i t i o n a l commandment

- The first f o u r commandments deal with my *relationship* with G o d
- The last s i x commandments deal with my *relationship* with o t h e r s
- The fifth commandment is f u n d a m e n t a l to understanding:
  - A proper *response* to a u t h o r i t y (Prov 27:11; Rom 13:1-5)
  - *Conduct* and *character* for good r e l a t i o n s h i p s in life (1 Peter 2:17)

To w h o m does the commandment a p p l y?

- To a n y o n e who has p a r e n t s.

W h a t does it mean to "h o n o r" my parents?

- *Kabed* = to make h e a v y, w e i g h t y, or to honor
- It means to give e s t e e m, r e s p e c t, and *honor*

H o w do I honor my parents?

I honor my parents by:

- O b e y i n g them (Proverbs 6:20-23; Ephesians 6:1)
- R e s p e c t i n g them (Leviticus 19:3, 32; 30:17)
- V a l u i n g their advice (Proverbs 1:8-9; 13:1)
- A p p r e c i a t i n g them (Proverbs 23:22-25)
- P r o v i d i n g for their needs (1 Timothy 5:3-4, 7-8; Mark 7:8-13)
- F o r g i v i n g their failings (Ephesians 4:31-32; Colossians 3:13; Hebrews 12:14-15)

W h y should I honor my parents?

- Because it is r i g h t (Ephesians 6:1)
- Because it p l e a s e s God (Colossians 3:20)
- Because it is the *foundation* for b l e s s i n g and l i f e (Ephesians 6:2-3; Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 5:16)

**Bringing it up close and personal...**

If I were to die today and stand before God would I be able to say to Him, "*Yes, Lord, I honored my mother and father*"?