

## HONOR THY PARENTS

### Exodus 20:12

**Introduction:** Everybody has or has had parents or at least one parent. Somebody gave birth, somebody nurtured, took care of, saw to the needs of that child. God expects children to respect their parents. When does one cease to be a "child" as long as his/her parents are alive? As a parent, do you still have a child/children even though he/she, they, may be grown and have children of their own? We are to honor our parents as long as we live.

### I. GOD COMMANDS THAT PARENTS BE HONORED BY THEIR CHILDREN

1. As God is honored as being God, the creator, sustainer, etc., so God commands mankind to honor its parents for parents are instruments of God.
2. God created and set in order the world and its inhabitants. He has placed in the hands of parents the awesome responsibility of populating the earth and THEN MOULDING EACH GENERATION of children into responsible adults. Each generation, good or bad is the product of its parents.
3. Parents don't have to prove themselves worthy or unworthy to be honored and obeyed. God has declared that they will be so honored.

### II. GOD HAS DIVIDED FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The woman, the wife, the mother, is to love and respect her husband. She is to accept his leadership and to work by his side.
2. The woman or mother bears the children and then raises them, teaching them during their formative years.
3. The woman, the wife is accountable to her husband before God.
4. The man, the husband is to love his wife, to respect her, to provide for her and to protect her and his family.
5. The husband is the provider, the leader, the spokesman and the priest of the family.
6. The husband is accountable to God for all the family.
7. Together, the mother and father are to bring their children up in the admonition of the Lord. They are not to provoke their children to anger, they are to look upon their children as gifts from God.

### **III. CHILDREN'S DUTIES TO THEIR PARENTS**

1. Children (grown men and women as well) are to honor their parents.
2. Children are to be obedient to their parents, even in their own adult lives.
3. Children are to care for their parents, especially in the needy years of their parents.

### **CONCLUSION:**

1. In God's eyes, according to the Bible, parents are next to HIM in receiving honor, reverence and obedience.
2. God has declared the husband/father to be accountable for his family.
3. When one is disrespectful, disobedient to his/her parents, God sees it as being done to him and that is punishable by death.
4. Therefore, every one of us is to honor our parents as long as we live.