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The Law of the LORD is perfect.

The Testimony of the LORD is sure.

The Statutes of the LORD are right.

The Commandment of the LORD is pure.

The Fear of the LORD is clean.

**The Judgments of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.**

Recent Instruction - 4

“More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.”

Psalm 19:10

Recent Instruction - 5

“Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.”

Psalm 19:11

Recent Instruction - 6

“Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.”

Romans 7:12

Recent Instruction - 7

“But it is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing, and not only when I am present with you.”

Galatians 4:18

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“Honour thy father and mother”

This is God’s perfect commandment.

Only He defines what *honour* means.

Only He puts any limits on *honour*.

He created and ordained both offices.

He perfectly chose both of your parents.

It is thee that must give the honour.

“(Which is the first commandment with promise;)”

God Himself attached the promise.

He reminds you of this unusual fact.

This commandment must be important.

God added a reward to honor parents.

The promises He added are rich indeed.

“That it may be well with thee,”

That you may have a prosperous life!

When God promises this, it is fabulous!

Everyone wants everything to go well.

Think career, spouse, family, money, etc.

Think spiritual fellowship with God.

Think joy, peace, hope, contented, etc.

**“And thou mayest live long
on the earth.”**

Physical health is added to prosperity.

Longevity is here, not in diet or exercise.

Longevity is here, not in any medicine.

These promises approach Solomon's!

And the cost? Simply honor your parents!

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Is Ephesians 6:2-3 Alone?

No! It is a quote of Exodus 20:12!

No! It is a quote of Deuteronomy 5:16!

No! Jesus quoted it in Matthew 15:4!

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Honoring Parents

One of the Ten Commandments.

Great reward promised for doing it.

Capital punishment for not doing it.

Foundation for all relationships.

Emphasized throughout the Bible.

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The Challenge - 2

“And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient ... **disobedient to parents ... Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.”**

Romans 1:28-32

The Challenge - 3

“For, behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, doth take away from Jerusalem and from Judah ... the mighty man ... and the prudent, and the ancient.... And I will give children to be their princes, and babes shall rule over them. And the people shall be oppressed ... the child shall behave himself proudly against the ancient, and the base against the honourable.

Isaiah 3:1-5

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Ten Commandments

I

Thou shalt have no
other gods before me

II

Thou shalt not make
unto thee any graven image

III

Thou shalt not take the name
of the LORD thy God in vain

IV

Remember the sabbath day,
to keep it holy

V

Honour thy father
and thy mother

VI

Thou shalt
not kill

VII

Thou shalt not
commit adultery

VIII

Thou shalt
not steal

IX

Thou shalt not bear false
witness against thy neighbour

X

Thou shalt
not covet

What Is Honor? - 1

God's commandments are *broad*.

The Fifth Commandment is *honor*.

Obedience is also a commandment.

***Honor* requires obedience, but obedience does not require *honor*.**

***Honor* is the key duty – we stress it.**

What Is Honor? - 2

Honoring widows is financial help.

As honoring God is financial giving.

It is grown children that do so.

It is requiting (repaying) parents.

It is demanded by God and nature.

What Is Honor? - 3

Related to *FEAR* (Lev 19:3).

**“Ye shall fear every man his mother,
and his father, and keep my
sabbaths: I am the LORD your God.”**

Leviticus 19:3

What Is Honor? - 4

Related to ***FEAR*** (Lev 19:3).

Related to ***RESPECT*** (Lev 19:15).

Related to ***RISING UP*** (Lev 19:32).

Related to ***MAKE HIGH*** (De 26:19).

What Is Honor? - 5

Related to *GLORY* (Ps 8:5).

Related to *PREFERRING* (Ro 12:10).

Related to *REVERENCE* (Heb 12:9).

What Is Honor? - 6

Opposite of *CURSING* (Ps 8:5).

Opposite of *SET LIGHT* (De 27:16).

Opposite of *DESPISING* (Pr 23:22).

Opposite of *NOT BLESS* (Pr 30:11).

Opposite of *EYE ROLL* (Pr 30:17).

What Is Honor? - 7

Fulfilling unspoken desires.

Eagerly obey beyond cooperation.

Never jesting with or about them.

Openly communicating when asked.

Following many matters of liberty.

What Is Honor? - 8

Gifts and services done voluntarily.

Complimenting, praising, thanking.

Cheerful in all dealings, without any begrudging respect.

Physical affection easy and sincere

Special treatment when possible.

What Is Honor? - 9

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Moses was an aged and great man.

Moses went to meet his father-in-law.

Moses did obeisance (bowed) to him.

Moses kissed him.

Moses asked about his welfare.

Moses took him into his home.

What Is Honor? - 11

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Solomon was a very great king.

He rose up to meet his mother.

He bowed himself unto her.

He ordered a special seat for her.

She sat in honor at his right hand.

What Is Honor? - 13

“When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, **Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, **Behold thy mother!** And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.”**

John 19:26-27

What Is Honor? - 14

Jesus was near death on the cross.

He was preoccupied with much.

He did not seek His mother's pity.

He made provisions for her welfare.

He presumed on a friend for honor.

How Important? - 1

Fifth Command of Almighty God

First commandment with a promise

Article of faith that infidels do well

Bible assumes parental reverence

Identified fault of false Christianity

How Important? - 2

God created the two offices.

God chose your two parents.

First authority relationship in life.

Violation is against God Himself.

Parental faults do not alter duty.

How Important? - 3

Enforced by capital punishment!

How Important? - 4

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“Cursed be he that setteth light by his father or his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen.”

Deuteronomy 27:16

How Important? - 9

“In thee have they set light by father and mother: in the midst of thee have they dealt by oppression with the stranger: in thee have they vexed the fatherless and the widow.”

Ezekiel 22:7

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“Whoso curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness.”

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The Blessing - 1

All men want to live well and long.

Here is how it is best accomplished

This is better than diet or exercise.

**Not honoring parents is suicide in
longevity ... career ... money ...
marriage ... family ... peace ... etc.!**

The Blessing - 2

Honor your parents to obtain honor.

Age destroys pleasure - give more.

You will sow whatever you reap.

God said is it good and acceptable.

God greatly blessed the Rechabites

Does Age Matter? - 1

Not at all ... except to increase it !!!!

Old children *honor* failing parents.

**Jesus condemned any other action,
even for purposes of worship.**

Jonadab's grandsons honored him.

Moses honored Jethro at over 80!

Does Age Matter? - 2

If your mother is old, when you cannot despise her, you are grown.

Isaac married dad's pick at 40.

Jacob sought dad's pick at 77.

Samson should have done so.

Parental Authority

Stop necessary marriage (Ex 22:16-17).

Sell daughters to be maids (Ex 21:7-11).

Annul any vow inconvenient (Nu 30:3-5).

Keep daughters single (I Cor 7:36-38).

Require matters of liberty (Jer 35).

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Miscellaneous - 1

It applies to unconverted parents.

Proven scorers do not get full honor.

It applies to in-laws and step-parents.

Guard against excessive familiarity.

There is nothing wrong with a good nursing home, if the honor is kept up.

Miscellaneous - 2

Marriage should always be approved.

Do your parents have any outstanding requests where you have delayed?

Do your parents have any needs you could fulfill to help and honor?

Could you creatively honor them with something special as a surprise?

Miscellaneous - 3

Do you praise your parents to your children?

Have you honored your parents by love, admiration, praise, and thanksgiving? How recently?

What can you do before you go to bed this night for your parents?

God's glory and your future are at risk.