

# Honor: The Culture of The Kingdom

## Honoring Parents

*KJV Exodus 20:12 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.*

For the most vulnerable years of a child's life the parents stand in the place of God. They care for every need the children have and ensure they're raised properly.

Parents care for their children in ways the children never know until they get older and have children themselves.

This is obviously referring to good godly parents who follow the Lord, not abusive ungodly parents who do not have the love of God in their hearts.

**So, rebellion against godly parents is considered rebellion against God!**

*Pro 6:20 My son, observe the commandment of your father, And do not forsake the teaching of your mother;*

*Pro 23:22 Listen to your father who begot you, And do not despise your mother when she is old.*

**Since God expects His children to Honor Him, it stands to reason He would expect His children's children to honor their fathers and mothers.**

*Deu 21:18 "If any man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey his father or his mother, and when they chastise him, he will not even listen to them, 19 then his father and his mother shall take hold of him and bring him out to the elders of his city at the gate of the place where he lives, 20 and they shall say to the elders of his city, 'This our son is stubborn and rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard.' 21 Then all the men of the city shall stone him to death with stones. So you shall purge the evil from your midst, and all Israel shall hear, and fear.*

This is the exact opposite of **Matt 3:17 & 17:5!** When The Father said from heaven about Jesus, *"This is my beloved Son in whom I'm well pleased, listen to Him!"*

Because Jesus honored and obeyed The Father, The Father honored Jesus by telling prominent and important people to listen to what He says!

Parents are the **first authority figures** in a person's life, how people learn to interact with authority begins at home!

Most of societies problems are the result of the lack of honor at home!

Of course, this teaching is not meant to condemn or make anyone feel bad, yet God knows the best way to live together and thrive is Honoring Him and His ways!

*ESV Ephesians 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.*

*GWN Exodus 21:1 The LORD continued, "Here are the legal decisions to be used by the Israelites:*

*ESV Exodus 21:15 "Whoever strikes his father or his mother shall be put to death.*

*ESV Exodus 21:17 "Whoever curses his father or his mother shall be put to death.*

**God says whoever can sink to the level of hitting their parents is worthy of death!**

To **curse** parents is to invoke (ask God) to let evil come upon them and harm them!

Anyone who can ask God to harm the people that brought them into the world who cared for them, nurtured them and raised them has serious character flaws.

God says this type of person should not continue living on earth because if they feel this way about their parents, **no life will be sacred to them.**

**Honor extends to older mature people who are not our parents.**

*GWN 1 Timothy 5:1 Never use harsh words when you correct an older man, but talk to him as if he were your father. Talk to younger men as if they were your brothers, 2 older women as if they were your mothers, and younger women as if they were your sisters, while keeping yourself morally pure.*

This teaches us how to live together **morally, ethically and civically!**

Honoring seniors because of their age and status in life is right!

*GWN 1 Timothy 5:3 Honor widows who have no families.*

*4 But if a widow has children or grandchildren, these should learn first of all to put their religion into practice by caring for their own family and so repaying their parents and grandparents, for this is pleasing to God.*

It's honorable for children to take care of their parents when they get too old to care for themselves!

If a widow has no children, then the community should come together and help care for her!

**As we honor God, we can't help but realize we must honor our parents!**

*KJV Deuteronomy 5:16 Honour thy father and thy mother, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.*

*ESV Ephesians 6:2 "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise) ...!*

God makes a promise to His Kingdom citizens, as we honor our parents, He promises to give us long life and good things will happen for us!

God also promises the opposite will be the case: We won't live very long, and things won't go well in our lives!

**If things aren't going so well in your life, maybe its how your treating your father and mother!**

**Your parents may be deceased or unknown, so honor the people who play the role of parents in your life!**

The apostle Paul **wasn't married or had children of his own**, but he had spiritual children, one of which was Timothy!

*2 Timothy 3:1 But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty.*

*2 For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, **disobedient to their parents**, ungrateful, unholy,*

*3 heartless, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good,*

*4 False to their friends, acting without thought, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God.*

Remember **rebellion** against parents is considered rebellion against God!

**If people can rebel against their own parents, an honorable and civil society breaks down crime escalates and soon chaos and anarchy result!**

*<sup>GWN</sup> 1 Corinthians 4:16 So I encourage you to imitate me.*

*17 That is why I sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach them everywhere in every church.*

*2 Timothy 1:2 To Timothy, my dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.*

*3 I constantly remember you in my prayers night and day when I thank God, whom I serve with a clear conscience as my ancestors did.*

The name **Timothy** means "**One who honors God**"!