

Ep. 1161: What Does Honoring Your Father and Mother Look Like?

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- 1. What concept do the first four Commandments revolve around? Explain how they build layers upon this concept. (See Exodus 20:1-11)
- 2. What do the next six Commandments teach us about? When we look at the whole body of Commandments, we see they are an integrated series of foundational principles on which to build what? How does this change the way you understood the Ten Commandments? (See Exodus 20:1-17)
- 3. How are the first Commandment and the fifth Commandment related? Does the phrase, that your days may be long in the land your God is giving you, a reward or a consequence? How do we know? Why is honoring parents so important? (See Exodus 20:3,12, Leviticus 19:1-4, Deuteronomy 27:14-16)
- 4. Should children always obey their parents, even if the parental instructions are immoral, illegal or dangerous? Reconcile your answer with Ephesians 6:1-4. What would be a good course of action for these children?
- 5. If we, as adults, have parents who attempt to influence us in a negative, destructive way, do we still honor them? Does this mean we go along with them or do not oppose them? How do we stay righteous and yet honor a destructive parent?
- 6. What is the principle we see demonstrated by Paul in Acts 5:27-29? What is the order we must follow as Christians in our dealings with all others in our lives? If we know that no matter what we do, our parents will not become more righteous in their ways, why should we still do our best to honor and prize them?
- 7. If we are married or an independent single person, how much should our parents influence our lives? What is the order of our priorities now? Why can we say this? (See Genesis 2:23-24, Matthew 19:6) In what must we be firm with our parents?
- 8. What are seven key essentials to follow in honoring your parents? How do you honor your parents? How can you "prize" them even more? (See Psalms 92:12-15, Ecclesiastes 12:1-2, Job 12:12, Leviticus 19:32, Proverbs 23:22-25, 1 Timothy 5:8, Micah 6:8)
- 9. What can you do to implement one or all of these seven keys in the lives of your parents or someone else older in your life who could use the honor you bring? Think of your spiritual parents or mentors, as these are also "parents".

