

Open The Light

*For God, who commanded the light
to shine out of darkness,
hath shined in our hearts,
to give the light of the knowledge
of the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.*

2 Corinthians 4:6

*Character Building
In A Relationship with God*

*He that believeth on me, **as the scripture hath said**, out
of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. **John 7:38***

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Study 12

Enjoy as much of the study as you can each day, with prayer. Remember, Bible study is about getting to know God and His love for you.

Walking in God's Law

The 5th Commandment

Remember, before opening God's word, say prayer, asking of God for the Holy Spirit to guide you into His love, in the Name of our Blessed Saviour Jesus Christ. Pray for the blessing of remembrance, that you may meditate upon them throughout your days in the Name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Honour thy father and thy mother

Look up and read Exodus 20:12 and Deuteronomy 5:16 then write one of the verses out on the lines below.

What does it mean to honour thy father and thy mother?

Honour: to prize, that is, fix a valuation upon; by implication to revere: - honour, value.

(References from the Strong's Concordance)

Verb

2, Respect, value, esteem, prize, appreciate, admire, adore, revere, glorify, reverence, exalt, venerate, hallow • Honour your parents, that's what the Bible says.

(References from the Collins online Dictionary)

Obey

To hear under (as a subordinate), that is, to listen attentively; by implication to heed or conform to a command or authority: - hearken, be obedient to, obey.

(References from the Strong's Concordance)

Verb

1 = submit to, surrender (to), give way to, succumb to, bow to, give in to, yield to, be ruled by, serve, defer to, cave in to (informal), take orders from, do what you are told by • Kassie obeyed her mother without question.

Opposites: rebel, disobey

2 = submit, yield, surrender, give in, give way, succumb, cave in, toe the line, knuckle under (informal), do what is expected, come to heel, get into line.

3 = carry out, follow, perform, respond to, implement, fulfil, execute, discharge, act upon, and carry through.

Opposites: ignore, defy, violate, disregard, contravene, disobey, and transgress

4 = abide by, keep, follow, comply with, observe, mind, embrace, hold to, heed, conform to, keep to, adhere to, be ruled by • Most people obey the law.

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Read the following scriptures which give examples of honour and obedience to parents.

And Israel said unto Joseph, Do not thy brethren feed the flock in Shechem? come, and I will send thee unto them. And he said to him, Here am I. And he said to him, Go, I pray thee, see whether it be well with thy brethren, and well with the flocks; and bring me word again. So he sent him out of the vale of Hebron, and he came to Shechem. [Genesis 37:13-14](#).

Open your Bible to the book of Ruth and read the four chapters. While reading, look out for all the places where Ruth honored and obeyed her mother in-law. And note then down in the lines below.

In what ways did Ruth honor her mother-in-law?

Remember to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in Jesus name each time you study God's word. At the start and end of your study, pray.

Continue to read the following scriptures which give examples of honour and obedience to parents.

Esther had not showed her people nor her kindred: for Mordecai had charged her that she should not show it. [Esther 2:10](#). ... Esther had not yet

showed her kindred nor her people; as Mordecai had charged her: for Esther did the commandment of Mordecai, like as when she was brought up with him. [Esther 2:20](#). Ester obeyed the words of Mordecai even in her adulthood.

Look up and read the story of the two sons in [Matthew 21:28-32](#).

Which son showed honor to his father?

Read Luke chapter 12 verses 13 to 15. Then answer the question. Is it honorable to desire the things of our parents, after they die, if they were not left to us?

It may be hard to except if this truly did happen to us. However, if our heart is with God, we will be trusting in Him in faith and believing He will supply all our needs, just as the Word of God says, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." [Philippians 4:19](#).

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction. My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother: For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck. My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not. [Proverbs 1:7-10](#).

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Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old. [Proverbs 23:22](#).

My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother: Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck. When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee. For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life: [Proverbs 6:20-23](#).

My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man. Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones. [Proverbs 3:1-8](#).

Honor and obedience to our Heavenly Father comes first, which are the first four Commandments.

Read Proverbs chapter 3. These words, when followed in love for God, contain the same promise as Exodus 20:12 and Deuteronomy 5:16. Not just on earth but in the Eternal Kingdom.

Read Proverbs chapter 4 and Proverbs 1:7-9; 13:1.

Remember, Children, are to obey their parents "[in the Lord](#): for this is right." [Ephesians 6:1](#). If either one, or both, of our parents walk not with God, we are to honor and obey them in the laws of God; outside of the laws of God, we must make a stand for the will of God, before man, always in love. "... for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve." [Matthew 4:10](#).

[Talking bad or slander](#) (- defamation in some transient form, as by spoken words, gestures, etc, a slanderous statement, etc) our parents is not honoring them. It destroys us and our relationship with our parents. If we only have bad things to say about them, say nothing. It is better to speak well of them in truth or say nothing at all. It is God's Law for us to honor our parent, obey God and He will guide us.

When we honor our parents, we end up knowing how to honor others that have rule over us. Example: Our Boss, teachers, King, or Queen. Again, this is within the laws of God; outside of the laws of God we must make a stand for the will of God. "... for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve." [Matthew 4:10](#). In the fervent desire to put God first in our lives, God will help us through Christ Jesus, filling us with the Holy Spirit, to walk as He would have us walk.

Look up the following and take note how we can apply these words in our relationship with our parents as well.

[Psalms 119:75-77, 128-134](#).

[Romans 12:2-3](#).

[1 Corinthians 15:57-58](#).

[Ephesians 5:21; 6:5-9](#).

[Colossians 3:16 - 4:1](#).

[1 Timothy 5:4](#).

[1 Peter 2:9-24](#).

Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your God am holy. Ye shall fear every man his mother, and his father, and keep my sabbaths: I am the LORD your God. [Leviticus 19:2-3](#).

The sad truth of no honor towards Parents.

There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother. [Proverbs 30:11](#).

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The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it. [Proverbs 30:17.](#)

If a man have a stubborn and rebellious son, which will not obey the voice of his father, or the voice of his mother, and that, when they have chastened him, will not hearken unto them: Then shall his father and his mother lay hold on him, and bring him out unto the elders of his city, and unto the gate of his place; And they shall say unto 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. And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die: so shalt thou put evil away from among you; and all Israel shall hear, and fear. [Deuteronomy 21:18-21.](#)

This scripture above would have been hard for a parent to do. When we spend time in God's word, we will learn the following: "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" [Romans 6:16.](#) "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. [Romans 6:23.](#) "That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord." [Romans 5:21.](#) We will also know that "...The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, nor the children be put to death for the fathers; but every man shall be put to death for his own sin." [2 Kings 14:6.](#) Yet, this does not as God fearing parents excuse neglect in raising up a child in the way he should go, in the Lord. As [Proverbs 22:6,](#) says, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

"Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. Do not err, my beloved brethren. Every good gift and

every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." [James 1:12-17.](#)

Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. [Colossians 3:20.](#) "in all things" mean within the laws of God; outside of this we must make a stand for the will of God. "... for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve." [Matthew 4:10.](#) "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." [Matthew 7:21.](#) Our prayer should be, "Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness." [Psalms 143:10.](#)

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This Commandment applies to all children, therefore, it applies to all the living. We Are to Honour our father and our mother: regardless of age, that our days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth to us. Read [Exodus 20:12.](#)

In closing your study time with God today, Pray; I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart. [Psalm 40:8.](#) *And ask God to guide you always to seek His will in all that you plain to do, and to walk in His will throughout your life in Christ Jesus. Remember to pray for others and then your need, as we should let our* "requests be made known unto God." [Philippians 4:6.](#) "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." [Proverbs 3:6.](#) Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen. [1Timothy 1:17.](#)