

WHY WE SHOULD HONOR OUR MOTHERS AND FATHERS

Introduction:

- A. Parents are those who gave us life; those who took care of us when we could do nothing for ourselves; those who supplied our needs.**
- B. Honor means to hold in high esteem, to respect; to give special attention to; to submit to; to obey; to show preference.**
- C. To honor mother and father is not just giving a special gift on a special day; to honor parents is to hold them in high regard; to give special attention to; to obey them; to submit to their preference; to respect their decision; to show publicly high regard for them.**
- D. Let us note some reasons why we should honor our mothers and our fathers.**

I. WE SHOULD HONOR THEM BECAUSE GOD COMMANDS IT.

- A. Exodus 20:12 *Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God hath given thee.***
- B. Ephesians 6:3 *Honor thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise:) That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.***

II. WE SHOULD HONOR OUR PARENTS BECAUSE IT IS WELL PLEASING UNTO GOD.

Colossians 3:20 *Children, obey your parents in all things; for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.*

III. WE SHOULD HONOR OUR PARENTS BECAUSE JESUS SET THE EXAMPLE.

- A. Luke 2:51 *And He went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them:***
- B. John 19:26, 27 *When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple standing by, whom He loved, He saith unto His mother, Woman behold thy son! Then said He to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.***

IV. WE SHOULD HONOR OUR PARENTS BECAUSE IT IS RIGHT.

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

V. WE SHOULD HONOR OUR PARENTS SO THAT WE MAY INCREASE IN WISDOM AND STATURE, AND IN FAVOUR WITH GOD AND MAN.

Luke 2:52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

VI. WE SHOULD HONOR OUR PARENTS BECAUSE COMMON SENSE DEMANDS IT.

CONCLUSIONS:

- A. Parents, children must be taught to honor you during their growing up years.**
- B. Teach them to obey you; insist that they obey you; demand that they obey you.**
- C. Children by nature cry out for someone to take control of their lives. Parents are those who should. (Illustration of John in summer camp)**
- D. Parents, set the example by honoring each other and by honoring your own parents in person or in memory.**