

# HONORING FATHER AND MOTHER

## THE WEIGHTY COMMANDMENT

### Sermon Questions

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ “table” of the law contain our duties toward God, the second, toward men.
2. The family plays a prominent role in Scripture and theology. (True/False)
3. The 5<sup>th</sup> commandment only applies to children living at home. (True/False)
4. List the 5 ways we ought to honor our parents and those in authority over us

AND give one example how we might do it:

- i. \_\_\_\_\_ Example: \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. \_\_\_\_\_ Example: \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii. \_\_\_\_\_ Example: \_\_\_\_\_
  - iv. \_\_\_\_\_ Example: \_\_\_\_\_
  - v. \_\_\_\_\_ Example: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Parents also have a duty to be honorable. (True/False)
  6. List the five motivations to obey this command.
    - i. It is a solemn \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
    - ii. It \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord.
    - iii. You’re a \_\_\_\_\_ to your parents.
    - iv. It is \_\_\_\_\_.
    - v. You’ve received the greatest \_\_\_\_\_.

## Discussion Questions

1. The sermon described five practical ways to honor parents (and those in authority): obey, serve, respect, listen, and defend. Which of these five feels most challenging or convicting? Why?
2. The sermon critiqued modern practices like institutional nursing homes which can excuse us from personally serving and caring for aging parents (Matthew 15:3–6). What are your thoughts? What practical steps might your family need to take—or begin planning for—so that honoring aging parents is lived out in a biblical way?
3. Parents are exhorted to “be honorable” so that it is easier for children to obey and respect them. If you are a parent (or hope to be one), what one or two character qualities or habits do you most want to cultivate so your children will find it easier to honor you?
4. The message closed by reminding us that grace—our secure standing in Christ—is the fuel and safety net for obedience, not a license to disobey. Where have you recently failed to honor a parent, authority figure, or elder? How does the gospel give you courage to repent, make it right where possible, and press forward in obedience rather than staying paralyzed by guilt?
5. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon?

## Discussion Questions for Children

1. What are some ways you can show honor every day—like obeying right away, helping without being asked, or saying kind words? Pick one thing you could try this week.
2. The Bible says that when we honor our parents, God promises our days will go well and we might live a long, happy life (Deuteronomy 5:16). Can you think of a time when you obeyed your mom or dad quickly, and something good happened afterward?