

# Honoring My Parents

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## Building Strong Families Series

### Take Home Handout

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*"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother"— which is the first commandment with a promise— "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord." Ephesians 6:1-4 (NIV)*

WHY DID GOD GIVE THIS COMMANDMENT? Because...

There are no \_\_\_\_\_ parents!

Respect for \_\_\_\_\_ begins at home.

How I relate to my parents will affect every other \_\_\_\_\_.

## HOW TO HONOR MY PARENTS

1. AS A CHILD, I HONOR MY PARENTS BY \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_ THEM.

*"Children, obey your parents; this is the right thing to do because God has placed them in authority over you." Ephesians 6:1(LB)*

2. AS A YOUNG PERSON, I HONOR MY PARENTS BY \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_ THEM.

*"Listen to your father who gave you your life and do not despise your mother." Proverbs 23:22*

Acceptance includes:

- Realizing that God used them to \_\_\_\_\_ the world.
- Listening to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Acceptance includes \_\_\_\_\_.

Appreciation:

*"When your mother is old, show her your appreciation." Proverbs 23:32 (GN)*

I can appreciate my parent's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

3. AS AN ADULT, I HONOR MY PARENTS BY \_\_\_\_\_ & NOT  
\_\_\_\_\_ THEM.

*"Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power go act."*  
Proverbs 3:27 (NIV)

*"Anyone who won't care for his own relatives when they need help, especially his own family,  
has no right to say he is a Christian. Such a person is worse than the heathen."*  
1Timothy 5:8 (LB)

*"They should ... put their religion into practice by caring for their own family and so repaying  
their parents and grandparents, for this is pleasing to God." 1Timothy 5:4*

*"When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to  
his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From  
that time on, this disciple took her into his home. John 19:26-27 (NIV)*

A word to parents: Be `honorable'!

*"And now a word to you parents; Don't keep on scolding and nagging your children, making  
them angry and resentful. Rather, bring them up with loving discipline..." Ephesians 6:4 (LB)*

*"But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a  
large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea." Matthew 18:6 (NIV)*

A word to those without parents:

*"My father and mother may abandon me, but the Lord will take care of me." Psalm 27:10 (GN)*