

RELATIONSHIPS THAT WORK: ADULT CHILDREN WITH PARENTS

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FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES:

Exodus 20:12 (NIV) “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

Proverbs 1:8 (NIV) Listen, my son, to your father’s instruction and do not forsake your mother’s teaching.

Proverbs 6:20 (NIV) My son, keep your father’s commands and do not forsake your mother’s teaching.

Ephesians 6:1-4 (NIV) 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.

Colossians 3:20 (NIV) Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

Genesis 2:24 (NIV) For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

INFORMATIONAL SCRIPTURES:

Leviticus 19:3 (NIV) “Each of you must respect his mother and father, and you must observe my Sabbaths. I am the LORD your God.

Matthew 15:4 (NIV) For God said, ‘Honor your father and mother’ and ‘Anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death.’

INSTRUCTIONAL SCRIPTURES:

Philippians 4:8 (NIV) Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

1 Timothy 5:4 (NIV) But if a widow has children or grandchildren, these should learn first of all to put their religion into practice by caring for their own family and so repaying their parents and grandparents, for this is pleasing to God.

Two Biblical Principles:

1) Honoring your father and mother is a _____
expression of your love for them. Obeying your parents is required
until you are _____.

Examples:

- Jesus (Luke 2:41-52, Mark 3:31-34, 21, John 2:1-10, John 19:25-27)
- Joseph (Genesis 37-50)

Other Examples:

- David (1 Samuel 22:3)
- Solomon (1 Kings 2:19)
- Elisha (1 Kings 19:20)

2) Honoring your parents, as an adult child, includes _____
and a _____ for their highest
good, even if it requires _____.



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Mark 7:9-13 (NIV) And he said to them: "You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions! For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'Anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death.' But you say that if a man says to his father or mother: 'Whatever help you might otherwise have received from me is Corban' (that is, a gift devoted to God), then you no longer let him do anything for his father or mother. Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that."

Matthew 6:33 (NIV) But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

How to Begin a Relationship with Jesus

Believe that Jesus is who He said He was, that He came and died on the cross, and that He arose from the dead three days later.

Acknowledge your sins and ask God to forgive you.

Submit yourself to follow God's teachings for life.

Express your desire to have this kind of relationship to God.

For more information about what it means to become a follower of Christ or what to do after you make a decision to follow Jesus, speak to one of the elders or pastors following the service today (they can be found by the prayer room in the church lobby) or contact the church office (717-762-7147) to set up an appointment. You may also request materials and find additional information to help you on your spiritual journey on our website by clicking on the "Beginning Your Journey" link.

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