

HONOR YOUR FATHER
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EX. 20:12

- Different scenarios: Couldn't have children, never knew dad, abandoned by dad, abused, rebellious child, death took dad or child.
- The context: Deliverance from Egypt, amazing miracles and provision, now at Sinai commandments are given for their benefit as they enter the land of promise.
- The first four target their relationship with God: Put God first, worship God alone, Honor God's Name, honor God's day.
- The last six target man's relationship with man: Honor parents, don't murder, don't commit adultery, don't steal, don't bear false witness, and don't covet.

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1. Why?

- A.** It's commanded. **LEV. 19:1-3**
- B.** It pleases God. **COL. 3:20**
- C.** It's promise. **EPH. 6:1-3** – Well days and long life.
 - “Get on the bus” our neighbor boy was told as his parents left for work. He didn't and along with a friend cut school only to die from a fatal gun shot wound as they were playing with a gun.
- D.** Gratitude.
 - Roof over our head, provided food, clothing, transportation, advice, pointed you to Jesus.
- E.** His life experience gained from two schools: Education, hard knocks.
 - **PR. 15:32 (TLB)** “If you profit from constructive criticism, you will be elected to the wise man's hall of fame. But to reject criticism is to harm yourself and your own best interests.
- F.** The curse. **DEUT. 27:16 (NLT)**
 - Rebellion against one's father is rebellion against God. The precept prohibits irreverent acts of dishonor or unkindness in any form.
 - **DEUT. 21:18-21 (NLT)** – Dishonoring parents was punishable by death.

2. How?

- A.** Show respect for who he is.
 - **PR. 23:22a (NLT)** – He gave you life, your name and identity, you wouldn't be here without him.
 - **1 COR. 11:3** – He's your primary authority figure under God. Respect for authority or lack thereof starts at home and carries over to school and all other authority figures.
 - **MAL. 1:6 (NLT)** – He's the one you've been commanded to honor, value and hold in high regard.
- B.** Being appreciative for all he's done. **MAL. 4:6 (NLT)**
 - Food, clothing, shelter, support, advice, church, education, help, presence.
 - “How sharper than a serpents tooth it is to have a thankless child – Shakespeare.
- C.** Live so as not to discredit his name.
 - **PR. 28:7 (ESV)** – We carry our father's name. Our actions can bring honor or dishonor to the family name.
 - By using poor judgement we can bring shame to the family name. Our actions can honor or shame the family name and more importantly honor or dishonor God's name.

CONCLUSION: No Father is perfect, only God. Most fathers work hard to give their children a better life. Prize your father highly, obey his authority care for him enough to bring honor to his name.