

Exodus 20:12

Living Free: Giving Mom and Dad Their Due

1. Relationship Shaper

A. Like Father like daughter or son

If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

John 15:10 NASB

"Speak to all the congregation of the sons of Israel and say to them, 'You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. Every one of you shall reverence his mother and his father, and you shall keep My sabbaths; I am the Lord your God.'" Leviticus 19:2-3 NASB

And He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets." Matthew 22:37-40 NASB

B. Not Freudian

'If there is anyone who curses his father or his mother, he shall surely be put to death; he has cursed his father or his mother, his blood guiltiness is upon him.'" Leviticus 20:9 NASB

"Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel."- Exodus 19:5-6 NASB

2. Honor and It's Reward

A. Beyond Recognition and Lower than Worship

'You shall rise up before the gray-headed and honor the aged, and you shall revere your God; I am the Lord.'" Leviticus 19:32 NASB

B. Love and self-giving.

"This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends." John 15:12-13 NASB

3. An Eye to Eternity

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for **this is right**. Honor your father and mother (which is the first commandment with a promise), so that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth. Ephesians 6:1-3 NASB

A. Relationship is still the key

For by grace, you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them. Ephesians 2:8-10 NASB

B. Jesus and Paul's "short" lives

Do this, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now, salvation is nearer to us than when we believed. The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore, let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Romans 13:11-12 NASB

Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near. Philippians 4:5 NASB

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." John 3:16 NASB

C. The Importance of our parents and our parenting is eternal

D. An Opportunity for healing

'See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; ' Hebrews 12:15 ESV

Reflection:

1. *How do you honor your parents?*
2. *How has your relationship with your parents been eternal? If you have children how has your relationship with them been eternal?*