# How Shall the Young Honor Your Father and Mother?

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## INTRODUCTION

- All of those roles are absolutely necessary to have a godly home. When someone doesn't do their part, then the whole family suffers.
- Your role in the home is one of obedience. You are under authority. You are charged by God to honor your father and your mother.
- If you want to have a good home, you go back to the beginning to the instruction manual that God put together.

## 1 Your Parents Think of You as a Blessing

**Psalm 127:1–5; Luke 2:19; Luke 2:51**

- According to the scriptures, your parents think of you as a blessing.
- Behold, children are a gift of the Lord. The fruit of the womb is a reward.
- You are not an inconvenience to them. They prayed for you. They wanted to have children. And so you are a blessing from God to them.
- While you think your parents are plotting how to make your life miserable, they're on their knees before God's throne, praying for you.
- But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.
- Some relationships we get to choose who we're related to. Our friends, our co-workers. But with your parents, God chose.

## 2 Your Parents Discipline You Because They Love You

**Proverbs 13:24; Hebrews 12:4–13; 1 Corinthians 11:32**

- He who spares his rod hates his son. But he who loves him disciplines him diligently. Discipline is a response of love.
- You need to recognize that they have a God-given authority over you.
- For those whom the Lord loves, he disciplines, and he scourges every son whom he receives.
- Did you know that your parents want you to go to heaven? And your parents are trying to keep you on the road to heaven.
- God disciplines us to keep us out of hell. Our earthly mother and father discipline us so that we may continue on the path that pleases him.
- If we refuse discipline, we are not his disciples.

## 3 Your Parents Will Give an Account to God

**Ephesians 6:1–4; Exodus 20:12**

- They will stand in judgment for how they have performed their role in the home.
- Commandment number five, honor your father and your mother. And there was a promise attached to that commandment, that it may be well with you, and that you may live long in the land.
- When we're taught at a young age to respect authority, we will most likely be people who grow up and then have a respect for godly authority.
- And fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.
- Give your parents some understanding. They're going to give an account for how they've raised you. They will answer to their father for you.
- Your parents only have you for a very short time. And you will take with you what your parents instilled within you those first years of your life.

THE CHALLENGE

Would that perhaps give you a greater emphasis of doing your part to make certain that the home is what it ought to be?

MY NOTES