

Fifth Word: Loving those who loved you first
(Exodus 20.12; 08-02-20am)

Central Thought: We honor God by honoring our parents

I. Creating a culture of honoring parents

A. In the Home

Parents model honoring (Eph 6.1-4)

Parents teach honoring (Deut 6.4-7; cf. Prov 1.8-9)

B. In the Church

Nurture children by equipping parents

Encourage children by demonstrating dignity/respect for oldest members

Prepare children by serving as parents for the spiritually orphaned

C. In hearts and habits of children (Ex 21.15, 17; Deut 21.18-21)

Honor by respecting

Honor by caring

1) before they get old

2) after they get old

II. Honoring parents pleases God – the Promise (cf. Deut 5.16)

God is looking out for you

God is looking in on you

God is looking to have a relationship with you

Concluding thoughts:

1. To honor parents is to honor God
2. Honoring parents does not begin or end when children leave the home
3. God wants His saints to care for those who can't care for themselves (1 Tim 5.3-4)
4. God is the only perfect parent