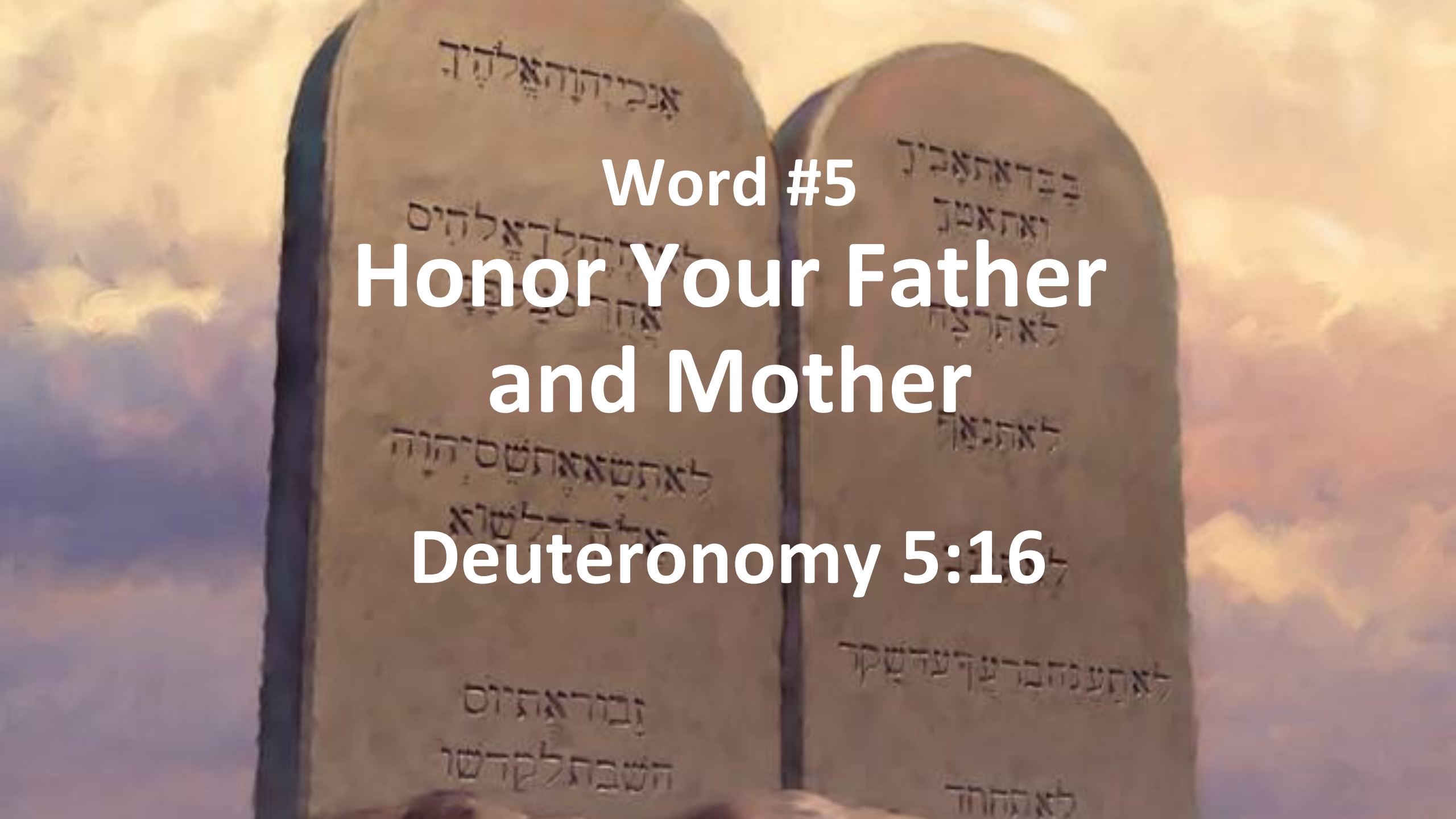


# Deuteronomy

## A Call to Covenant Renewal



Word #5

# Honor Your Father and Mother

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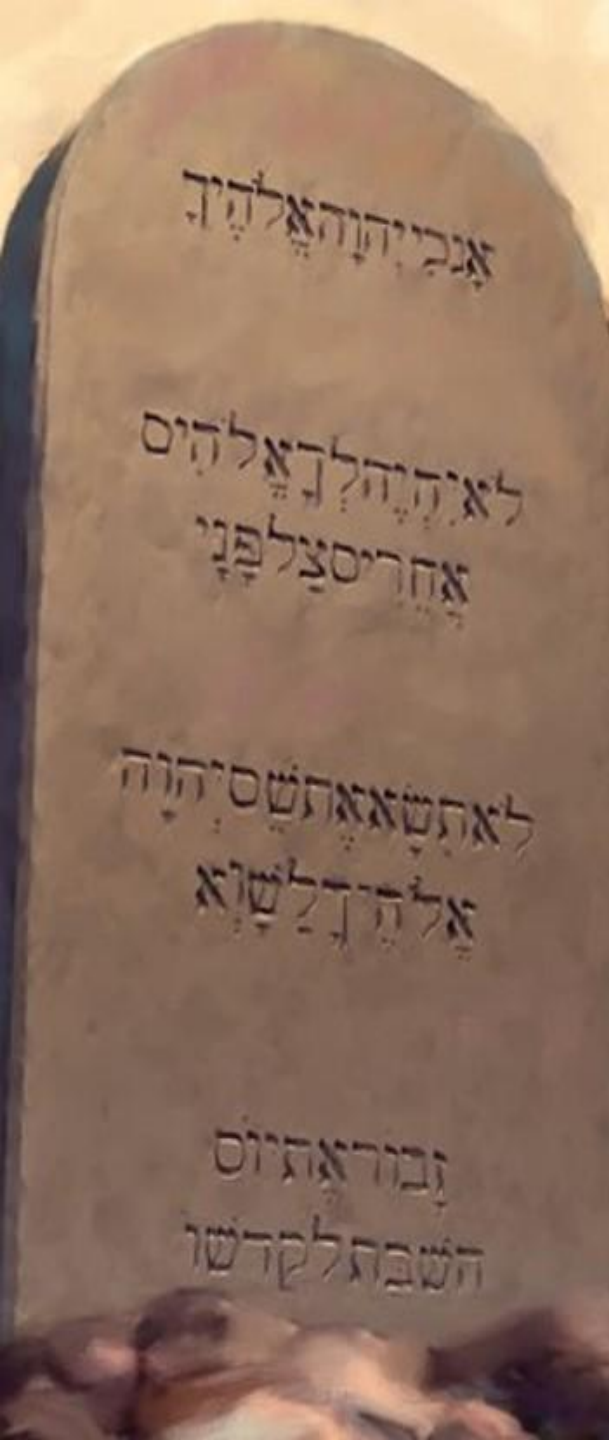
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# Main Idea

The 5<sup>th</sup> Word teaches that God expects us to honor our parents and thereby learn to honor Him and all peoples.





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**Ephesians 6:1**

Children, obey your parents **in the Lord**,  
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## **Note:**

God the Father is the only  
father truly worthy of honor.

But parents serve as conduits  
through which we honor Him.

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**Because it is the foundation  
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Though this applies to individuals,  
it is not an *individualistic* statement.

Families are not independent islands!

Where right discipline  
is not given or received,  
social ills will prevail!

**Proverbs 13:18**

Poverty and shame will come to him who neglects discipline, but he who regards reproof will be honored.

**Proverbs 29:15-16**

The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child who gets his own way brings shame to his mother.

When the wicked increase, transgression increases;  
But the righteous will see their fall.

## **Important Note:**

The health of a family is **not** ultimately what determines the outcome for a child.

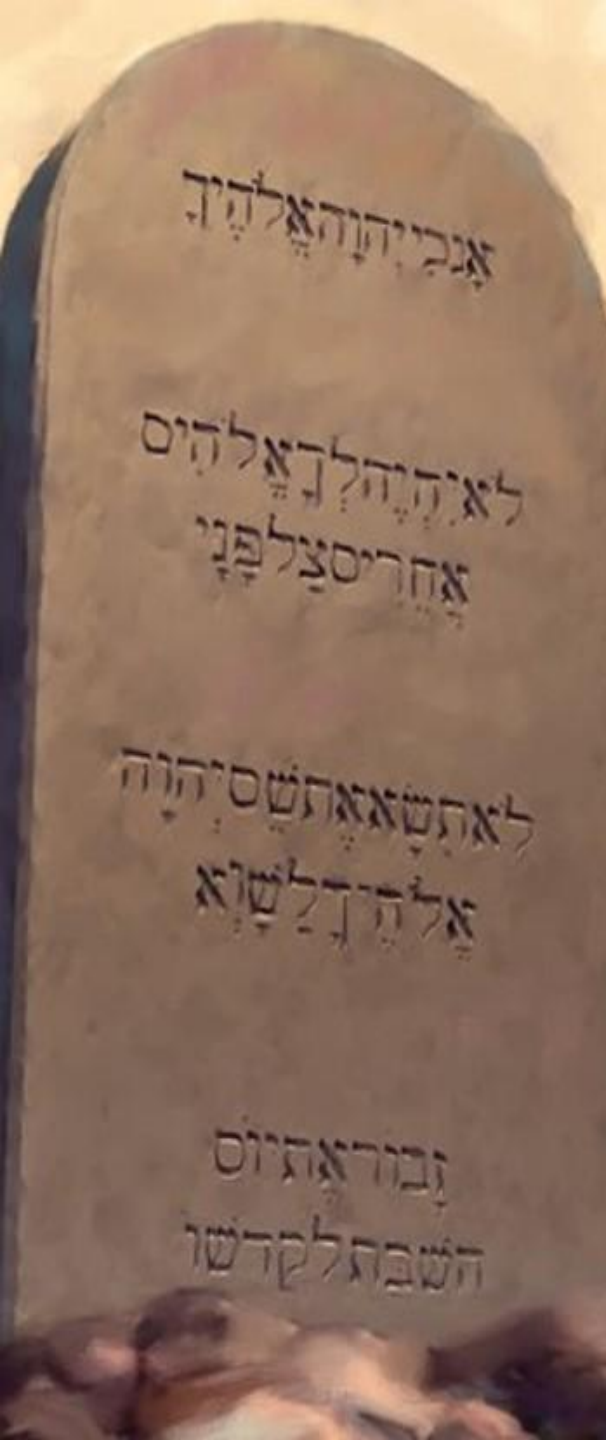
**It is God's grace!**



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Honor = “to make heavy”

To honor someone is to give proper weight to how you think about and respond to him.

**It is to *esteem* him rightly.**

## Malachi 1:6

“A son **honors** his father, and a servant his master.

Then if I am a father, where is My **honor**?

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To honor is to think and respond  
in keeping with identity.

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## **To submit gladly.**

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**1 Peter 2:17-18**

**Honor** all men; love the brotherhood,  
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Servants, **be submissive** to your masters  
with all respect...

To honor someone is to **gladly**  
submit to their rightful authority.  
We wrongly equate submission  
or obedience with a *begrudging*  
consent of the will.

**1 John 5:3**

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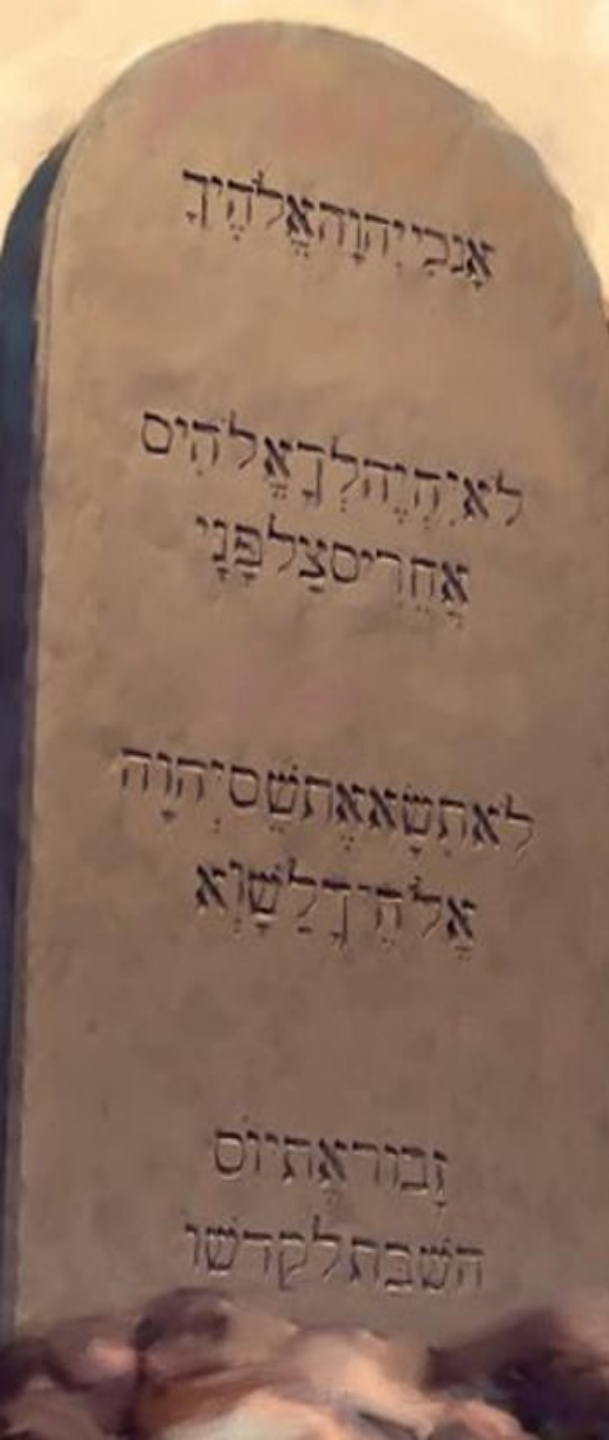
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**By way of instruction.**

**Deuteronomy 5:16**

Honor your father and your mother,  
as the LORD your God commanded you.

**Deuteronomy 6:6-7**

And these words that I command you today  
shall be on your heart.

**You shall teach them diligently to your children.**



Children do not come into the world  
pre-programmed for submission;  
they are born sinners, pre-dispositioned  
to foolish autonomy.

**Proverbs 22:15**

Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child;  
The rod of discipline will remove it far from him.

**The rod of discipline = The rod of instruction**

**Proverbs 23:13-14**

Do not hold back discipline (*instruction*) from the child,  
Although you beat him with the rod, he will not die.  
You shall beat him with the rod,  
And deliver his soul from Sheol.

Children *need* ***you*** as their parent  
to teach them how to submit to  
authority for their own well-being.

*To withhold right discipline from  
your child is to **hate** him!*

**Proverbs 13:24**

He who spares his rod **hates** his son,  
But he who loves him disciplines him diligently.

**Proverbs 19:18**

Discipline your son while there is hope,  
And do not desire his death.

**Why is this so hard?**

**Because...**

“All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful,  
but sorrowful...

yet to those who have been trained by it, **afterwards** it  
yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.”

**Hebrews 12:11**

**Faithful discipline requires faith!**

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Respect is not simply a show.

Respect is a right way  
of *thinking* that results in  
a right way of *treating*.

# **How should children honor their parents?**

By way of instruction.

By way of respect.

# **By way of glad submission.**

## 1 Peter 2:13-16

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It does not honor a parent or  
any authority to sit down on the outside  
while standing on the inside.

Glad submission is not so much  
gladness in the *act* of obeying as it  
is gladness in the *one* being obeyed.

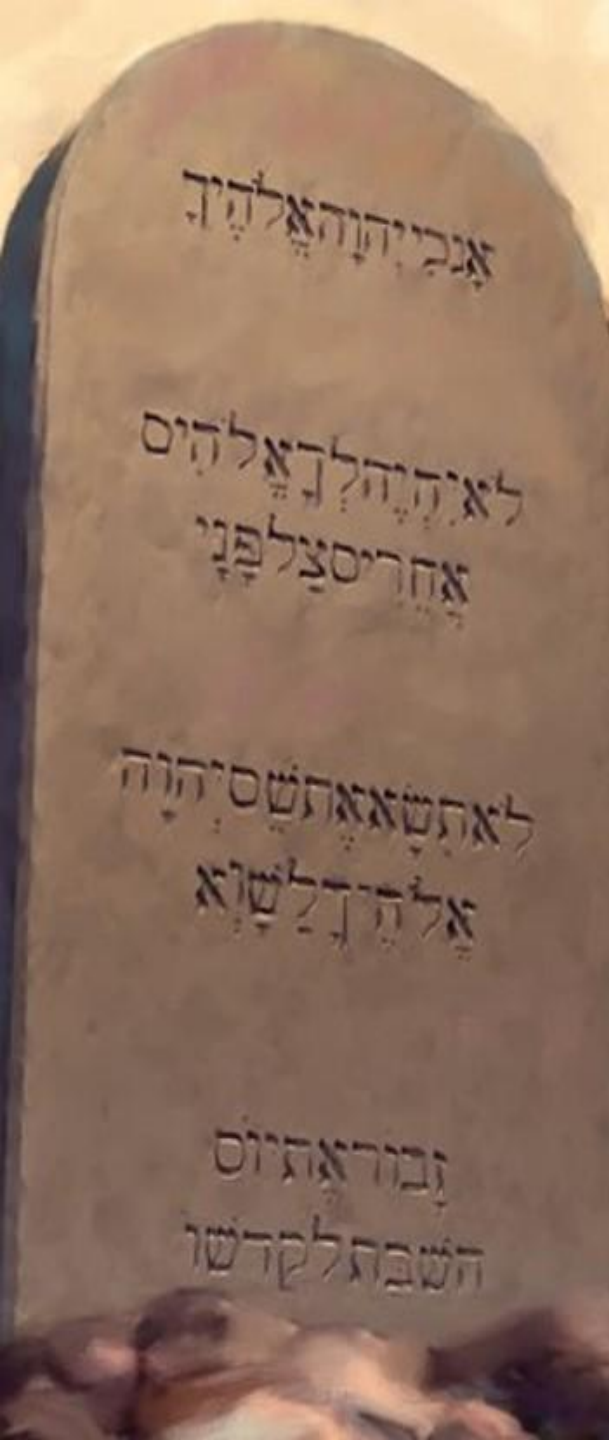
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**How should adults honor their parents?**

**With great humility.**

### **Hebrews 12:9-10**

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Honest introspection and vertical comparison will lead to great humility!

**Consider:**

Whatever your parents did or didn't do, you could do worse!

# How should adults honor their parents?

With great humility.

## **With rightful esteem.**

## Deuteronomy 5:16

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You can value or esteem your parents  
in spite of their performance as parents  
because they ***are*** your parents.

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In giving you birth, your father  
and mother pictured for you the  
One who gave you *new* birth!



**When can you stop honoring your parents?**

When they stop being  
your parents!

**What if you have *wicked* parents?**

**Humble yourself and forgive.**

**Look for remnants of God's image.**

**Honor them as those through whom  
God gave you life.**

**How can you esteem them?**

By thinking kindly of them, looking for reasons to give thanks to God for them.

By speaking kindly **to** and **of** them.

# How should adults honor their parents?

With great humility.

With rightful esteem.

**With grateful care.**

### **1 Timothy 4:4**

For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected, if it is received with gratitude.

If food can be received with gratitude as a gift of God, how much more the gift of parents who gave you life?

### **Mark 7:10-13**

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At a minimum, honoring your parents will mean gratefully helping to care for them when they are unable to care for themselves.

### **1 Timothy 5:8**

But if anyone does not provide for his own,  
and especially for those of his household,  
he has denied the faith, and is worse than an unbeliever.

# **Concluding Exhortations:**

Parents, do not withhold from your children the blessings of glad submission by neglecting to teach them how.

Children young and old, learn to worship the LORD as you learn to honor your parents through all stages of life.