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## “The Second Table of the Law” Part 1

Scripture: Exodus 20:12-17

Memory Work:

5. Honor your father and mother.

### Introduction

A. Matthew 22:34-40

B. We are commanded to love God supremely and to love others sincerely.

C. Big Idea: Just as God regulates our relationship with him, he also regulates our relationships with other people.

### I. Honor Your Father and Your Mother (20:12)

A. “Honor”—to respect, esteem, obey, value.

B. Fathers and mothers are gifts from God.

C. Children are to obey their parents right away with no delay and with the right attitude.

D. When a child disobeys his parents, he is rebelling against God.

E. If you have a problem with your parents, you will never resolve it until you realize that your real problem is with God.

F. Ephesians 6:1-3

G. “If children are supposed to obey their parents, then obviously parents are supposed to give them proper discipline” (Philip Graham Ryken).

H. Ephesians 6:4

I. Two types of Discipline: Formative Discipline and Corrective Discipline

J. Parents, we are called to pray for our children, encourage them, counsel them, protect them, and provide for their daily needs. We are called to set a godly example and educate them, preparing them to walk with God, to fulfill their life’s work, including marriage and parenthood. Most importantly, we are commanded to teach them the Bible and lead them in the worship of God.

K. Are you keeping the fifth commandment?

### Conclusion

A. “Youth today love luxury. They have bad manners, contempt for authority, no respect for older people, and talk nonsense when they should work. Young people do not stand up any longer when adults enter the room. They contradict their parents, talk too much in company, guzzle their food, lay their legs on the table, and tyrannize their elders” (Socrates).

B. Personal Quiz

1. Do you ever talk back to your parents?

2. Do you ever hide anything from them?

3. Do you ever silently curse them?
  4. Do you speak well of your parents?
  5. Are you taking the time to strengthen your relationship with them?
  6. Are you giving them the care they need and the honor they deserve?
- C. No one is the perfect child. EXCEPT Jesus! (Luke 2:51; John 19:26-27)
- D. How can God accept you if you keep on disobeying your parents?
- E. The Gospel Definition