

Timeline of Truth – Commandment #5: Honor Your Father & Mother (Exodus 20:12)

<p>¹ And God spoke all these words, saying:</p> <p>² "I <i>am</i> the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.</p>	
<p>³ "You shall have no other gods before Me.</p>	<p>Nothing / No One But God Directing My Life</p>
<p>⁴ "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of <i>anything</i> that <i>is</i> in <u>heaven</u> above, or that <i>is</i> in the <u>earth</u> beneath, or that <i>is</i> in the <u>water</u> under the earth; ⁵ you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, <i>am</i> a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth <i>generations</i> of those who hate Me, ⁶ but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.</p>	<p>No Self-Defined Version of God</p>
<p>⁷ "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold <i>him</i> guiltless who takes His name in vain.</p>	<p>Not Misusing God's Name (Words, Actions)</p>
<p>⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day <i>is</i> the Sabbath of the LORD your God. <i>In it</i> you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who <i>is</i> within your gates. ¹¹ For <i>in</i> six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that <i>is</i> in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.</p>	<p><u>Rest to Reflect</u> and to <u>Recharge</u></p>
<p>¹² "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.</p>	<p>Treat Your Parents as God's Special Helpers to You</p>
<p>(Deut 5:16)</p> <p>Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may be well with you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you.</p>	<p>Command – What</p> <p>¹² Honor</p> <p>Direction – Whom</p> <p> your father and your mother,</p> <p>Promise – Why</p> <p> that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.</p>
<p>1. What It Is NOT Saying</p>	
<p><i>This is Command #5, and does not ignore or replace the first four commands.</i></p> <p>Mt 10:37 He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.</p> <p>Luke 14:26 If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.</p> <p>Mt 19:28-29 So Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹ "And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.</p>	
<p>2. Initial Observations</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First & most basic human relationship • First human-focused command (4 are focused on God. 6 are focused on people). • Since "Love God, & Love People" is true, honor must then be a form of love towards our parents. 	
<p>3. Actions of Honor</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bless – Prov 30:11 <i>There is a generation that curses</i> its father, And does not bless its mother. • Listen & Learn – Prov 1:7-9 The fear of the LORD <i>is</i> the beginning of knowledge, <i>But</i> fools despise wisdom and instruction. ⁸ My son, hear the instruction of your father, And do not forsake the law of your mother; ⁹ For they <i>will be</i> a graceful ornament on your head, And chains about your neck. Prov 4:10 Hear, my son, and receive my sayings, And the years of your life will be <u>many</u>. Prov 23:22 Listen to your father who begot you, And do not despise your mother when she is old. • Obey – Eph 6:1-2 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² "Honor your father and mother," 	

Prov 6:20-24 ²⁰ My son, **keep** your father's command, And do not forsake the law of your mother. ²¹ Bind them continually upon your heart; Tie them around your neck. ²² When you roam, they will lead you; When you sleep, they will keep you; And *when* you awake, they will speak with you. ²³ For the commandment *is* a lamp, And the law a light; Reproofs of instruction *are* the way of life, ²⁴ To keep you from the evil woman, From the flattering tongue of a seductress.

Col 3:20 Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord.

- **Endure Chastening** – Heb 12:5-11 ⁵ And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; ⁶ For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives." ⁷ If you **endure chastening**, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? ⁸ But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. ⁹ Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected *us*, and we paid *them* respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰ For they indeed for a few days chastened *us* as seemed *best* to them, but He for *our* profit, that *we* may be partakers of His holiness. ¹¹ Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

- **Care For** – Matt 15:1-9 Then the scribes and Pharisees who were from Jerusalem came to Jesus, saying, ² "Why do Your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread." ³ He answered and said to them, "Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition? ⁴ "For God commanded, saying, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.' ⁵ "But you say, 'Whoever says to his father or mother, 'Whatever profit you might have received from me *is a gift to God*'-- ⁶ then he need not honor his father or mother.' Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition. ⁷ "Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: ⁸ 'These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with *their* lips, But their heart is far from Me. ⁹ And in vain they worship Me, Teaching *as* doctrines the commandments of men.'" (cf. Mark 7:5-13)
1 Tim 5:3-8 ³ Honor widows who are really widows. ⁴ But if any widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show piety at home and to repay their parents; for this is good and acceptable before God. ⁵ Now she who is really a widow, and left alone, trusts in God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day. ⁶ But she who lives in pleasure is dead while she lives. ⁷ And these things command, that they may be blameless. 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.

- **Revere** – Lev 19:2-3 "Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say to them: 'You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God *am* holy. ³ 'Every one of you shall **revere** his mother and his father, and keep My Sabbaths: I *am* the LORD your God.

- **Rise** – Lev 19:32 'You shall **rise** before the gray headed and honor the presence of an old man, and fear your God: I *am* the LORD.

- **Remember** – Jer 35:13-14 ¹³ "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: 'Go and tell the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, "Will you not receive instruction to obey My words?" says the LORD. ¹⁴ "The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, which he commanded his sons, not to drink wine, are performed; for to this day they drink none, and obey their father's commandment. But although I have spoken to you, rising early and speaking, you did not obey Me.

4. *Actions of Dishonor*

- **Chase Away** – Prov 19:26 He who mistreats *his* father *and* chases away *his* mother *is* a son who causes shame and brings reproach
- **Curse** – Prov 30:11 *There is* a generation *that* curses its father, And does not bless its mother.
- **Despise** – Prov 23:22 Listen to your father who begot you, And do not despise your mother when she is old.
- **Make Light Of** – Ezek 22:7 "In you they have made light of father and mother; in your midst they have oppressed the stranger; in you they have mistreated the fatherless and the widow.
- **Mistreat** – Prov 19:26 He who mistreats *his* father *and* chases away *his* mother *is* a son who causes shame and brings reproach.
- **Mock** – Prov 30:17 The eye *that* mocks *his* father, And scorns obedience to *his* mother, The ravens of the valley will pick it out, And the young eagles will eat it.
- **Rebel** – Isa 45:10 Woe to him who says to *his* father, 'What are you begetting?' Or to the woman, 'What have you brought forth?'"
- **Rob** – Prov 28:24 Whoever robs his father or his mother, And says, "It is no transgression," The same is companion to a destroyer.
- **Scorn** – Prov 30:17 The eye *that* mocks *his* father, And scorns obedience to *his* mother, The ravens of the valley will pick it out, And the young eagles will eat it.

5. *Seasons of Honor:*

- Cared For → Brought Up/Trained → Leave, Cleave, & Remember → Cares For

<p>6. <i>Criteria of Honor</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No conditions • Position, not perfection (qualification)
<p>7. <i>Rewards</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good Life & Long Life Eph 6:1-3 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: ³ "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth." Prov 4:10 Hear, my son, and receive my sayings, And the years of your life will be <u>many</u>. • Life Direction, Wise Living, & Safety Prov 6:20-24 ²⁰ My son, keep your father's command, And do not forsake the law of your mother. ²¹ Bind them continually upon your heart; Tie them around your neck. ²² When you roam, they will lead you; When you sleep, they will keep you; And <i>when</i> you awake, they will speak with you. ²³ For the commandment <i>is</i> a lamp, And the law a light; Reproofs of instruction <i>are</i> the way of life, ²⁴ To keep you from the evil woman, From the flattering tongue of a seductress.
<p>8. <i>Penalties</i></p> <p>The Opposite of the Benefits...</p> <p>Prov 30:17 The eye <i>that</i> mocks <i>his</i> father, And scorns obedience to <i>his</i> mother, The ravens of the valley will pick it out, And the young eagles will eat it.</p> <p>Ex 21:15-17 ¹⁵ "And he who strikes his father or his mother shall surely be put to death. ¹⁶ "He who kidnaps a man and sells him, or if he is found in his hand, shall surely be put to death. ¹⁷ "And he who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.</p> <p>Lev 20:9 `For everyone who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death. He has cursed his father or his mother. His blood <i>shall be</i> upon him.</p> <p>Deut 21:18-21 ¹⁸ "If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and <i>who</i>, when they have chastened him, will not heed them, ¹⁹ "then his father and his mother shall take hold of him and bring him out to the elders of his city, to the gate of his city. ²⁰ "And they shall say to the elders of his city, `This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard.' ²¹ "Then all the men of his city shall stone him to death with stones; so you shall put away the evil from among you, and all Israel shall hear and fear.</p> <p>Deut 27:16 `Cursed <i>is</i> the one who treats his father or his mother with contempt.' And all the people shall say, `Amen!'</p> <p>Prov 20:20 Whoever curses his father or his mother, His lamp will be put out in deep darkness.</p>
<p>Same pattern as God to us (though perfect).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deut 8:5 • Heb 12:5-11

Related Passages

<p>Repeated</p>	<p>Luke 18:18-23 ¹⁸ Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁹ So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one <i>is</i> good but One, <i>that is</i>, God. ²⁰ "You know the commandments: `Do not commit adultery,' `Do not murder,' `Do not steal,' `Do not bear false witness,' `Honor your father and your mother.'" ²¹ And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth." ²² So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." ²³ But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich. (cf. Matt 19:16-22; Mark 10:17-22)</p>
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Deu 4:40 "You shall therefore keep His statutes and His commandments which I command you today, that it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may prolong your days in the land which the LORD your God is giving you for all time."

Deu 25:15 "You shall have a perfect and just weight, a perfect and just measure, that your days may be lengthened in the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

Deu 6:2 "that you may fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged."

Deu 11:9 "and that you may prolong your days in the land which the LORD swore to give your fathers, to them and their descendants, `a land flowing with milk and honey."

Pro 3:16 Length of days is in her right hand, In her left hand riches and honor.

LAST DAYS

2 Tim 3:1-5 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: ² For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, **disobedient to parents**, unthankful, unholy, ³ unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, ⁴ traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵ having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!