

SERMON OUTLINE

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- 1) INTRODUCTION
 - a) Exodus 20:12
 - i) This is the fifth commandment.
 - b) God put the Ten Commandments into two categories:
 - i) The first four commandments deal with our relationship to God.
 - (1) These are called the vertical commandments.
 - ii) The last six commandments deal with our relationship to one another.
 - (1) God starts the last of these six with our relationship to our parents.
 - (a) The faith that does not begin at home really doesn't begin.
 - (i) If you can live for Jesus at home, then you can live for Jesus anywhere.
 - (ii) If you can't live for Jesus at home, then it really doesn't matter where you try to live for the Lord Jesus.
 - c) We are to honor our father and our mother.
 - i) If we can't honor our father and mother, then how can we honor strangers?
 - d) In America, we see the Christian home (a God-centered home) and the nuclear family as an institution quickly receding over the horizon.
 - i) In his book, *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, Edward Gibbon listed five reasons why ancient Rome fell:
 - (1) The undermining of the dignity and sanctity of the home.
 - (2) Increasing taxes and spending of public money for bread and circuses.
 - (3) The mad craze for pleasure with sports becoming exciting and more brutal.
 - (4) The building of gigantic armaments when the real enemy was the decadence of the people.
 - (5) The decay of religion and faith into mere form.
- 2) God commands us to honor our parents.
- 3) Today's message will share how we can be the children of happy parents, especially mothers.
- 4) OBEY YOUR PARENTS WHEN YOU ARE YOUNG (COLOSSIANS 3:20)
 - a) The Bible teaches us to obey our parents.
 - b) Colossians 3:20
 - c) Dwight Moody, who was the Billy Graham of his day, stated that no one who dishonors mother or father ever prospers.
 - d) Disobedience is a grave sin.
 - i) It is not a weakness but a horrible wickedness.
 - ii) If we lived in a theocracy, it would be a crime worthy of death.
 - iii) Romans 1:28-32
 - (1) In this passage, God speaks of a society on its last legs.
 - (2) "Have pleasure in them that do them" means that they get their jollies from watching people do these things.

- (a) The list given in this passage in Romans 1 is the sum total of most modern American entertainment.
 - (3) God lists disobedience to parents along with fornication, idolatry and sexual perversion.
 - (4) God says that a person who is disobedient to his parents is worthy of death spiritually.
 - e) One of the signs of the last days is children who are disobedient to their parents.
 - i) 2 Timothy 3:1-5
 - (1) The Gospel was never meant to save civilization from wreckage; it was meant to save people from the wreckage of civilization.
 - (a) Don't get the idea that the Gospel has failed because perilous times are here.
 - (b) As a matter of fact, the perilous times we're living in are proof that the Bible is the Word of God because the Bible prophesied it.
 - (2) "Without natural affection" in this passage literally means "without family love."
 - (3) If you are a Christian and you're disobedient to your parents, all you have is a form of godliness.
 - (a) You don't have the real thing.
 - f) To be disobedient to your parents is to invite the sure judgment of God.
 - g) To obey your parents is to invite the blessing of God.
 - i) Ephesians 6:1-3
 - (1) God gave the Ten Commandments; but with this one, He gave a promise.
 - ii) When you learn to honor father and mother, you will learn character.
 - iii) You will learn self-control when you obey your parents.
 - iv) You will receive God's blessing and protection.
 - h) What if parents command their children to do something that is wrong?
 - i) Ephesians 6:1
 - (1) This passage tells children to obey their parents "in the Lord."
 - ii) No child should ever willingly disobey a command of Almighty God.
 - (1) There is a higher principle that we must obey God rather than men.
 - (a) Acts 5:29
 - iii) A child should be extremely careful that he or she obeys his parents except when a command from a parent would come in direct conflict with Almighty God.
- 5) CARE FOR YOUR PARENTS WHEN THEY ARE OLD (MATTHEW 15:3-9)
- a) As a society, we are becoming more and more hardened toward our older parents.
 - b) Our duty to our aging parents is greater than our duty to our church.
 - i) We should never use our duty to church as an excuse for not loving or taking care of our parents.

- ii) Matthew 15:3-9
 - (1) In Bible times, there were people who, for a show of religion, would go to church and sing praises to God and honor God with their lips and make an offering for the temple, yet their fathers and mothers were in need and not being honored.
 - (a) God called these people hypocrites.
 - iii) There is no gift that we can give to God and no service that we can do for God that will take the place of honoring our father and mother.
 - c) The Bible says that a person who does not take care of his parents when they are old is not only a hypocrite but is also worse than an infidel.
 - i) 1 Timothy 5:8
 - ii) 1 Timothy 5:4
 - iii) If we do not take care of our parents and love our parents, then we have departed the faith and are worse than an infidel.
 - iv) If your religion does not start at home, then it just doesn't start.
- 6) HONOR YOUR PARENTS AT ALL TIMES (EXODUS 20:12)
- a) Exodus 20:12
 - i) The word "honor" comes from a word that means "to add weight to."
 - (1) This means that we are to take our parents seriously, to add dignity to who they are.
 - b) There are certain ways in which we can give our parents honor:
 - i) Show them respect.
 - (1) We must always show respect to our parents.
 - (2) Leviticus 19:3
 - (a) The word "fear" in this verse is the same word that we use for the "fear" of God.
 - (i) It means "reverence."
 - (b) We are to reverence our parents.
 - (3) Leviticus 20:9
 - (4) Proverbs 30:17
 - (a) God is using figurative speech in this passage to say that it is a terrible thing not to show reverence to our parents.
 - (5) What if the parents are not worthy of respect or reverence?
 - (a) Only perfect children can demand perfect parents.
 - ii) Express gratefulness.
 - (1) Give them thanks.
 - (2) Develop the attitude of gratitude.
 - (3) We should thank our parents for their discipline.
 - iii) Listen to their counsel.
 - (1) Proverbs 1:8-9
 - (2) It has been noted that as we grow older, we come to appreciate more the counsel our parents have given us.
 - (a) At sixteen, a child isn't sure about his parents.

- (b) At nineteen, he feels as though he has passed them up.
- (c) At twenty-two, he feels he has completely outgrown them.
- (d) At thirty, he remembers that they were right about a lot of things.
- (e) At forty, he decides they were just about perfect.
 - (i) The older we get, the more realize just how smart our parents were and are.

(3) Our parents have an advantage on us in that they have been where we are, but we haven't been where they are.

(a) Psalm 37:25

(i) All that children can say is, "Once, I was young."

(4) We would be wise to listen to our parents who love us and heed their counsel.

7) LIVE A LIFE THAT WILL BRING THEM HONOR (PROVERBS 23:24-25)

a) Proverbs 23:24-25

b) Children are an extension of their parents.

i) It brings parents joy when their children live godly lives.

ii) 3 John 1:4

8) SHOW YOUR PARENTS LOVE

a) This is the sum total of all of the ways in which we can honor our parents.

b) We need to remember what we owe to our parents.

i) They gave us life.

c) The closest thing to God's love is the love of a godly mother.

d) Take the time to write your parents a letter, telling them how grateful you are to them.

i) Visit with them and call them.

e) Do that extra special chore around the house for them.

f) Show them genuine affection.

g) Show love and respect if your parents are living.

i) If your parents are no longer living, give them honor and thank the Lord for their memory.

9) CONCLUSION

a) The Bible says that we are to honor our father and mother.

i) How much more does that apply to our Heavenly Father?

b) Have you honored your Heavenly Father?

i) Have you given your heart to Him?

c) You cannot say that God is your Father unless you've been born into His family.

i) You are born into His family by receiving Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and Lord.

d) There is no way to have a happy, Christian home without Jesus Christ at the center.

- i) The closer everyone in your family is to Jesus, the closer they will be to one another, also.
- e) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
- f) Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
 - i) Romans 3:23
 - ii) Romans 10:9-10
 - iii) Romans 10:13
 - iv) Acts 16:31
 - v) John 3:16