

“The Power of Honor – Part I”

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Honor is a significant word in the Bible. Apparently, how we view and treat others is spiritually significant to the world we are creating – the world we are developing.

1. Honoring father and mother is a part of the **“big ten”**. Exodus 19:12

Why does the Lord make relationships in the home the 5th commandment?

The key to your future is not how your parents treated you, but how **you treat** your parents! Your future is in YOUR hands!

2. Honoring father and mother is an action that opens the **future**. Deuteronomy 5:16

3. How to honor your parents: I Kings 2:12-25

a. **Receive** them

b. Give them **honor**

c. Even when you disagree, never **humiliate** them

The Power of Honor Part 1 Small Group Guide

What were the three most important rules (spoken or unspoken) in your family growing up? What do these reveal about your family?

What was one quality really special about your mom or dad? How can thinking about their qualities begin the process of honoring them?

Do you think it is more challenging to honor parents today? Why or why not?

What was significant to you in the teaching Sunday? What will you do differently now from what the Lord spoke to you?

Look up honor in the dictionary. How are you doing this for your parents or others in your life?

Why has our culture become one of disrespect over the past decades?

Read Exodus 20:1-17. Why do you think honoring of parents listed in the 10 Commandments?

Does it seem rather odd that honoring of parents is ranked in the top 10 of God's commandments? What implications can you draw from the fact that God had it listed? We would normally think of "spiritual laws" like the first 4. Why is honoring of parents a major focus?

When is this command hard to keep?

What would a family be like if honor was a significant value in the home?

What are we to do if our parents are weird, crazy, or somehow not worthy of honor? Do we honor them anyway? What would that look like?

Read Luke 2:41-52 and jot down some observations:

Do you think Jesus was obedient and respectful or dishonoring?

What have you learned about honoring your parents that can help you or someone else?