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For Children By Children: The 5th Commandment

Deuteronomy 5:16

“Honor your father and your mother, as Yahweh your God has commanded you, so that you may live long and that it may go well with you in the land Yahweh your God is giving you.”

This is the 5th commandment that Yahweh gave us to follow. Did you know this is the **ONLY** one of the 10 commandments that promises a blessing if we obey it?

That’s right. If we obey this commandment, we’ll be blessed.

So, do you honor **YOUR** father and mother? After all, this is what we’re supposed to do. Right? Right.

But what does it REEEAAALLY mean to honor our father and mother? It means to respect and to really value them. To listen to them and do what they say as they try to obey Yahweh.

So do you ever find that hard to do? I know, right? Of course we do! It can be hard. But it’s always worth it.

Sometimes they may tell us to clean our room when we really don’t want to. Sometimes they may tell us to clean the table or do our homework **OR** even do the dishes.

It’s not always easy. **BUT...** it **CAN** be if we choose to make it that way. We think what we want is more important than what they are telling us. But we can’t forget that they’re our parents and they love us **VERY** much. And we can’t forget that we will be blessed if we **ACTUALLY** honor our parents! This is **HUGE**. Do you want the blessings of Yahweh in your life? Of course! Me too! Crazy question right?

But this is not about just obeying our parents. It’s about honoring them. It’s about respecting them. It’s about showing **that** love and respect to them **every day**.

When we obey and respect them, we show that we love them. It’s the same way with Yahweh. When we

obey His commands, we are showing Him that we love Him too. And in this case, honoring our parents is honoring Yahweh too. Cool, right?

So, honor your father and mother. Make that your goal every day. And in doing that every day, you'll remember that we need to obey Yahweh, our **HEAVENLY** father too.

We hope you have enjoyed this teaching. Now it's up to you to study it for yourself. That's the only way to grow.

Shalom.

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