

#9 Honor Your Father

Exodus 20:12 “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.”

Deuteronomy 5:16 “Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may go well with you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.”

Exodus 21:15 Anyone who attacks their father or mother is to be put to death.

Exodus 21:17 Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.

Proverbs 20:20 If one curses his father or his mother, his lamp will be put out in utter darkness.

Matthew 15:1 Then Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said, ² “Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat.” ³ He answered them, “And why do you break the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition? ⁴ For God commanded, ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ ⁵ But you say, ‘If anyone tells his father or his mother, “What you would have gained from me is given to God,” ⁶ he need not honor his father.’ So for the sake of your tradition you have made void the word of God. ⁷ You hypocrites!

1 Timothy 5:7 Give the people these instructions, so that no one may be open to blame. ⁸ Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

Ephesians 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), ³ “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.” ⁴ Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

1. HONOR YOUR FATHER

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Psalms 103:13 As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him; ¹⁴ for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

Matthew 6:26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?

Matthew 7:11 If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

Ephesians 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ!

James 1:17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father...

3. HONOR FATHERHOOD

- **85%** of all youths in prison today grew up in a fatherless household
- 75% of long-term correctional facility inmates are from father-absent homes
- 80% of rapists who say they were motivated by “displaced anger” are from fatherless homes, 14x the avg
- 85% of kids who exhibit behavioral disorders are from fatherless homes, 20x the avg (CDC)
- 85% of kids residing in state institutions are from fatherless homes
- **75%** of all adolescent patients in chemical abuse centers come from fatherless homes
- 63% of youth suicides are from fatherless homes (US Dept of Health)
- **72%** of adolescents serving sentences for murder are from fatherless households
- 71% of high-school dropouts are from fatherless homes, 9x the avg
- 90% of all homeless and runaway children are from fatherless homes, 32x the avg
- Children from fatherless homes are 73x more likely to be killed
- Among the **25 most-cited** school shooters since Columbine, **75%** were raised in broken homes
- Today, the most conservative estimate from the Census Bureau is that nearly **20 million** children live without a father present in the home

Fatherhood Matters!