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Being a "Father" is a tremendous responsibility!

God expects the father to:

1) Lead the family (Oversee & make ultimate decisions for the well being of the family -I Cor.11:3; Gen.18:19; Josh.24:15; I Tim.3:4)
2) Teach the family God's Word (*"The father to the children shall make known thy truth"* Is.38:19; cp Dt.6:7; Ps.78:5-7)
3) Provide for the family (Luke 11:11-13; I Tim.5:8)
4) Set a right example for the family
5) Protect the family
6) Correct the family [children - Prov.3:12)

Do you honor your father?

SEE Matthew 19:19 - *"Honor thy father"*

--The New Testament word *"honour"* (*timios)* means to view as very valuable or precious; to respect as having great worth.

--The Old Testament word *"honour" (kabod)* referred to heaviness, one who carried much "weight" (not speaking of pounds, but importance; to view as important; worthy of glory and respect).

Today, far too many children treat their parents like garbage. No respect for those who brought them into this world, fed, clothed, and schooled them.

Examples of sons who did not honor their father:
- Ham (Uncovered his father's nakedness - Gen.9:22,24)
- Esau (Intermarried with heathen women - Gen.26:34,35)
- Absolum (Rebelled against David - II Sam 15)

God forewarned us that there would be disrespect for parents in the Last Days.

II Tim. 3:1-3a - *"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection..."*

SEE: Prov. 30:11-14

***Honor your father!**

I. **WHY** Honor Him?

A. Honor your father for the Lord's sake

1. So that you may obey the Lord (Dt. 5:16)

Deut. 5:16 - *"Honour thy father and thy mother, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee."*

If there was no other reason, this one should be enough. Honor him because God says to!

He gives no conditions, no exceptions, no exclusions. No matter what type of father you have, he is your father and should be honored as such.

2. So that you may please the Lord (Col. 3:20)

Col. 3:20 - *"Children obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord."*

Implicit in *"honor"* is obedience. No child honors their parents if they don't obey them.

The major way to show your dad that you honor him is to submit to his authority while you live under his roof.

By obeying him, you obey the Lord. And all who obey Him, please Him.

B. Honor your father for his sake

Fathers (like all who are honored) are honored for three basic reasons:

1. Because of his personal character

Fathers should be honorable. How?

a. An honorable man loves the Lord
Psalm 91:14-15 - *"Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I ... honour him"*

b. An honorable man fears the Lord
Prov. 22:4 - *"By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honour, and life."*

c. An honorable man seeks God's wisdom

Prov. 4:7-8 - *"Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom...exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her."*

d. An honorable man gives graciously to others

Psalm 112:9 - *"He hath dispersed, he hat given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn (strength) shall be exalted with honour"*

e. An honorable man is humble in his view of himself

"Before honor is humility" (Prov. 15:33)

f. An honorable man does what is right and merciful

"He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth...honor" (Prov. 21:21)

g. An honorable man does not engage in strife
(He stays away from trouble and troublemakers)

Prov.20:3 - *"It is an honour for a man to cease from strife: but every fool will be meddling."*

h. An honorable man serves Christ

John 12:26 - *"If any man serve me, him will my Father honour"*

2. Because of his older age

Lev. 19:32 - *"Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honor the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I am the LORD."*
Job 12:12 - *"With the ancient is wisdom; and in length of days understanding."*

3. Because of his position of authority

God, who put in place all positions of authority, commands children to honor their parents (for position's sake).

C. Honor your father for your sake

Eph. 6:2-3 - *"Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth."*
Prov. 30:17 - *"The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it."*

Cp. Exod. 20:12

1. So that you may live a <u>good</u> life
2. So that you may live a <u>long</u> life

God's Promises to children who honor their parents:

1. Such an attitude results in a <u>top quality</u> life - *"well with thee . . ."* (v. 3a)

Paul is quoting one of the 10 commandments (Ex. 20:12). This is the only one of the 10 that deals with the family. More specifically, the command to obey and honor one's parents is the <u>only</u> command given to children. Why only one! Because if this command was kept, a child would learn the most important lesson of his life -respect for authority. He would also fulfill the most important duty in terms of human relationships.
From this would flow respect for others, for leaders, and most of all for God!

"Well with thee" - they will stay out of things that shorten life and that take the real fun out of life!

2. Such an attitude results in a <u>long quantity</u> of life - *"live long . . ."* (v. 3b)

"This does not mean that everyone who died young dishonored his parents. Paul is stating a principle: When children obey their parents in the Lord, they will escape a good deal of sin and danger and thus avoid the things that could threaten or shorten their lives" (Wiersbe, p. 152).

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Exod. 21:15, 17 - *"And he that smiteth his father, or his mother, shall be surely put to death...And he that curseth his father, or his mother, shall surely be put to death."*

Honoring one's parents is so serious that the Old Testament Law commanded the death penalty for any child who wouldn't. This was a great deterrent to child delinquency and rebellion!

Never call him "my old man" (as many do in front of their peers).

Don't blame your father for the failures in your life (many children carry into adulthood bitterness toward their father; and excuse their sinful ways because their father was not what he should have been).

You need to take personal responsibility for your own choices.

B. Honor your father by listening to what he says (Prov. 1:8, 9; 6:20)

Prov. 1:8, 9 - *"My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother: For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck."*

Prov. 6:20 - *"My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother."*

Prov. 23:22 - *"Hearken unto thy father that begat thee"*

Isaac listened to Abraham (Gen.22)

One of the ways God gets His instructions and directions to us is through the authorities He places over us!

God gives guidance to children through their mother and father. When ever a child refuses to take advice from a parent, bad things happen.

C. Honor your father by respecting what belongs to him (Prov. 28:24)

Prov. 28:24 - *"Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith, It is no transgression; the same is the companion of a destroyer"*

No one is quite as low as a son or daughter who steals from his/her own parents.

ILLUS: the 1993 Mendalez murders, in which the two grown sons killed their parents so they could cash in on their life insurance policy and vast wealth.

ILLUS: children who wash their hands of their parents by confining them to a convalescent home when they get old and exploiting their savings.

Is this honor?

D. Honor your father whether your mother does so or not (Eph.5:22; 33b)

Ephesians 5:22; 33b - *"Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord"..."...let...the wife see that she reverence her husband"*

Wives need to set an example of honoring their husbands, since the children's attitudes and responses to him will in many cases be a mimicking of what they saw in their mother.

(Note: the husbands also are to be setting an example of loving leadership)

E. Honor your father by providing for his needs when he is old (Mt. 15:3-6)

I Tim. 5:4, 8 - (NKJV) *"But ... let them first learn to show piety at home and to repay their parents; for this is good and acceptable before God...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."*

F. Honor your father by living a life of wisdom not foolishness (Prov. 23:22-25)

Prov. 10:1 - *"The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son maketh a glad father, but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother."*

Prov. 15:20 - *"A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish man despiseth his mother."*

Prov. 23:24-25 - *"The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise child shall have joy of him. Thy father and thy mother shall be glad..."*

How you turn out will either give honor or dishonor to your parents, joy or misery.

Nothing is as rewarding to a Godly father than to see that his children walk in truth.

Prov. 19:26 - *"He that wasteth his father, and chaseth away his mother, is a son that causeth shame, and bringeth reproach."*

"Wasteth" = to assault (NASV)

CONCLUSION:

While our Lord Jesus was a child, he submitted to the authority of Joseph and Mary.

He also said regarding God the Father in Heaven: "I honor my Father" (John 8:49)

Elijah's last days ministry will involve turning *"the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to the fathers"* (Mal. 4:6)

If you honor your mother, someday you will find that God's promise of sowing and reaping is true (Gal. 6:7). Your children will honor you!