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### How to Honor Your Parents...

1. Obey them as long as you’re in their home (6:1).
2. Always show respect in how you speak to them, with your words and your tone.
3. Don’t curse or speak evil of them (Ex. 21:17; Pr. 30:11).
4. Don’t ever strike them (Ex. 21:15).
5. Listen to their counsel (Pr. 1:8-9; 6:20).
6. Don’t despise their discipline (Heb. 12:9).
7. Care for them as they age (Mark 7:9-13; 1 Tim. 5:4, 8).

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- II. The Proper Attitude for Children (1b)
  - A. As if your parents were Christ Himself.
  - B. As if your parents are God’s representatives.

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- I. The Two Commands for Children (1a)
- II. The Proper Attitude for Children (1b)
- III. The Motivations for Children (1c; 2b-3)
  - A. Because of Your Relationship to Christ (1)
  - B. Because of Natural Law (1b)
  - C. Because of God’s Command (2)
  - D. Because of God’s promise (3)

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## Two Lessons for Us All...

1. It teaches us how to respond to God, our Father.
2. It reminds us of our desperate need of the gospel.