

**IN-LAWS OR OUT-LAWS?
GENESIS 2:24 / MAY 14, 2017 / AM**

I. FIRST, THE BIBLE SAYS WE SHOULD “LEAVE” AND “CLEAVE”.

A. God told Adam to leave his parents when he got married--Gen. 2:24a.

1. This godly advice is for wives as well as husbands.
2. To show how important God takes this advice He repeats it.
3. Jesus also quotes this passage.
4. Paul, likewise, quotes this same advice.
5. How do we leave our parents?

B. God also told Adam to “cleave” to his wife--Gen. 2:24b.

II. SECOND, THE BIBLE SAYS WE SHOULD HONOR OUR PARENTS.

A. God gave this advice as one of the “Big Ten” Commandments--Exo. 20:12.

1. This advice is quoted by Moses .
2. The Apostle Paul also quoted it.
3. This advice doesn’t apply just when we are children.
4. Honoring our parents doesn’t mean obeying them.

B. Here are some practical ways we can honor our parents.

1. Stay in regular contact.
2. Show them respect--1 Tim. 5:1.
3. Take care of them when necessary--1 Tim. 5:4.
4. Choose your battles wisely.

III. TEN COMMANDMENTS TO IN-LAWS. (FOCUS ON THE FAMILY ARTICLE).

1. Don’t give your kids advice unless they asked for it.
2. Don’t offer financial aid to your kids unless they request it.

3. Keep your personal questions to a minimum.
4. Respect your kids confidences.
5. Don't expect your kids to live according to your same standards and values.
6. Give your kids room to live their own lives.
7. Treat your kids with respect instead of belittling their decisions.
8. Don't expect your in-law to call you "mom" or "dad".
9. Show interest in your in-law as a person.
10. Don't treat your in-law as a rival for your child's love.