

Honor Your Mother, Part Three

- I. Honor Defined
- II. Honor Contrasted
- III. Honor Commanded
- IV. Honor Applied
 - A. Example of the Parents
 - 1. The way we honor our parents
 - 2. The way we honor others in authority
 - 3. Children are not the enemy! (Eph. 6:10ff)
 - 4. Children are a GIFT from the Lord and are VALUABLE! (Ps. 127-128)

B. Instruction of the Parent

- 1. When child does not want to obey
 - a. Obey _____, then we'll talk about it
 - b. Wise _____ (Dan. 1:8-16; Neh. 2:1-8; Esther 4-7)
 - 1) "I understand that you want me to because..."
 - 2) "I have a problem with that because..."
 - 3) "Could I please...?"
- 2. Teaching children to honor
 - a. Teach children to treat people as _____
 - b. Teach children to do _____ than what's expected
 - c. Deal with a bad _____
 - d. Build _____ lessons into life
 - e. _____ it
 - f. Appeal to _____
- 3. Parenting skills needed to teach honor
 - a. Be _____ without being _____
 - b. Express _____ instead of _____
 - c. Use _____ and decision making
 - d. Enjoy children according to their _____ and _____
 - e. Envision a _____ for your children

Conclusion: "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother!"

Discussion Questions:

1. What positive things did your parents do when you were growing up to teach you to honor and respect? What was your reaction to their instruction as a child?
2. Why is “first time” obedience an important concept to teach our children? What are the positive things that can happen in their lives if they learn this? What are some negative things that can happen in their lives if they don’t learn this?
3. Why should we treat people as special? What does the Bible say about people that would make us want to do that? Why is racism and sexism wrong? How can you teach your children to value & honor all people?
4. How might a bad attitude manifest itself even though a child is doing what we ask? Why should we not “overlook” the bad attitude?
5. Of the five parenting skills needed to teach honor, which one do you do the best? Which one do you struggle with the most? What practical steps will you take to change that this week?
6. Why does harshness in dealing with our children contradict the honor of others we are trying to teach them? Read Proverbs 15:1. What should we replace harshness with to model honor for our children?
7. Have you ever felt like “God’s way” isn’t working when it comes to parenting? Have you ever wanted to give up on being firm & gentle and just resort to anger & power to get your way? What does James 1:19-20 say about that? What is it that man’s way will not produce? If we would rather have “peace & quiet” instead of God’s righteousness in our relationships, what does that show about the condition of our hearts? What should we do about that?
8. How does God’s requirement that we “honor” others drive us to the cross of Christ? How can you point that out to your children when they fail to honor God and others?