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Section: Commands (Law)

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**HANDOUT NOTES**

**Q49. Why does God give the fifth commandment: Honor your father and mother?**

So we will learn righteous submission by practicing obedience to our parents: honoring their God-given authority in attitude, word, and action. This pleases the Lord.

**Children/Subordinates Must Obey in Attitude, Word, and Action**

**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.”

**Romans 13:1-2** Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment.

**John 14:15** “If you love me, you’ll keep my commandments.”

**Deuteronomy 21:18-21** "If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and, though they discipline him, will not listen to them, then his father and his mother shall take hold of him and bring him out to the elders of his city at the gate of the place where he lives, and they shall say to the elders of his city, 'This our son is stubborn and rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard.' Then all the men of the city shall stone him to death with stones. So you shall purge the evil from your midst, and all Israel shall hear, and fear.”

**Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin is death …

**Romans 1:29-32** They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

**Voddie Bauchum:** “Delayed obedience is disobedience.”

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**Ephesians 6:1** Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother, this is the first commandment with a promise that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.

**Colossians 3:20** Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

**Ephesians 5:24** … wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

**Matthew 15:1-9** Then Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said “Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat.” He answered them, “And why do you break the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition? For God commanded, ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ But you say, ‘If anyone tells his father or his mother, “What you would have gained from me is given to God,” he need not honor his father.’ So for the sake of your tradition you have made void the word of God. You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said:

‘This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’”

**Matthew 15:18** “But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander.”

**Parents/Authorities Must Lead Righteously**

**Ephesians 6:4** Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

**Proverbs 6:20-23** My son, keep your father’s commandment, and forsake not your mother’s teaching. Bind them on your heart always; tie them around your neck. When you walk, they will lead you; when you lie down, they will watch over you; and when you awake, they will talk with you. For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching a light, and the reproofs of discipline are the way of life

**Proverbs 13:24** Whoever spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him.

**Proverbs 22:15** Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline drives it far from him.

**Proverbs 29:15** The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child left to himself brings shame to his mother.

**When You Must Disobey**

**Acts 5:27-29** And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men.”

**Acts 5:40-42** and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.