

JON'S SERMON OUTLINE...

HOW TO HONOR YOUR FATHER

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: ³ "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth." ⁴ And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

Ephesians 6:1-4

Introduction: American families are falling apart. God's divine institution called the home is suffering immensely. Honor for parents is a crucial element in fixing the problem. When God commanded honor be given to fathers and mothers, He also attached the promise of a good life. So, restoring honor in the home should be of great interest to every family unit.

1. WHY DID GOD _____ THIS COMMANDMENT?
 - a. Reality makes us aware that no parent is perfect (Romans 3:23).
 - b. Respect for authority begins in the home (1 Samuel 3:13).
 - c. Relating to parents affects every other relationship (Ephesians 6:3).
2. HOW CAN WE _____ OUR PARENTS?
 - a. As a child, obey and respect them (Ephesians 6:1).
 - b. As a young person, accept and appreciate them (Proverbs 20:20).
 - c. As an adult, affirm and do not abandon them (Proverbs 23:22).
3. HOW CAN PARENTS BE _____ ?
 - a. Don't be overly harsh with discipline (Ephesian 6:4).
 - b. Don't forget that their mistakes are erasable.
 - c. Don't lose sight of your goal: Christian kids.

CONCLUSION: Are you in the Father's family?

Answers: 1. Give 2. Honor 3. Honorable