**Exodus 20:12**

**(The Obedient One)**

*“If* ***anyone fails to honour his parents, is there anyone he will spare.”***

***(4th century theologian, Augustine of Hippo)***

***The Parent’s Guidance***

(Deuteronomy 4:5-14, 6:4-7, 20-24; Ephesians 6:4; Proverbs 1:8)

***The Command***

(Exodus 20:12; Ephesians 6:1-2)

***The Promise***

(Exodus 20:12; Ephesians 6:3; Ezekiel 22:7, 14-15)

***The Penalty***

(Exodus 21:15, 17; Deuteronomy 21:18-21; Genesis 2:16-17)

***The Fulfilment***

(Luke 2:48-51; John 19:26-27; Matthew 12:46-50)

* ***Honour God***

*Acts 5:29 (ESV)*

‘But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men.’

* ***Honour the authorities and the law***

*Titus 3:1*

‘Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work’

*1 Peter 2:13–14*

‘Be subject for the Lord’s sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, 14 or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good.’

*Romans 13:1*

‘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.’

* ***Honour Employers***

*Ephesians 6:5–7*

**‘**Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, **6**not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, **7**rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man,*’*

* ***Honour your church leaders***

*Hebrews 13:7*

‘Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.’

* ***Honour your husband or wife***

*1 Peter 3:1–2*

‘Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, 2 when they see your respectful and pure conduct.’

*Ephesians 5:22–24*

‘Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.’

*Ephesians 5:25, 28*

‘Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her [...] In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.’

*Ephesians 5:33*

‘However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.’

* ***Honour Widows***

*1 Timothy 5:3–4*

‘Honor widows who are truly widows. 4 But if a widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show godliness to their own household and to make some return to their parents, for this is pleasing in the sight of God.’

*1 Timothy 5:8*

‘But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.’

* ***Honour the elderly***

*1 Peter 5:5*

‘Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders.’