

Table Talk

Ephesians 6:1-3: “Children, obey your parents as you would the Lord, because **this is right**. Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with a promise, so that it may go well with you and that you may have a long life in the land.”

1. Obey Your Parents

PERIOD. This isn't a suggestion.

Well what if they _____.... Obey your parents.

But what happens if _____... Obey your parents

- As you would the Lord.

God has placed YOUR parents over you, in place of HIM.

No one's parents are as good as God.

Parents aren't perfect.

Parents don't always do the right thing.

Parents do always say the right thing.

- Never met anyone who said, man I really wish growing up I **didn't** obey my parents.
- **ALWAYS** meet people who says, “I wish I would if obeyed my parents..”

If you can't honor your parents - You can't honor god.

BECAUSE. THIS. IS. RIGHT.

But my parents are wrong - **THIS IS RIGHT.**

But it's unfair - **THIS IS RIGHT.**

THIS. IS. RIGHT.

Which means anything that isn't this - is wrong.

2. Honor your father and mother

We don't honor because of who they are.

We honor because we are honorable people.

How do we Honor?

- what we say
- how we respond

Can't curse your parents and bless God.

How you respond now, determines your response later in life.

Build your life on the sand or on the rock?

The best part about this scripture - when God was writing to the Israelites to give them rules for how to live - when he got to the kids, **he added a promise to it.**

That tells me that God cares about YOU.

He cares what your going through.

He knew you would be in this situation.

He knew you would be facing this trial.

So he added his goodness to it!

He added his Word to it!

Do you want a good life?

Honor your parents.

Do you want a long life?

Honor your parents.

God wants these things for you - more than you want them for you.

But god gives us parameters- FOR OUR GOOD.

Obey and Honor = A good life and long life.