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Exodus 20:12(NIV)

“Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.”

Introduction

Honour = to weigh something heavy

We respect people above us on the basis of who they are—not what they do

People earn respect on the basis of what they do—not who they are

1. We earn respect by the way in which we respond to those above us.

“¹³ Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, ¹⁴ or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. ¹⁵ For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men. ¹⁶ Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God. ¹⁷ Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honor the king.” 1 Peter 2:13–17

“Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. ² Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.” Romans 13:1–2

“I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—² for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.”

1 Timothy 2:1–2

2. We earn respect by the way in which we treat those who have less than us.

“My brothers, as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, don't show favoritism. ² Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in shabby clothes also comes in. ³ If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, ‘Here's a good seat for you,’ but say to the poor man, ‘You stand there’ or ‘Sit on the floor by my feet,’ have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?” James 2:1–4

- a. We are judging people externally
- b. We are displaying a wrong picture of God

3. We earn respect by the way in which we treat those who are ahead of us in this relay of faith.

- a. We are to care for them materially.
- b. We are to care for them emotionally.
- c. We are to care for them spiritually.

4. We earn respect by the way in which we honor those who are our partners in the life of faith.

“Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.”
1 Peter 3:7

- a. We honor our wives before our children.
- b. We honor our wives before other people.
- c. We honor our wives by our actions.

“³ When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, ⁴ what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? ⁵ You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.” Psalm 8:3–5