



## Honoring Parents in an Age of Disrespect

**Listen!** I once read a story about the perfect Child—He never sinned one time. What a joy He must have been to His parents.

**Why talk about this?** What if we could study the life of this perfect Child and learn from Him how to live in relation to our parents?

**Bottom Line:** God commands us to obey and honor our parents. (Eph 6:1-4)

- Obey:
- Honor:
- It may be well with you and you will live long on the earth:

**The Big Idea:** Jesus was the perfect Son because He:

#1 ...was subject to His parents. Or, how to honor God at age 12.

#2 ...became separate from His parents. Or, how to honor God at age 22.

#3 ...supplied for His parents. Or, how to honor God at age 52.

**Application:** Would you make a personal commitment to pray for your parents every day for an entire month?

**Application:** If you are still living in your parent's home would you make a commitment to obey them in the rules and boundaries they have set up for you?

**Application:** If you are alienated from your parents would you make a commitment to call them today and initiate reconciliation?

**Application:** If your parents have a financial or personal need would you commit to help them with that need?

# Walking Papers

Practical helps for walking the Christian walk this week.

**The Big Idea of this passage:** Jesus was the perfect Son because He was subject to His parents and then became separate from His parents and then supplied for His parents.

Please take time each day this week to think through these questions and ideas:

- **Today:** Do you have an issue, problem, or confrontation for which you need to engage your parents and ask forgiveness? Will you do it?
  
- **Monday:** Make a list of what you think are your parent's top five needs right now. What would you be willing to do to help them?
  
- **Tuesday:** Pray for your parents—especially regarding their spiritual needs and the top five needs you listed for them yesterday.
  
- **Wednesday:** Would you be willing to do something to brighten your parent's day—a call or a “just because” gift or a note?
  
- **Thursday:** What will it look like for you to honor your parents for the next year?
  
- **Friday:** Are you at an age and stage in life where you need to make a full and clear break from your parents? Is it time to launch?
  
- **Saturday:** Read the entire Song of Solomon today.

***“Parents are a gift to us and they need help from us.”***