

HOME TALK

Making Disciples in the Middle of Everyday Life Mt 28:20a



Talking about The Ten Commandments

The Fourth Commandment

Honor your father and mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you (Exodus 20:12).

What does this mean?

This means that we should fear and love God so that we do not despise our parents and those in authority nor provoke them to anger, but honor, serve, obey, love, and think highly of them.

63 What should be your attitude toward your parents if they are divorced or separated?

I should still love them, try to understand them, and ask God to help me to honor them.

64 When do you sin against the Fourth Commandment?

I sin against the Fourth Commandment when I do not show my parents or those in authority over me proper respect and when I hurt them by disobedience, ingratitude, or by committing other sins.

65 What is meant by the promise added to this commandment?

The promise which is added to this commandment means that a special blessing rests upon obedient children and upon nations where parents and those in authority are honored.

Proverbs 14:34 "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

66 Does this mean that anyone who dies young has been disobedient to parents?

No, we are all part of a fallen world and share naturally in the evils that all human beings experience.

Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version

