

Honor Your Father and Mother

Pastor Mark Wilks, EPHESIANS 6:1-4

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1. Why should I obey my parents?

- Three reasons we are called to obey.
 - a) It's “right” - meaning it is the natural law.
 - b) It's the Law of God.
 - c) It comes with a promise.
- The word “obey” here is made up from two words under and listen.

2. Honor your Father and Mother.

- We are called to honor, no matter what our age is.
- How we honor will look different for each of us.
- We may have to honor Jesus over our parents at times.

3. Fathers be the number one influencer for God in your home.

- The idea here: Be both gentle and firm in our instruction.
- Treat your faith different from entertainment. Bad ? = “Did you like it?”
- You can stack the deck and still get a wild card.