

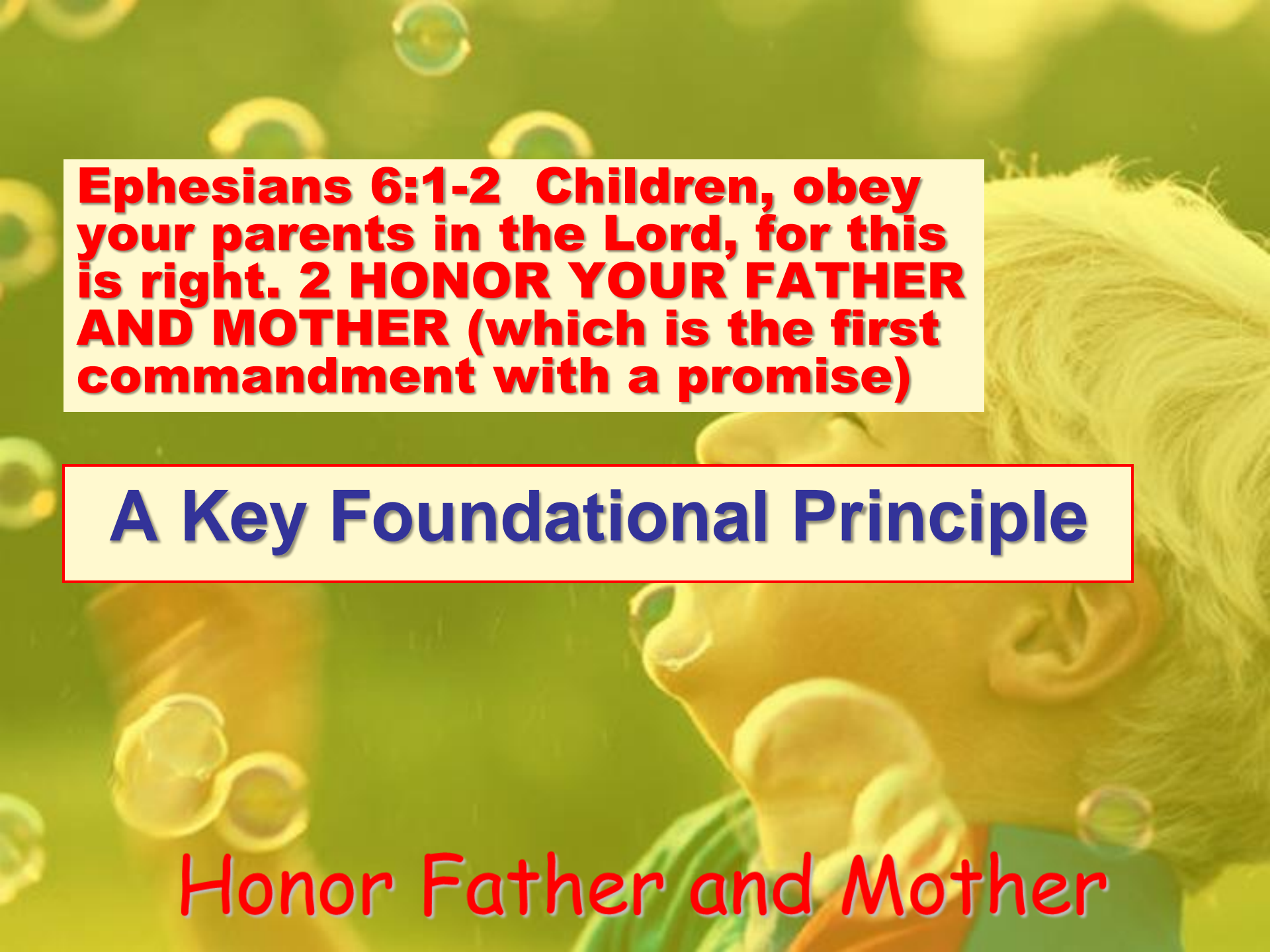


# Honor Father and Mother

Exodus 20:12

Honor your father and your mother, that  
your days may be prolonged in the land  
which the LORD your God gives you.





**Ephesians 6:1-2 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (which is the first commandment with a promise)**

**A Key Foundational Principle**

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**WRONG  
WAY**



# *Before Kids*



# *After Kids*





## Definition:

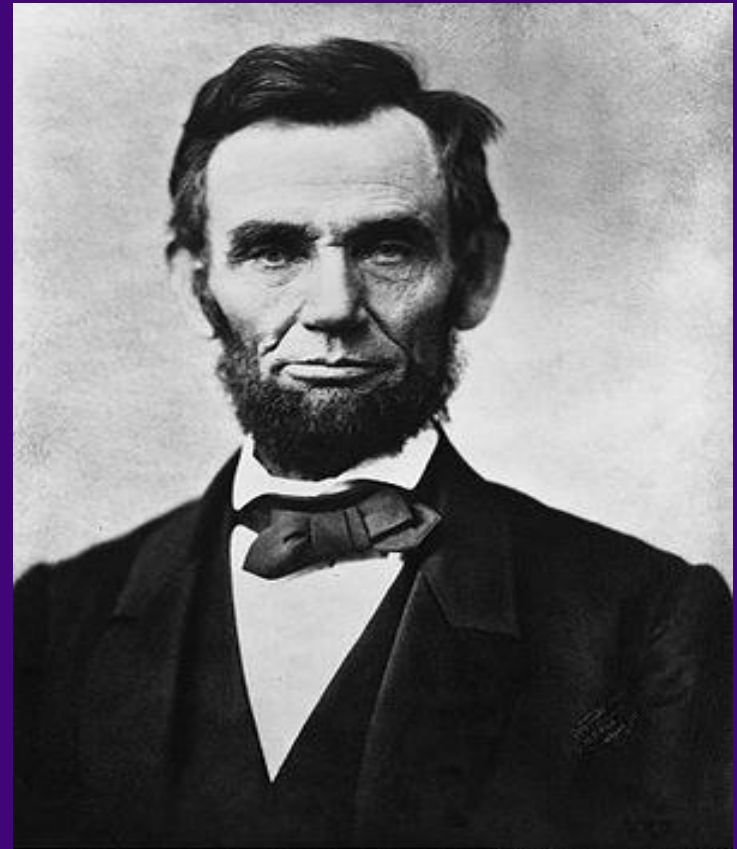
### Webster:

“High respect as to someone’s worth or rank. Official dignity, to hold someone in public esteem, to give credit, fame or glory.”

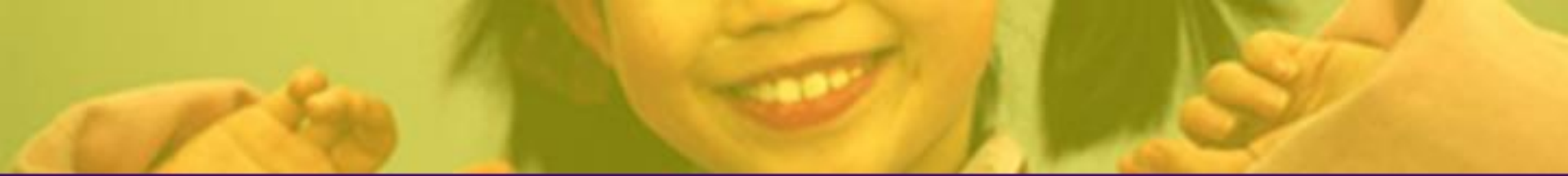
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**“No one is so  
blessed as he  
who is born  
into the home  
of a godly  
mother and  
father.”**

**Abe Lincoln**



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- Vines: **“Putting high value upon a person, esteeming them highly, including providing financial support.”**
    - “Widows indeed” (I Timothy 5:16).
    - Elders “worthy of double honor”(I Timothy 5:17).
    - Grown children also. No age limit!

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# **Honor is Found Everywhere**

- **Wives & husbands – 1 Peter 3:6ff**
- **Husbands & wives – 1 Peter 3:7**
- **Citizens – “king” – 1 Peter 2:13ff**
- **Young – elders – 1 Peter 5:5**

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## **Lack of Honor is an Age Old Problem**

- **Greeks – Socrates 2400 yrs ago.**
- **Job – *Job 19:18, 30:8ff***
- **Ancient Israel – reason for fall!**  
***Isaiah 3:5, Isaiah 30:1, 8-9***
- **Explains how it is the first  
commandment with promise!**

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# Contrast 1940 vs. 2010

1940

## TOP OFFENSES IN SCHOOLS:

- Talking
- Chewing gum
- Making noise
- Running in the halls
- Getting out of turn in line.
- Wearing improper clothes
- Not putting paper in the waste basket!

2010

## TOP OFFENSES IN SCHOOLS:

- Rape, Robbery
- Assault, Burglary
- Arson, Bombings
- Suicide
- Drug abuse, pushing
- Alcohol abuse/Gangs
- Pregnancies
- Abortions/Venereal disease



## **PARENTS MUST CULTIVATE AN ATTITUDE OF RESPECT**

- **Do not allow nonverbal defiance!**  
“The eye that mocks his father, and despises to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it” (Proverbs 30:17).

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## **PARENTS MUST CULTIVATE AN ATTITUDE OF RESPECT**

- “Fear every man his mother and father” (Leviticus 19:3)!
- Watch tone of voice, talking back!

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# **IMPORTANT KEY!**

Discipline *attitudes* and *behaviors*  
will take care of themselves.

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**HONORING PARENTS IS THE  
FOUNDATION OF SOCIETY.**

It's significant that it is  
listed fifth in order in the  
Ten Commandments!

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# THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

- RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD (1-4)
  1. ONE God
  2. God is SPIRIT
  3. God is HOLY
  4. God of DELIVERANCE
- RELATIONSHIP WITH FELLOWMAN (5-10)
  5. HONOR FATHER AND MOTHER
  6. RESPECT LIFE
  7. RESPECT MARR. VOWS
  8. RESPECT PROPERTY
  9. RESPECT TRUTH
  10. GUARD YOUR THOUGHTS.

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# WHY IS HONORING PARENTS SO FOUNDATIONAL?

- If not, what about teachers, policemen, elders, marriage vows?
- Ever known a vandal or delinquent who honored his/her parents?

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## WHY IS HONORING PARENTS SO FOUNDATIONAL?

- If children are not taught to respect us (whom they *can see*), how do we expect them to respect God (whom they *cannot see*?)

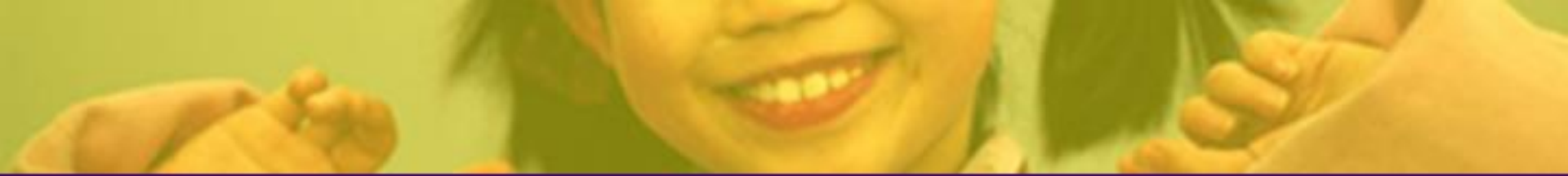
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## **NOT RESPECTING PARENTS IN THE OT WAS A CAPITAL CRIME**

- Deuteronomy 21:18-21 – “If. . . have a **rebellious son** that will not obey the voice of his parents . . .**be stoned with stones..**”
- Matthew 15:4 – “He that speaks evil of father and mother let him **die the death.**”
- Why? The punishment fits the crime!

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# **IMPORTANT SUGGESTION!**

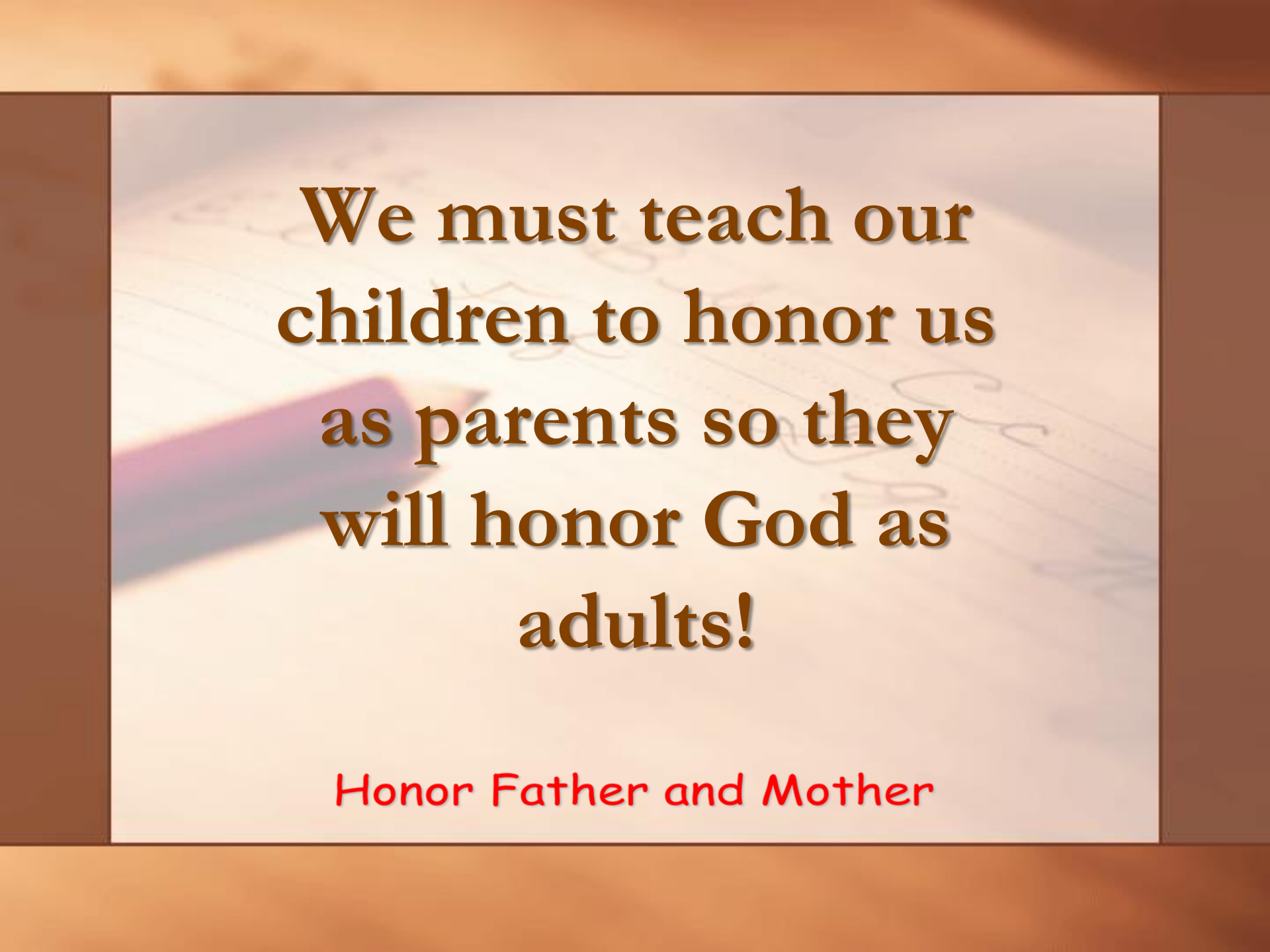
Save corporal punishment for  
acts of defiance.

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## Conclusion

- Remember: **Dishonor is serious!**
- Not *technical obedience* but *attitude* that matters!
- **Parent's responsibility** to teach their children **respect** and it must be instilled **very early**.
- It is the **foundation** of everything else parents do!

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**We must teach our  
children to honor us  
as parents so they  
will honor God as  
adults!**

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