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A Study of the Ten Commandments
And Today's Moral Crisis

Law 5: Honor Authority

Exodus 20:12

*Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long
in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.*

"HONOR" ~ "heavy" or "weighty."

To honor one's parents is to give due weight to their position. It is to give them the recognition they deserve for their God-given position. It is to respond to them and innately toward them actions in keeping with their position.

A distinction between honor and respect

- ~ Adults are commanded to honor their aging parents.
- ~ Parents are to teach their young children to honor them.
- ~ Children and teens are to honor their parents.

HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE

The fifth commandment

- ~ rules our relationship to the government.
- ~ regulates our work.
- ~ requires respect for our leaders in the church.

The other side

- ~ People in authority have a responsibility to exercise it in ways that are pleasing to God.
- ~ This has special relevance for fathers and mothers.

A LIFETIME OF HONOR

- ~ The fifth commandment is for young children.
- ~ The fifth commandment is for teenagers.
- ~ The fifth commandment is for young adults.
- ~ The fifth commandment is for older adults with aging parents.

LIVE LONG AND PROSPER

The expression "live long in the land" or days may be long in the land is a Hebrew phrase for the fullness of God's blessing. It means to have an abundant life.