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“HONOR IN THE HOME 2”

Honor, Pt. 5

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EPH. 6:1-4 (NIV) Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother"--which is the first commandment with a promise-- "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

WE CAN HONOR OUR PARENTS BY...

1) CHOOSING _____

EPH. 6:1 (NIV) Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

2) LIVING _____

PROV. 23:24-25 (NLT) The father of godly children has cause for joy. What a pleasure it is to have wise children. So give your parents joy! May she who gave you birth be happy.

3 JOHN 1:4 (NIV) I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

3) CARING _____

1 TIM. 5:3-4, 8 (NIV) Give proper recognition to those widows who are really in need. But if a widow has children or grandchildren, these should learn first of all to put their religion into practice by caring for their own family and so repaying their parents and grandparents, for this is pleasing to God. If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

EPH. 6:4 (NLT) And now a word to you fathers. Don't make your children angry by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction approved by the Lord.

WE CAN HONOR OUR CHILDREN BY...

1) _____ THEM

HEB. 12:6-8 (NLT) "The Lord disciplines those he loves" As you endure this divine discipline, remember that God is treating you as his own children. Whoever heard of a child who was never disciplined? If God doesn't discipline you as he does all of his children, it means that you are illegitimate and are not really his children after all. No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening—it is painful! But afterward there will be a quiet harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way.

PROV. 13:24 (NLT) If you refuse to discipline your children, it proves you don't love them; if you love your children, you will be prompt to discipline them.

PROV. 19:18 (NLT) Discipline your children while there is hope. If you don't, you will ruin their lives.

2) _____ THEM

PROV. 22:6 (NIV) Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

3) _____ THEM

DEUT. 6:7 (NIV) These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Digging Deeper: Small Group Questions...

- 1) What is the most honoring thing you've ever done for your parents and/or that your parents have done for you?
- 2) What does it mean to "obey your parents in the Lord"?
- 3) If you're a parent, when do you feel the most honored by your children?
- 4) What are some practical ways in which you can honor your parents?
- 5) How can we help parents honor our children?