

"Are You Skimping on This Commandment"

Series: "LIFE-GIVING RELATIONSHIPS", Part 6 of 6 Sunday, May 26, 2024, at 9:00 and 11:00 AM Mat Saxon | Latham Campus Pastor

Text: Selected Scripture

I. By assuming we age out of the commandment

Ephesians 6:1 (ESV), "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right."

Colossians 3:20 (ESV), "Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord."

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

Mark 7:9-12 (NLT), "Then he said, "You skillfully sidestep God's law in order to hold on to your own tradition. For instance, Moses gave you this law from God: 'Honor your father and mother,' and 'Anyone who speaks disrespectfully of father or mother must be put to death.' But you say it is all right for people to say to their parents, 'Sorry, I can't help you. For I have vowed to give to God what I would have given to you.' In this way, you let them disregard their needy parents."

Proverbs 23:22, 25 (ESV), "Listen to your father who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old. Let your father and mother be glad; let her who bore you rejoice."

II. By refusing to honor flawed and dysfunctional parents

Leviticus 19:1–3a (ESV), "And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father..."

1 Peter 2:17 (ESV), "Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor."

III. By turning boundaries into blockades

Romans 14:19 (ESV), "So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding."

Proverbs 20:20 (ESV), "If one curses his father or his mother, his lamp will be put out in utter darkness."

- 1 Timothy 5:1a (ESV), "Do not rebuke an older man but encourage him as you would a father..."
- 1 Chronicles 22:6–8 (ESV), "Then he called for Solomon his son and charged him to build a house for the Lord, the God of Israel. David said to Solomon, "My son, I had it in my heart to build a house to the name of the Lord my God. But the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 'You have shed much blood and have waged great wars. You shall not build a house to my name, because you have shed so much blood before me on the earth.
- 1 Kings 8:17–19 (ESV), "Now it was in the heart of David my father to build a house for the name of the Lord, the God of Israel. But the Lord said to David my father, 'Whereas it was in your heart to build a house for my name, you did well that it was in your heart. Nevertheless, you shall not build the house, but your son who shall be born to you shall build the house for my name.'