



Introduction:

Command V: _____ your _____.

Exodus 20:12 - "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you."

Truth: By nature, the _____ of our lives is significantly influenced by the _____ of our relationship with our parents.

Ephesians 6:2-3, "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."

Proverbs 6:20-23, "My son, keep your father's commands and do not forsake your mother's teaching... When you walk, they will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you; when you awake, they will speak to you. For these commands are a lamp, this teaching is a light, and the corrections of discipline are the way to life, ..."

Two Questions:

o _____ is a quality relationship with our parents so _____?

Answer: It plays a primary role in _____...

- Our view of _____
- Our view of _____
- Our view of _____
- Our view of _____

o _____ is a quality relationship with our parents _____?

Answers:

- As children...by _____ them through _____

Ephesians 6:1-2, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 'Honor your father and mother'— which is the first commandment with a promise."

- As adults...by _____ them through...

o _____

Romans 15:7, "Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God."

Involves...

- Understanding that no one is _____.
- Avoiding the _____.
- Making the conscious _____ to _____ them.
- Purposely recognizing their _____.

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Psalm 100:4, "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name."

Two Example Areas: _____ & _____

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Psalm 77:11, "I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago."

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1 Timothy 5:4 (NLT), "But if she has children or grandchildren, their first responsibility is to show godliness at home and repay their parents by taking care of them. This is something that pleases God very much."

Application: If we're going to experience the quality of lives we desire, we need to do everything in _____
_____ to cultivate quality relationships with our parents... _____ there is _____.

Romans 12:18, "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone."

Two Important Helps:

First: When a quality relationship with our parents is impossible, God can and will _____ the
_____ ...if we'll let Him.

Psalm 68:5, "A father to the fatherless...is God in his holy dwelling."

Second: The key to cultivating a quality relationship with our parents is found in cultivating our
_____ with the _____.

1 John 4:7, 19, "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God... We love because he first loved us."