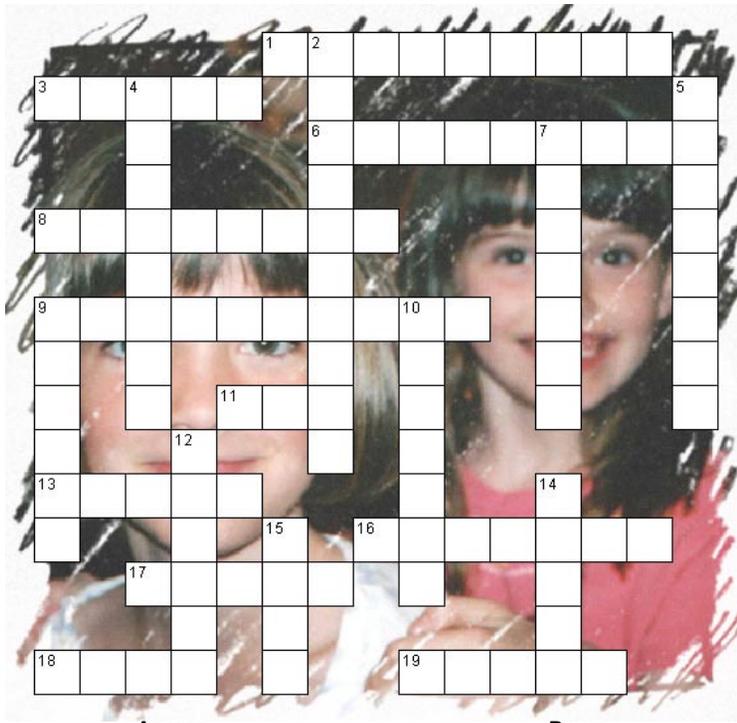


# Crossword Puzzle

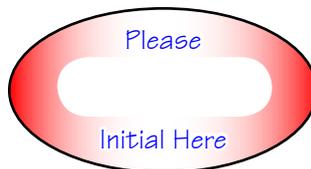


Across

Down

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| 1. In his epistle to the _____                                     | 2. ..._____, peace and joy...  |
| 3. ...protection, _____ and joy...                                 | 4. To honor is a matter of inward _____.                                     |
| 6. ...even _____ does not honor our parents if it does not come... | 5. To obey is a matter of outward _____.                                     |
| 8. Paul wrote “____, obey your parents.”                           | 7. God wants us to _____ Him as love...                                      |
| 9. ...the _____ of our relationship with others will be defective. | 9. Honor your _____ and mother.  |
| 11. The blessing is of _____ parts...                              | 10. To obey is a matter of _____ behavior.                                   |
| 13. ...you may live long on the _____.                             | 12. We can have a _____ foundation for our relationship with God and others. |
| 16. ...first commandment with a _____...                           | 14. The _____ commandment with a promise.                                    |
| 17. _____ your parents.  | 15. God wants us to express Him as _____.                                    |
| 18. ...you may live _____ on the earth.                            |  |
| 19. The blessing is of two _____...                                |  |

*Parent's Initials:*



2-6

## The Ten Commandments

- Lesson Eleven -

### *The Fifth Commandment (2) Honoring Your Father and Mother*

#### I. Overview.

**W**e honor our parents by having an inward attitude of respect toward them. We show our love toward our parents by honoring them. To obey our parents is right, but to honor them is what God desires. By honoring our parents, we honor God Himself, who gave us our parents.



The fifth commandment concerns both how we relate to God and to others.

In the previous lesson we saw that honoring our parents is related to our relationship with God. In this lesson we will see that honoring our parents is also related to our relationship with others. On the one hand, the fifth commandment is the last one among the first five commandments which concern our relationship with God. On the other hand, it is also the first commandment among those which deal with how we treat other people. We should pay close attention to this commandment because it deals with how we relate to God and to man.

#### II. Memory Verse.

**“Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with a promise: that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.”**

(Eph. 6:2-3)

### III. Lesson.

Because God is a loving God He wants us to express Him as love in all of our human relationships. Our first and most important human relationship is with our parents. If we are wrong in our attitude and relationship with our parents, the foundation of our relationship with others will be defective. If this is the case, it will affect all our other human relationships.



“...that it may be well with you  
and you may live long on the earth.”

#### The Meaning of Honoring our Parents

Now we shall look at the meaning of honoring our parents. In his epistle to the Ephesians, Paul wrote “children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.” However, he continued by saying that children should also honor their parents. To honor is more than to obey. To obey is a matter of the outward behavior. To honor is a matter of our inward attitude and feeling.

Surely, disobedience dishonors our parents, for it ignores their word of instruction to us. However, even obedience does not honor our parents if it does not come from a respectful attitude. By honoring our parents we show love toward them. Also, when we honor our parents, we honor God who gave our parents to us.

#### The Promised Blessing for Showing Honor

As our memory verse indicates, the fifth commandment is the first one with a promise – a promise of blessing. The bless-

ing that we receive because of honoring our parents is of two parts. Firstly the blessing is “that it may be well with you.” This means that we will have protection, peace and joy in our lives. Secondly the blessing is “that you may live long on the earth.” This means that God promises long life to those who honor their parents. This two-part blessing is very significant. It is not a small thing to prosper in our life and to live long.

God is full of desire to bless all of His children. In the fifth commandment, He reveals the best way for us to live. We can have a strong foundation for our relationship with God and with other people by taking care of the fifth commandment – to honor our father and mother.

### – Questions for Discussion –

1. Which is the first commandment with a promise?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. How is the fifth commandment related to how we treat other people?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What is the promise of the fifth commandment?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What does it mean that “it will be well with you?”  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_