



“WORTH THE WEIGHT: HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER”

EXODUS 20:12 BIBLE STUDY SLIDES

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GODLY GUIDANCE FOR LIFE



13 Enter through the narrow gate.

For **wide** is the **gate** and **broad** is the **road**
that **leads to destruction**.

And **many** are those who **enter through it**.

14 For **narrow** is the **gate** and **hard** is the **road**
that **leads to life**.

And **few** are those who **find it**.

(Mt 7:13-14, AT)





CONTEXT: THE TEN COMMANDMENTS



1 Then God spoke all these **words**, saying:
2 I am the LORD [YHWH] your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. (Ex 20:1-2, AT)





CONTEXT: LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS



37 Jesus replied: “ **‘Love the Lord your God** with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ [Dt 6:5]
38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: **‘Love your neighbor** as yourself.’ [Lev 19:18] 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these **two commandments.**” (Mt 22:37-40, NIV)



EXODUS 20:12 WORTH THE WEIGHT: HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER



Honor [כָּבֵד | *kābēd*] your father and your mother so that your days will be lengthened in the land that the LORD [YHWH] your God is giving to you. (Ex 20:12, AT I)

Give **weight** [כָּבֵד | *kābēd*] to your father and your mother so that your days will be lengthened in the land that the LORD [YHWH] your God is giving to you. (Ex 20:12, AT II)





EXODUS 20:12 HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER



Listen, my son, to the **discipline** [LXX: παιδεία (*paideia*)] **of your father,**
and do not forsake the **instruction of your mother.** (Pr 1:8, AT)





EXODUS 20:12
HONOR YOUR FATHER
AND MOTHER



“ ‘Each of you must **respect your mother and father**, and you must observe my Sabbaths. I am the LORD [YHWH] your God. (Lev 19:3, NIV)





EXODUS 20:12 A GRAVE COMMAND



“Anyone who **attacks** their father or mother is to be **put to death**. (Ex 21:15, NIV)

“Anyone who **curses** their father or mother is to be **put to death**. (Ex 21:17, NIV)

“ ‘Anyone who **curses** their father or mother is to be **put to death**. Because they have **cursed** their father or mother, their **blood** will be on their **own** head.

(Lev 20:9, NIV)





EXODUS 20:12 A GRAVE COMMAND



18 If someone has a stubborn and rebellious son who **does not obey his father and mother** and **will not listen to them** when they discipline him, 19 his father and mother shall take hold of him and bring him to the elders at the gate of his town. 20 They shall say to the elders, “This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious. **He will not obey us.** He is a glutton and a drunkard.” 21 Then all the men of his town are to **stone him to death.** You must **purge the evil from among you.** All Israel will hear of it and be afraid. (Dt 21:18-21, NIV)





EXODUS 20:12
A GRAVE
COMMAND



For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom 6:23, NIV)





EXODUS 20:12 TAKE CARE OF YOUR PARENTS IN THEIR GOLDEN YEARS



14 “Because he loves me,” says the LORD [YHWH], “I will rescue him;
I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.
15 He will call on me, and I will answer him;
I will **be with him in trouble**,
I will **deliver him and honor** [כָּבֵד | *kābēd*] **him**.

(Ps 91:14-15, NIV)





EXODUS 20:12 TAKE CARE OF YOUR PARENTS IN THEIR GOLDEN YEARS



8 You have let go of the **commands of God** and are holding on to human traditions.”

9 And he continued, “You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions! 10 For Moses said, ‘**Honor your father and mother,**’ [Ex 20:12; Dt 5:16] and, ‘Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.’ [Ex 21:17, Lev 20:9] 11 But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to **help their father or mother** is Corban (that is, devoted to God)—12 then you no longer let them do anything for their **father or mother**. 13 Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that.”

(Mk 7:8-13, NIV)





EXODUS 20:12
HONOR GOD,
HONOR PARENTS



All the nations You have made
will come and bow down before You, Lord,
and will **honor** [כָּבֵד | *kābēd*] Your name.

(Ps 86:9, HCSB)





EXODUS 20:12
HONOR GOD,
HONOR PARENTS



All the nations you have made
will come and worship before you, Lord;
they will **bring glory** [כְּבֹד | *kābēd*] to your name.

(Ps 86:9, NIV; cf. 1 Sam 2:30; Is 24:15; Ps 22:23;

Pr 3:9; Mal 1:6)





EXODUS 20:12
HONOR GOD,
HONOR PARENTS



15 “**Cursed** is anyone who makes an idol—a thing **detestable to the LORD** [YHWH], the work of skilled hands—and sets it up in secret.”

Then all the people shall say, “Amen!”

16 “**Cursed** is anyone who **dishonors their father or mother.**”

Then all the people shall say, “Amen!” (Dt 27:15-16, NIV)





EXODUS 20:12
SO THAT YOU MAY
LIVE LONG IN THE LAND



15 See, I set before you today **life and prosperity, death and destruction.** 16 For I command you today to **love the LORD [YHWH]** your God, to **walk in obedience to him**, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; **then you will live and increase**, and the LORD [YHWH] your God will **bless you in the land** you are entering to possess. (Dt 30:15-16, NIV)





EXODUS 20:12
SO THAT YOU MAY
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17 But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, 18 I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

(Dt 30:17-18, NIV)





EXODUS 20:12 HOLY NATION FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION



3 Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD [YHWH] called to him from the mountain and said, “This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: 4 ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. 5 Now **if you obey me fully and keep my covenant**, then out of all nations you will be my **treasured possession**. Although the whole earth is mine, 6 you will be for me a **kingdom of priests and a holy nation.**’ These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.” (Ex 19:3-6, NIV)





EXODUS 20:12 HOLY NATION FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION



9 But you are a **chosen people**, a **royal priesthood**, a **holy nation**, **God's special possession**, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, **but now you are the people of God**; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. (1 Pet 2:9-10, NIV)





EPHESIANS 6:1-4

CHILDREN SHOULD BE TRAINED TO STAY ON THE RIGHT TRACKS



1 Children **obey** your parents in the Lord. For this is right.
2 "**Honor** your father and mother" – which is the first
commandment with a promise – 3 “So that it may go well for you
and that you will live long in the land.” 4 And, **fathers**, do not
provoke your children to anger, but **bring them up in the training**
[παιδεία | *paideia*] and **instruction of the Lord**. (Eph 6:1-4, AT)

