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2. For the children. - Exodus 20:12  
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### 1. Obedience.

“Children, **obey** your parents in the Lord, **for this is right!**” - Ephesians 6:1

### 2. Honour.

Honour = Weightiness.

To honour a person was to respect them as a person who carried a great deal of weight (authority, influence) in your life.

Honour is character-based, not emotion-based.

How to honour your parents:

- (A) Write a note of appreciation to your parents.
- (B) Express your appreciation before your friends.
- (C) Obey your parents completely and cheerfully.
- (D) Put your parents’ interests above your own.

### 3. Understanding.

“When we were kids, everything was the kids’ fault.  
Now we are parents and everything is the parent’s fault.”

### 4. Love.

The home should have many verbal and visual expressions of love.

### 5. Prayer.

Pray for your parents’ ...

#### (1) Walk with God.

“Without the help of the Lord it is useless to build a home or to guard a city.”  
- Psalm 127:1

#### (2) Love for each other. *(That they'll be hopelessly in love!)*

#### (3) Experiences of **joy** in parenting.

“Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a **joy**, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.” - Hebrews 13:17

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