

**Christ Community Covenant Church**  
Authority in the Family: The Kid's Place  
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What do we really think of authority?

Romans 13:1 Authority = A Good Thing

Passage – Ephesians 6:1 – 3 “Honor Your Father and Mother”

Background: 10 Commandments, Exodus 20:12 plus Colossians 3:20

How big of a deal is this?

Leviticus 20:9, Deuteronomy 21:18 – 21, Romans 1:28 – 31

Big Deal!

What does it mean to “honor?”

Basic – respect; Hebrew – weighty, glorious, burdensome, significant priority;

Greek – prize, value, revere

***We can honor our parents when we keep in mind several notions.***

•Obedience – big one, used hand in hand in scripture

Simple – do what they say

Action, evidence of honoring, understanding consequences

\*Exception – anything that is contrary to God's law/will

•Attitude – humble, patient, gentleness, kindness, goodness, self-control

Ephesians 4:2-3

•Perception

- life stages

- parents are not perfect

- “position” of parent

- communication

•Forgiveness – Colossians 3:13

Both sides – grant it, ask for it

“Punch Line” – Honoring parents is such a big deal because that relationship reflects our relationship with God. If we can't honor our earthly parents, can we honor the Almighty God of the Universe? We honor our parents so that we can better honor God.