



## The Principle of Honor

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**Focus** When God told Moses to lead the people out of Egypt, their destiny was to inherit the Promised Land. However, the majority did not enter it because they did not honor or believe the word of God. When we believe in His promises, we can enjoy all of the blessings that come with it.

**Fun** What is the first ride you head for at your favorite amusement park?

**Review** Key Scriptures: Exodus 20:12; Mark 6:1–6; Proverbs 30:11–17

#### 1. Honor produces faith.

We are to honor our parents so that things will go well with us (Deuteronomy 5:16). When we honor our parents, we learn to honor those in authority and we learn to honor God. When God told Moses to lead the people to the Promised Land, faith was required to take the land. Those who honored God's word were given the faith to do that.

#### 2. Honor produces blessings.

As children, our first step is to obey our parents. When we mature, we are told to honor our parents. When we resist authority, our attitude brings consequences. When we obey this principle, we experience blessings.

#### 3. Honor produces destiny.

The majority of the people were not permitted to enter the Promised Land because they did not honor authority. God wants His people to receive their inheritance—to live out their destinies. But when we do not honor God or His authority we cannot enter into our destiny and calling.

**\*Group Dynamics Idea\*** Keeping today's lesson in mind, list the different ways our society honors certain individuals.

## Discuss

1. Explain how honor affects belief in the story from Mark 6:1–6.
2. Read Ephesians 6:1–3. What should our attitude be toward our parents as we transition from children to adults? What is the result when we honor this principle?
3. One of the definitions of *subject* is “to arrange in a military fashion under the command of a leader.” According to Romans 13:1–2, what happens when we disregard this principle? Name ways we can apply this principle to our daily lives.
4. What did Jesus do that enabled Him to increase in wisdom, stature, and favor in Luke 2:51–52?
5. What are the characteristics of a dishonoring generation (Proverbs 30:11–17)? Do you think ours is a dishonoring generation? Explain.
6. Read Matthew 15:1–8. Why did Jesus call the scribes and Pharisees hypocrites? What is the key to true honor?
7. How can we honor dishonorable people?

**Take Home** As we conclude, remember the following:

- One of God’s commandments is to honor our parents.
- We are to honor each other and those in authority.
- When we do not honor God’s principles, there are consequences.
- When we honor God’s principles, there are blessings.

## Prayer

Jesus, help us to learn the principle of honoring our parents, each other, and those in authority. We ask that You help us to be an honoring generation. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

**\*New Leader Tip\*** As you ask for prayer requests at the end of each gathering, be sure to share answered prayers as well. Sharing how God has answered prayers will build up everyone's faith.