

# **The Ten Commandments (5): God's Family Plan**

## **Exodus 20:12**

### **I. The Relevance of the Fifth Commandment**

- A. The Fifth Commandment acts as a bridge between the commandment's two sections.
- B. Honoring your parents means to treat them with respect and esteem because of their position of authority.
- C. Respect for authority is the foundation for society (Exodus 20:12; Ephesians 6:2).

### **II. The Life-long Commitment of the Fifth Commandment**

- A. Our duty as children is to obey our parents (Ephesians 6:1; Colossians 3:20; Proverbs 21:1; Acts 4:19-20).
- B. Our duty as young adults is to respect our parents (Leviticus 19:3; Proverbs 1:8-9).
- C. Our duty as middle-aged adults is to support our aging parents (Mark 7:9-13; 1 Timothy 5:8; John 19:26-27).

### **III. The Challenge of the Fifth Commandment**

- A. Love your parents unconditionally.
- B. Be the kind of parent your children want to honor.