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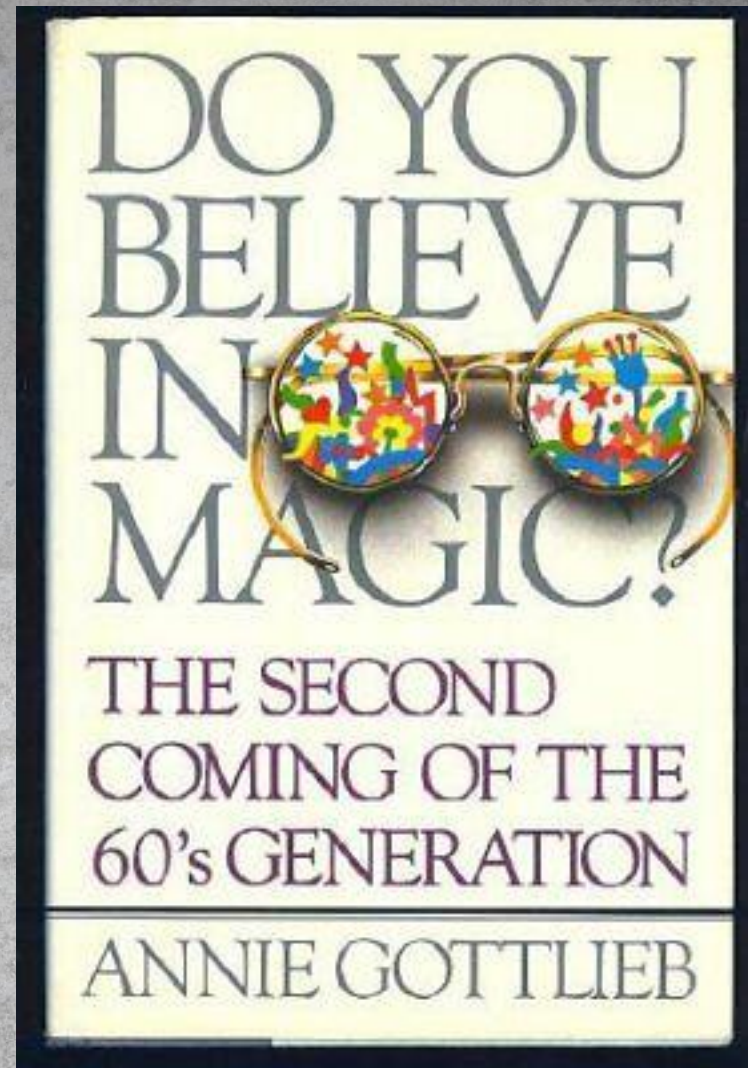


# The Fifth Commandment: Honor

***EXODUS 20:12***



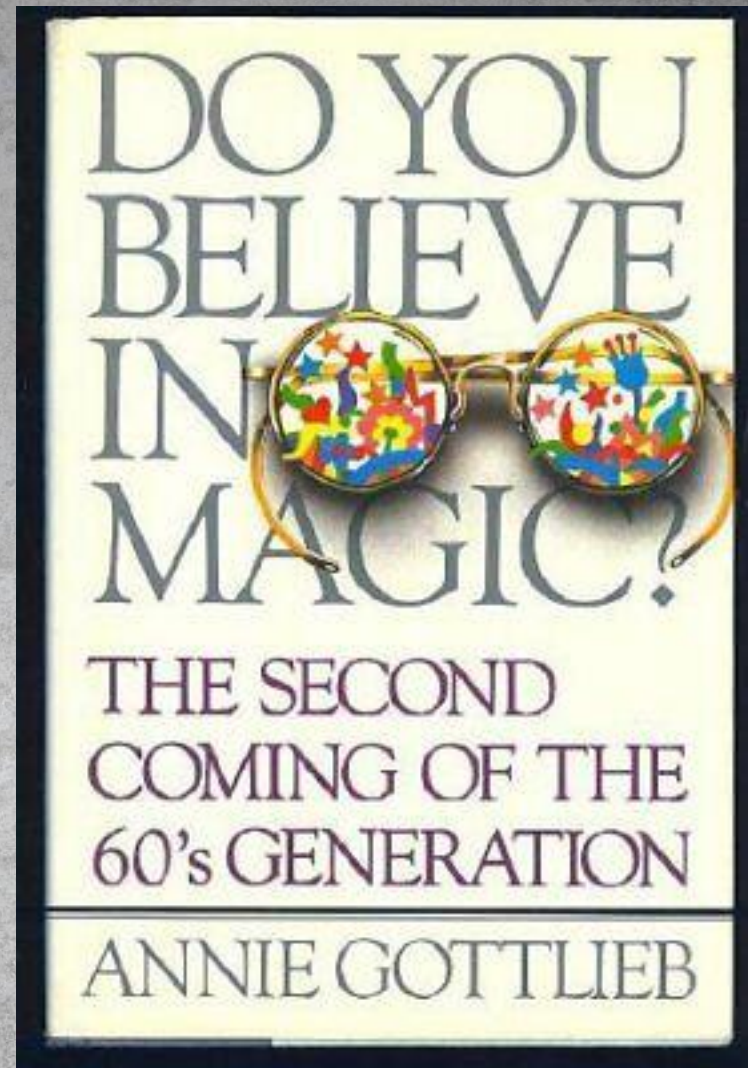
“We might not have been able to tear down the state, but the family was closer. We could get our hands on it. And ... we believed that the family was the foundation of the state, as well as the collective state of mind. ... We truly believed that the family had to be ...”



***ANNIE GOTTLIEB***



“... torn apart to free love, which alone could heal the damage done when the atom was split to release energy. And the first step was to tear ourselves free from our parents.”



***ANNIE GOTTLIEB***



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#1 – Lordship

#2 – Idolatry

#3 – Representation

#4 – Sabbath

#5 – Honor #6 – Murder #7 – Adultery

MAN

#8 – Stealing #9 – Lying #10 – Coveting

# ***DIVIDING THE TEN COMMANDMENTS***



1. Real relationships start in the home.
2. Family relationships mirror our relationship to God (Ephesians 5:22, 25; 6:1).
3. Parents must live a life worthy of honor (Colossians 3:21).
4. It is within our nature to hate authority.
5. We tend to de-value those older than us.
6. God sets up a structure of authority in the home (Deuteronomy 4:9-10, 40; 6:4-9).
7. God loves children.
8. The family was the first institution set up by God.

## ***EIGHT REASONS FOR THIS COMMANDMENT***



- Honor Your Parents (Exodus 20:12a)

***THE COMMAND***



- From the Hebrew word meaning “heavy” or “weighty”
- Means giving due weight to someone or someone’s position
- The most common word (Hebrew: *havad*) for honor in the O.T.
- Honoring parents is honoring Christ (Colossians 3:20)

**“HONOR”**



- By obeying them

***HOW WE HONOR OUR PARENTS***



*Hear, my son, your father's instruction,  
and forsake not your mother's teaching,  
for they are a graceful garland for your head and  
pendants for your neck.*

**PROVERBS 1:8-9**



*Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land."*

***EPHESIANS 6:1-3***

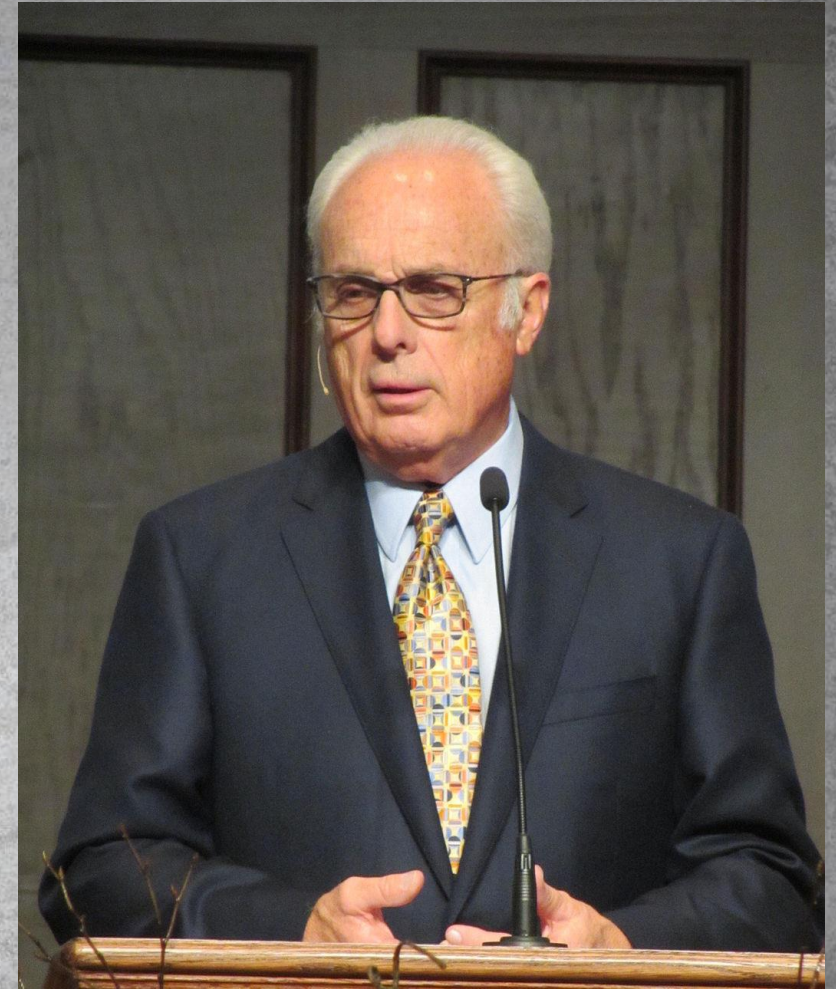


*Children, obey your parents in everything, for this  
pleases the Lord.*

**COLOSSIANS 3:20**



“When Scripture discusses the role of children in the family, the stress is on responsibilities, not rights. And every child’s main responsibility is to obey his or her parents.”



**JOHN MACARTHUR**



“Obedience to parents is shown in complying with their commands. A child should be the parents’ echo; when the father speaks, the child should echo back obedience.”



**THOMAS WATSON**



- By obeying them
- By caring for them

***HOW WE HONOR OUR PARENTS***



*When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.*

**JOHN 19:26-27**



*But if a widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show godliness to their own household and to make some return to their parents, for this is pleasing in the sight of God. She who is truly a widow, left all alone, has set her hope on God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day, but she who is self-indulgent is dead even while she lives. Command these things as well, so that they may be without reproach. But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.*

**1 TIMOTHY 5:4-8**



- By obeying them
- By caring for them
- By listening to what they say

***HOW WE HONOR OUR PARENTS***



*Listen to your father who gave you life, and do not  
despise your mother when she is old.*

***PROVERBS 23:22***



- By obeying them
- By caring for them
- By listening to what they say
- By thanking and being thankful for them

***HOW WE HONOR OUR PARENTS***



- By obeying them
- By caring for them
- By listening to what they say
- By thanking and being thankful for them
- By walking in truth

***HOW WE HONOR OUR PARENTS***

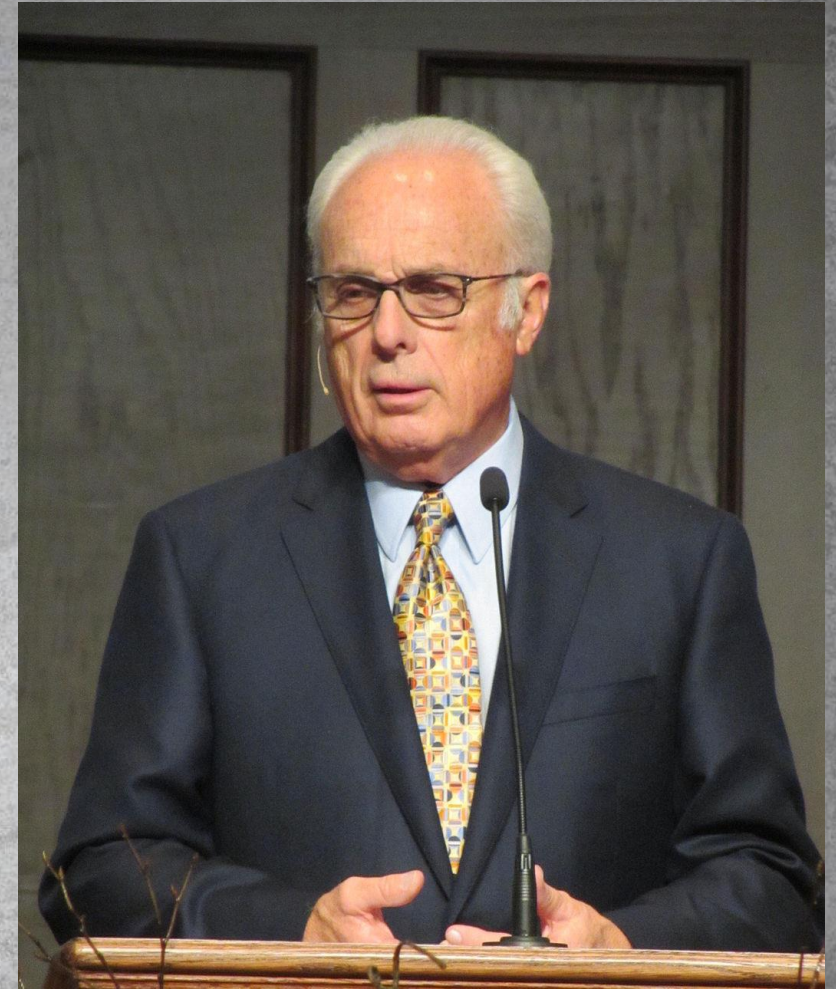


*I have no greater joy than to hear that my children  
are walking in the truth.*

**III JOHN 4**



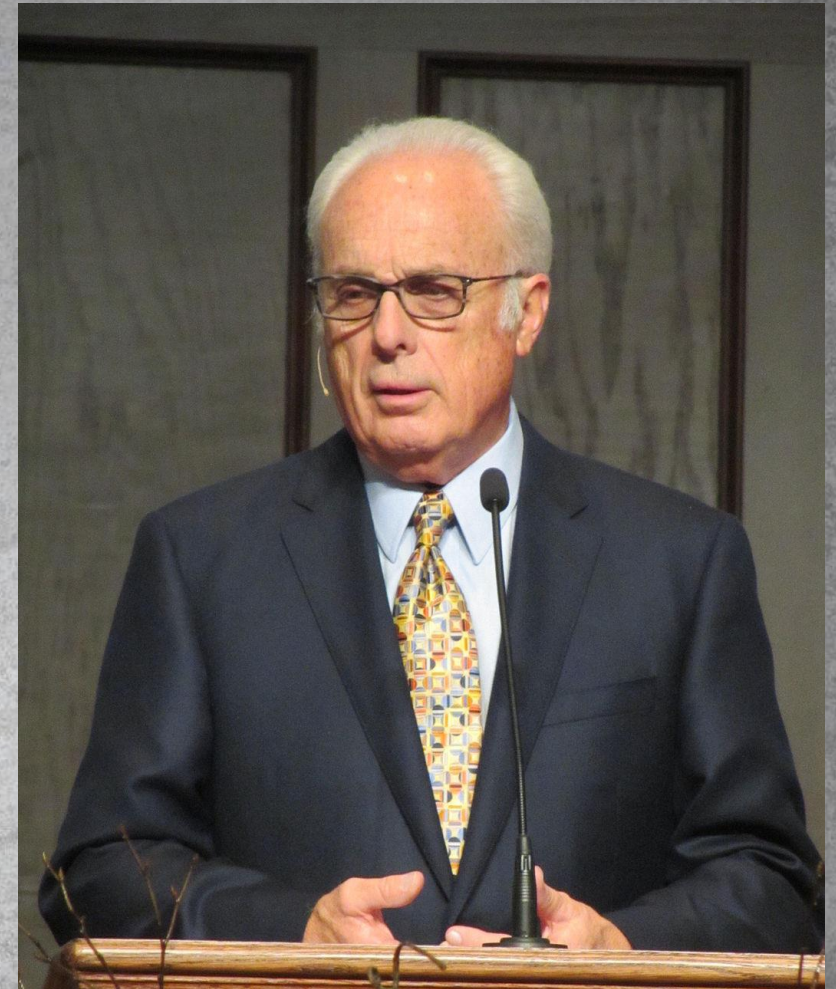
“The goal of parenting is not behavior control. It is not merely to produce well-mannered children. It is not to teach our kids socially commendable behavior. It is not to make them polite and respectful. It is not to make them obedient...



**JOHN MACARTHUR**



“...It is not to get them to perform for our approval. It is not to conform them to a moral standard. It is not to give us, as parents, something to be proud of. The ultimate goal and proper focus of biblical parenting is redemptive.”



**JOHN MACARTHUR**



- By obeying them
- By caring for them
- By listening to what they say
- By thanking and being thankful for them
- By walking in truth
- By praising them

***HOW WE HONOR OUR PARENTS***



- By obeying them
- By caring for them
- By listening to what they say
- By thanking and being thankful for them
- By walking in truth
- By praising them
- By serving them

***HOW WE HONOR OUR PARENTS***



*For anyone who curses his father or his mother  
shall surely be put to death; he has cursed his  
father or his mother; his blood is upon him.*

**LEVITICUS 20:9**



- You will live a prosperous life (vs. 12b).

***THE PROMISE***



*"Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise),*

***EPHESIANS 6:2***



1. Those who honor their parents teach the next generation to do the same.
2. Honoring parents kept you from capital punishment.

***DAYS MAY BE LONG***



*And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,*

**ROMANS 1:28-30**



*But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy,*

**II TIMOTHY 3:1-2**



“If you can’t minister to your parents, there’s a good chance that you can’t minister to anyone else, either, because ministry calls us into intimacy with people. We’re going to see the cracks, and we’re going to see the flaws, and we’re going to see the imperfections...



***RICH MULLINS***



“...If you can't deal  
with your parents'  
imperfections, then  
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