

Ephesians 6:1-3 NLT

Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. “Honor your father and mother.” This is the first commandment with a promise: If you honor your father and mother, “things will **go well** for you, and you will have a **long life** on the earth.”

Honor and obedience lead to a better, longer life!

Give them the why

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 ESV

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

Show them the how

Romans 13:1,5-7 NLT

Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God...So you must submit to them, not only to avoid punishment, but also to keep a clear conscience. Pay your taxes, too, for these same reasons. For government workers need to be paid. They are serving God in what they do. Give to everyone what you owe them: Pay your taxes and government fees to those who collect them, and give respect and honor to those who are in authority.

Instill in them the what if

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If you honor your father and mother, “things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth.

Deuteronomy 27:16a NIV

“Cursed is anyone who dishonors their father or mother.”

Proverbs 20:20 NLT

If you insult your father or mother, your light will be snuffed out in total darkness.