

10 FOOLISH THINGS

PEOPLE DO TO
MESS UP THEIR LIVES

Exodus 20:12

FOOLISH THING #5

Neglecting to Honor Our
Parents

Commandment #1

“Thou shalt have no other
gods before me.”

(Exodus 20:3)

Commandment #2

“Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.”

(Exodus 20:4)

Commandment #3

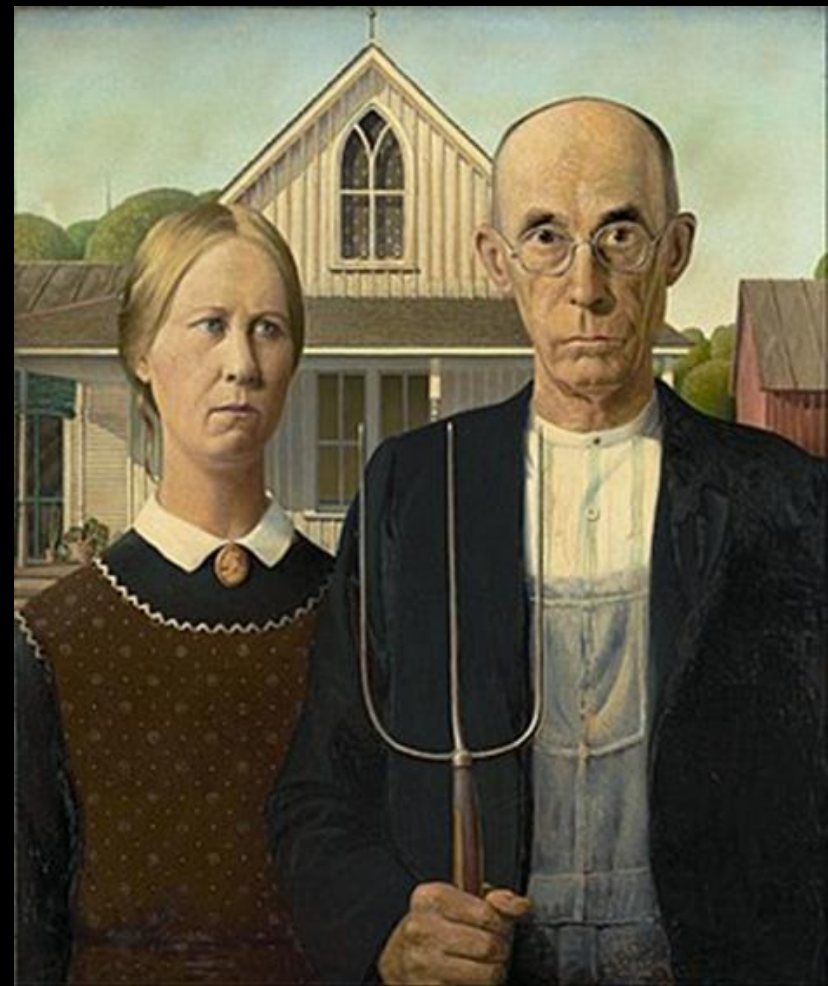
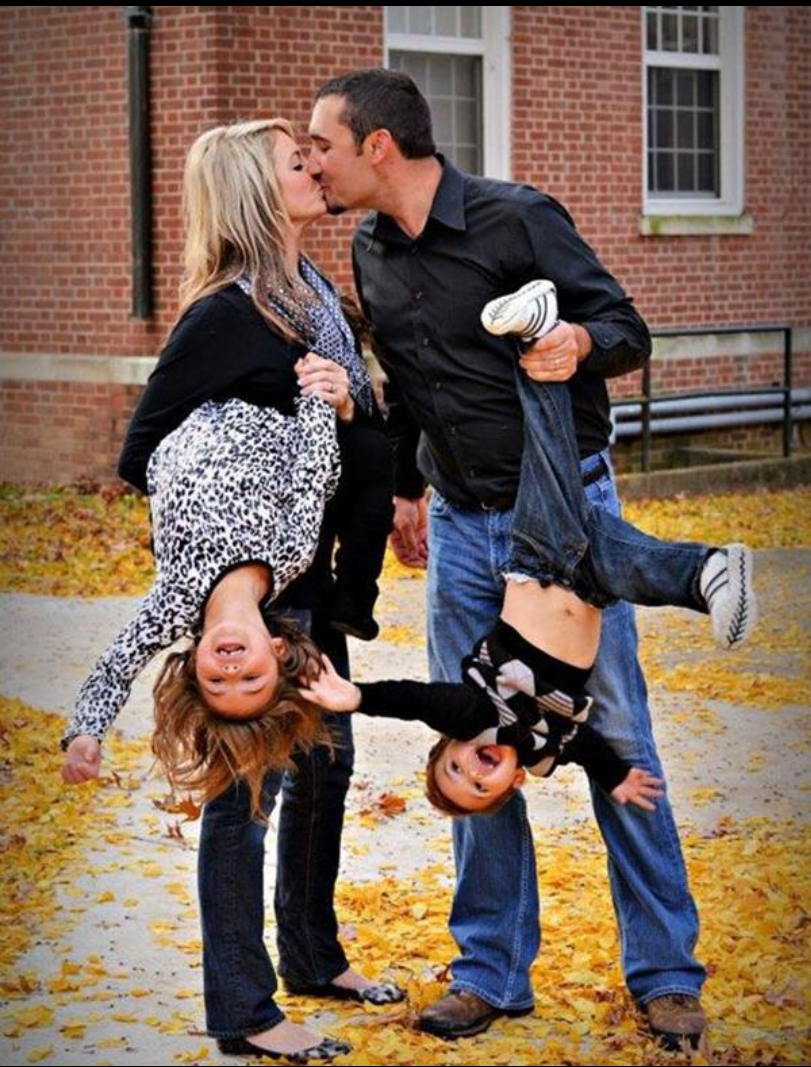
**“Thou shalt not take the name
of the Lord thy God in vain.”**

(Exodus 20:7)

Commandment #4

“Remember the sabbath day,
to keep it holy.”

(Exodus 20:8)





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HONOR

*Chabad – “heavy; weight”
“to lay a heavy one on them”*



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**Continuing to nail your
parents to a cross years
after the fact hurts you
more than it hurts them.**



For some, it takes a great deal of faith to believe that somehow God can use imperfect people like our parents to help shape us into people He wants us to be.



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 - Honoring your parents, even when they don't deserve it, is a healthy, healing and life-giving choice.

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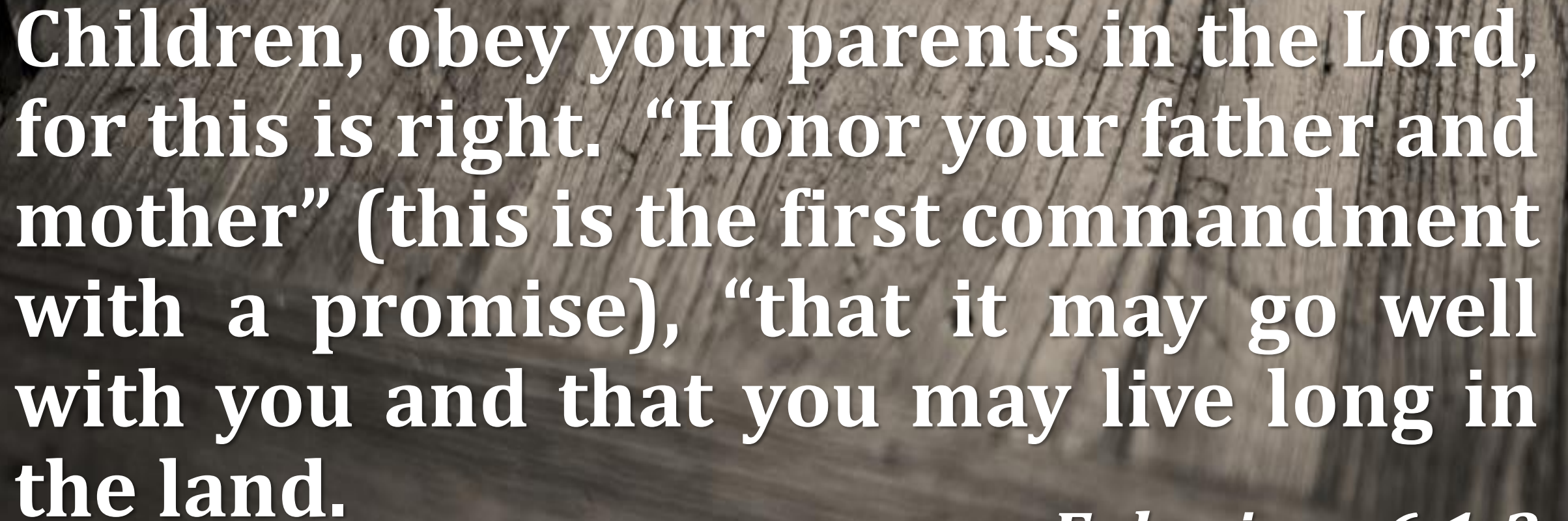
- 1. Honoring your parents is a Biblical principle with life-long responsibilities.**
- 2. How we treat our parents not only impacts them, but it also impacts us.**

Long life ...

**means to have experienced a fulfilled,
bountiful life from childhood to old age.**

**"Abraham breathed his last, and died in a
good old age, an old man and full of years."
*(Genesis 25:8)***





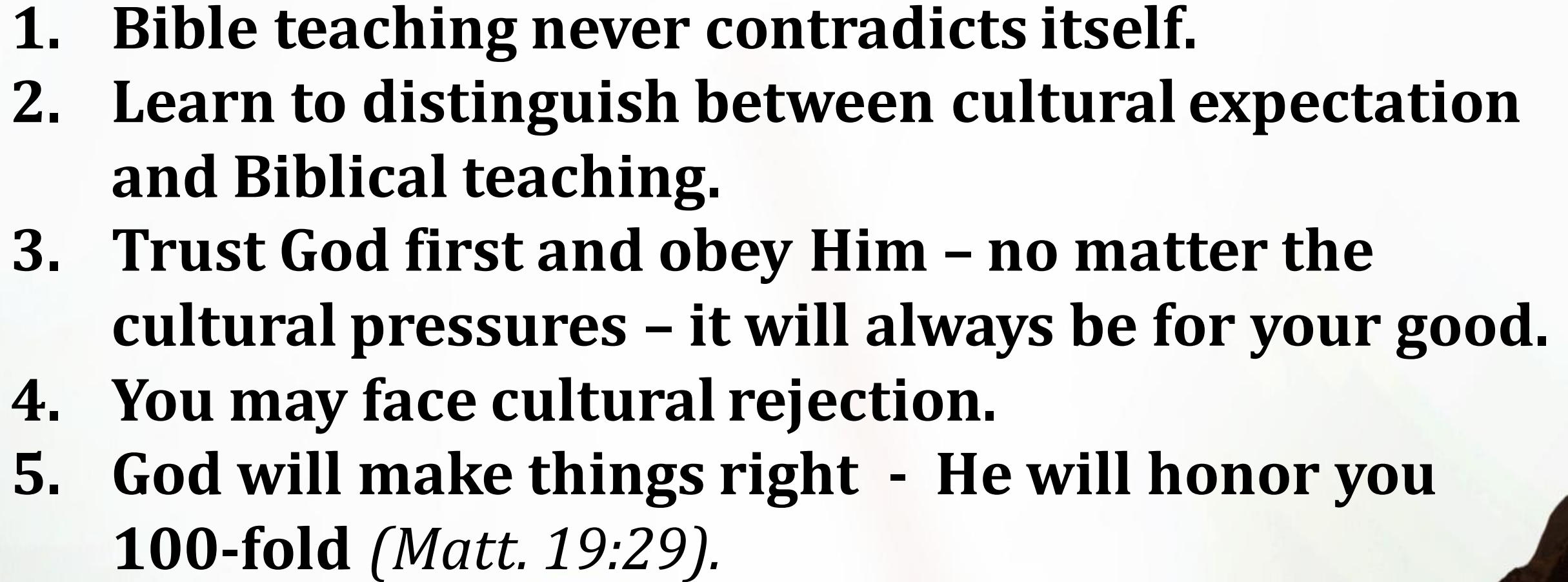
**Children, obey your parents in the Lord,
for this is right. “Honor your father and
mother” (this is the first commandment
with a promise), “that it may go well
with you and that you may live long in
the land.**

Ephesians 6:1-3


Failing to Honor our Parents

1. It impacts the way your children will respond to you.
2. It drains away your capacity to love others.
3. It builds walls in our lives.
4. It affects you physically.

How do we balance Matthew 19:29 & Matthew 8:19-22 with the command to honor?

- 1. Bible teaching never contradicts itself.**
 - 2. Learn to distinguish between cultural expectation and Biblical teaching.**
 - 3. Trust God first and obey Him – no matter the cultural pressures – it will always be for your good.**
 - 4. You may face cultural rejection.**
 - 5. God will make things right - He will honor you 100-fold (*Matt. 19:29*).**
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- **God wants us to help care for the needs of our families, but not neglect our spiritual calling in the process.**
 - **God does not call every person to leave family behind. But when He does, spiritual calling and spiritual obedience is always primary.**
 - **Don't allow any other priorities to distract you from your calling.**
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How do we honor practically?

1. Viewing this person as a priceless gift
2. Granting this person a position in our lives worthy of great respect
3. Putting our decision into action
 - seek and value their counsel
 - speak highly of them
 - talk to them and serve them
 - write them a note – give them a call