

Q104. What is God's will for you in the fifth commandment?

A. That I honor, love, and be loyal to my father and mother and all those in authority over me;¹ that I submit myself with proper obedience to all their good teaching and discipline; and also that I be patient with their failings—² for through them God chooses to rule us.³

1. Eph. 6:1[–9] – “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.”

Col. 3:18 – “Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.”

Col. 3:20–24 – “Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is your acceptable duty in the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, or they may lose heart. Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything, not with a slavery performed merely for looks, to please people, but wholeheartedly, fearing the Lord. Whatever task you must do, work as if your soul depends on it, as for the Lord and not for humans, since you know that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; you serve the Lord Christ.”

Eph. 5:22 – “Wives, be subject to your husbands as to the Lord,”

Prov. 1:8 – “Hear, my child, your father's instruction, and do not reject your mother's teaching,”

Prov. 4:1 – “Listen, children, to a father's instruction, and be attentive, that you may gain insight,”

Prov. 15:20 – “A wise child makes a glad father, but the foolish despise their mothers.”

Prov. 20:20 – “If you curse father or mother, your lamp will go out in utter darkness.”

Exod. 21:17 – “Whoever curses father or mother shall be put to death.”

Rom. 13:[1–5] – “Let every person be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval, for it is God's agent for your good. But if you do what is wrong, you should be afraid, for the authority does not bear the sword in vain! It is the agent of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience.”

2. Prov. 23:22 – “Listen to your father who begot you, and do not despise your mother when she is old.”

Gen. 9:25 – “he said, ‘Cursed be Canaan; lowest of slaves shall he be to his brothers.’”

1 Pet. 2:18 – “Slaves, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only those who are good and gentle but also those who are dishonest.”

3. Eph. 6:4 – “And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.”

Eph. 6:9 – “And, masters, do the same to them. Stop threatening them, for you know that both of you have the same Lord in heaven, and with him there is no partiality.”

Col. 3:19 – “Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.”

Col 3:21 – “Fathers, do not provoke your children, or they may lose heart.”

Rom. 13:[1–5]

Matt. 22:21 – “They answered, ‘Caesar’s.’ Then he said to them, ‘Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.’”