

1. Describe your current relationship with your parents. Do you have a track record of honor, respect, and obedience to your parents? Would you be pleased with your parents if they treat you like you treated your parents? (By the way, they will.)
2. What spiritual investment did your parents make in your life?
3. Read Exodus 20:12, 21:17, and Deut. 21:18-21. Why does God take disobedient children so serious? What is at stake if children do not follow the spiritual instruction of the previous generation? How is the glory of God and the advancement of the gospel dependent on the obedience of children?
4. Read 2 Timothy 3:1-2. Why do you think "disobedience to parents" is listed as one of the marks of the last days? Do you think we are living in the last days? If so, how should you be preparing yourself to meet God?
5. Read Matthew 3:17. What did Jesus do to bring pleasure to God? How do obedient children bring pleasure to God?
6. Read Romans 13:1-5. Discuss this statement: "If your heart is resistant to authority your heart is resistant to God."
7. Project: Take time this week to write a tribute to your parents expressing honor and gratefulness for their influence in your life. Humbly acknowledge that you were not always obedient and seek to restore relationship if it has been broken.
8. Do you live for the pleasure of God? Is it something you consciously think about? If not, make it your goal this week to do things that you know would bring pleasure to God.