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Acts 6: 4 ASV

Honor and Respect

A Message for Youth

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- **Text:** Deuteronomy 6: 4-7 ASV

4 Jehovah our God is one Jehovah: 5 and thou shalt love Jehovah thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.
6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be upon thy heart; 7 and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

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- God breathed these words.
- This Biblical instruction for parents to teach the commandments to their children is too often forgotten. Many are too busy to parent at all. The Hebrew word, *horim* translates parents and is related to the Hebrew word *moreh* which translates teacher. Parents are instructed by Jehovah to be teachers of faith and morality.
- Parents and children are chain links leading to God, the ultimate Creator and Power of the

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universe, upon whom we are all dependent and grateful.

- We have carried the American spirit of equality and democracy to its logical conclusion. After all we rebelled against the authoritarianism of the monarch, the social distinctions of aristocracy, and oppressive religious authority.
- The loss of manners is a very important indicator of the disruption that has occurred in our society. There is no question American

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society has lost some of the formality and etiquette that convey a sense of respect. Not only is chivalry dead, but so are simple manners. No longer do we refer to people with the address of Mr., Mrs., or Miss. Use of these forms of address taught youth they did not treat adults the same as other youth.

- The Hebrew word *kavod* translates honor. In the English language the words honor and respect are synonymous. In English respect implies partiality; ¹⁷ Ye shall not respect

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persons in judgment; ye shall hear the small and the great alike; ye shall not be afraid of the face of man; for the judgment is God's: and the cause that is too hard for you ye shall bring unto me, and I will hear it. Deuteronomy 1: 17 ASV This is a command to be unbiased when acting as judge.

- Honor is a commandment of veneration and courtesy. Traditionally to honor one's parents meant to serve them food and drink, provide clothing and shelter, and lead them in and out

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as long as they were alive. Honor was demonstrated through acts of kindness and caring, while reverence or respect was to refrain from actions that diminished their role or embarrassed them. These simple distinctions are relevant today.

- Just as we must honor God the creator of all life, we must honor parents who gave us life. Parents are an important connection to God. By honoring parents we honor God.

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- The Bible contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation. Its doctrines are holy. Its precepts are binding. Its histories are true. Read it to be wise. Believe it to be safe. Practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct, comfort, and cheer you.
- Memory Verse: Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long in the land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee. Exodus 20: 12