

**AUGUST 15th FOX CREEK EVERGREEN CLASSES/HOME CONVERSATION
THE GIFT OF A CLEAR CONSCIENCE: Honor Mom and Dad**

Some prep help: *What parents can do to help our children honor God through us...*
<https://mystronghome.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Day-16.pdf>

“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother (which is the first commandment with a promise), so that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth. Fathers, do not provoke (misguide them into anger), but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.” - Ephesians 6:1-4

Some ideas for youngsters:

Make a list of their ideas on a sheet of paper or a white board as you ask questions and talk.

What things that you do please your mom and dad?

What are some things which make your mom and dad unhappy about what you do?

Some ideas for olders/teens conversation:

What things make you want to reject your mom and dad's oversight of your life?

What difference do you see in your friends who do this? Those who do not do this?

What are the good things about finding our independence? What are our vulnerabilities?

For you to share/discuss as a parent or teacher:

*“You shall rise up before the grayheaded and honor the aged, and you shall revere your God; I am the LORD.”
- Leviticus 19:32*

In what specific ways do we show respect for those who are older?

What does it do to a younger heart when we do not show this kind of respect?

What does this have to do with having a strong “reverence” for God? What does that word mean?

Why does our culture have a tendency to devalue the input of older people and consider them not relevant?

Here's a good honor story (where appropriate :)

“Then he went up from there to Bethel; and as he was going up by the way, young lads came out from the city and mocked him and said to him, “Go up, you baldhead; go up, you baldhead!” When he looked behind him and saw them, he cursed them in the name of the LORD. Then two female bears came out of the woods and tore up forty-two lads of their number. He went from there to Mount Carmel, and from there he returned to Samaria.” - 2 Kings 2:23-25

Nice.