

# **Exodus 20:12-13**

## ***The Horizontal Commandments***

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### **Commandment #5 - Honor your father and mother.**

**Exodus 20:12** - Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

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#### **1. Protection**

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#### **2. Affection**

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### **3. Direction**

**Proverbs 22:6** - Train up a child in the way they should go.

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### **4. Correction**

**Hebrews 12:6** - The Lord disciplines those He loves.

**Leviticus 20:9** - Anyone who curses their father or mother must be put to death. Such a person is guilty of a capital offense.

**Deut. 21:18-21** - If someone has a stubborn and rebellious son who doesn't obey his father and mother and won't listen to them when they discipline him... All the men of the city shall stone him to death with stones. So you shall purge the evil from your midst.

**1 Samuel 19:5** - "Why would you do wrong to an innocent man like David by killing him for no reason?"

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**1 Samuel 24:6** - He said to his men, “The LORD forbid that I should do this thing to my lord, *the LORD’s anointed*, to put out my hand against him, seeing he is *the LORD’s anointed*.”

**Luke 2:51** - Then He returned to Nazareth with them and was subject to them.

**Col. 3:20** - Children, obey your parents in all things, for this pleases the Lord.

**John 19:26-27** - When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, “Woman, here is your son.” Then He said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” So from that hour, this disciple took her into his home.

**v. 12** - Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

**Ephesians 6:1-3** - Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother” (which is the first commandment with a promise), “that it may go well with you and that you may live long on the earth.”

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## **Commandment #6 - Don't murder**

**v. 13** - You shall not murder.

### **#1 - Self defense**

**Exodus 22:2** - If a thief is found breaking in and is struck so that he dies, the defender is not guilty of bloodshed.

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**#2 - It's lawful to kill in a just war.**

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**#3 - It's lawful for the government to impose the death penalty in extreme cases.**

**Exodus 21:12** - Whoever assaults and kills another person must be put to death.

**Rom. 13:4** - The authorities are God's servants... an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.

**Genesis 9:6** - Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man his blood shall be shed, because God made man in His own image."

**Luke 10:30** - "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead."

**Luke 10:31-32** - "A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side."

**1 John 3:15** - Anyone who *hates* his brother is a murderer.

**Mt. 5:21-22** - "You've heard that it was said, 'You shall not *murder*, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' But I tell you that anyone who is *angry* with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of the fire of hell."

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**1 Jn. 4:20-21 - If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he's a liar... He who loves God must love his brother also.**

Alan Carr: *It's fitting that this Commandment should fall here. It divides the commandments related to God from those related to our fellow man. You see, when we're out of step in the home, we'll be out of step with God and with our fellow man. It's in the parental relationship that we first learn how to submit to the Lord and then how we are to serve our fellow man.*

**Commandment #5 - Honor your father and mother.**

4 things parents can give their children to help them obey this commandment.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus' example of honoring parents.

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When Jesus was young He obeyed His parents.

When Jesus was older He cared for His parents.

**Commandment #6 - Don't murder**

The word used here is *ratzach*, the Hebrew word for unlawful killing.

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Biblical examples of "lawful" killing.

**1. Self defense (Ex. 22:2)**

**2. A just war (1 Samuel 15)**

**3. Government imposed death penalty. (Ex. 21:12; Rom. 13:4)**

*Why does God permit some forms of killing?*

The goal isn't the destruction of life but its \_\_\_\_\_.

- **That's the goal of self defense**
- **That's the goal of a just war**
- **That should be the goal of government**

**Genesis 9:6 - Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man his blood shall be shed, because God made man in His own image."**

Because God made man in His image--life is precious--and should be guarded.

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Sometimes we break this commandment in our hearts and with our lips.

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