

**“HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER”
EPHESIANS 6:1-3 & SUPPORT SCRIPTURE**

I. AS OLD AS DAY 6 - THE IMAGE OF GOD

A. Male and female He created them

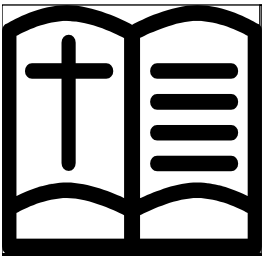
1. Complementary - made for one another
2. Teamwork to reflect the Trinity
3. Echad a unity in the complementary diversity
4. Interdependent
5. Resilient - yet terminal
6. Fruitful
7. Creative

B. You are the IMAGE of God but NOT God therefore have no other gods; make nothing else God or the same as God not even yourself or one another

C. Make no image of any kind; you ARE the image; and do not bow before them; appreciate all of creation but do not worship any other than God

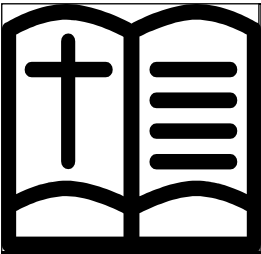
D. Glorify God but HONOR your father and mother

1. Respect
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3. Submit
4. Speak well of but do not lie or flatter
5. Listen without argument; appeal for clarity
6. Appreciate what they have learned and experienced; ask them to tell you about it
7. Show gratitude
8. Remember with them and for them special days
9. Express esteem and admiration
10. Pray for them; cry out to God for them



II. THE BEAUTY OF MOTHERHOOD FOR THE AGES OF THE EARTH

- A. *Genders are only for this age and the intentions of God; there are only 2 genders; in their complement they are to be married to one another for the purpose of this age - to be fruitful and multiply*
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- C. *No eternal pregnancy - motherhood is for the present age*
- D. *Motherhood reflects the intimate, compassionate, life-sustaining nurture of God. This glorifies God*
- E. *Sin, the perversion of love and trust, alters motherhood; we need Christ to restore us!*
 - 1. *Resentment of the role with its blood, its pain and its fruit*
 - 2. *Attempts to thwart it or destroy it*
 - 3. *Abuse of our offspring*
 - 4. *Abuse of sex*
 - 5. *Abuse of parents and the tragic outcome*
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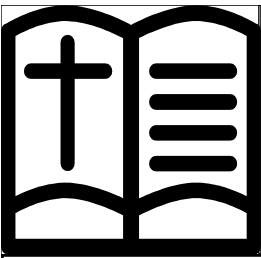
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