

Honor Your Mother

Honor your father and your mother,
as the Lord your God has commanded
you, so that you may live long and that it
may go well with you in the land the
Lord your God is giving you.

Then some Pharisees and teachers
of the law came to Jesus from
Jerusalem and asked, "Why do your
disciples break the tradition of the
elders? They don't wash their hands
before they eat!"

Jesus replied, "And why do you break
the command of God for the sake of
your tradition? For God said, 'Honor your
father and mother' and 'Anyone who
curses his father or mother must be put
to death.' But you say that if a man says
to his father or mother, 'Whatever help
you might otherwise have received from
me is a gift devoted to God,' he is not to
'honor his father' with it. Thus you nullify
the word of God for the sake of your
tradition. You hypocrites! Isaiah was
right when he prophesied about you:

"These people honor me with their
lips,
but their hearts are far from me.
They worship me in vain;
their teachings are but rules
taught by men."

Deuteronomy 5:16; Matthew 15:1-9