



The **LCMS National Youth Gathering** began yesterday. The LCMS Youth Gathering has been held every 3 years since 1980. The Gathering provides thousands of youth and adults the opportunity to come together as a community of God's people to be encouraged in their walk with Jesus Christ and learn about the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity. You can follow along and watch the main gatherings online. They will be live-streamed at lcmsgathering.com/livestream on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday evenings at 9:30 pm EDT.

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Verse of the Month

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. (Ephesians 6:10–11, ESV)

Ephesians 6:1-9

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land." Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free. Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him.

- The quality of our _____ are directly related to the quality of our our _____.
- Quality relationships start with taking _____.
- Children are called to _____ their parents.

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. (Exodus 20:12, ESV)

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them. – Martin Luther’s Explanation to the 4th Commandment

Honor means to:

1. _____ (Hebrews 13:17, ESV, Acts 4:18–20, ESV)
2. _____ for them. (1 Timothy 2:1-4)
3. _____ them. (Mark 11:25)



- Parents are called to not _____ their children.

- Children need your _____.

- In all things, work as if working for the _____.

- Managers are called to treat employees with _____.

Reflection

1. What is one take-a-way from this message that stood out for me?

2. What is one action I can take in response to this message?

3. Who will I share my learnings with?

4. Any additional thoughts?

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