

Session **7**

A Special Gift

Summary of the Video:

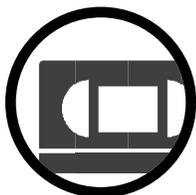
Can you honor your family too much? Yes, we believe you can. A family can become so inwardly focused that it encourages selfishness. The solution is to work as a family to give honor away. Then children see that their family has a special gift that they can pass on to others. A family actually grows closer together as they learn to reach out with honor. Practical ideas are shared of how a family can show honor to others.

Read Along in the Book: "Say Goodbye to Whining, Complaining, and Bad Attitudes, in You and Your Kids"

Pages 165-178 address the question, "Can you honor your family too much?" The point of this chapter is that your family actually grows in honor as you work as a team to give it away.

Suggested Introduction:

Honor is valuable but sometimes it's hard to get our kids to put it into practice. In this session, Dr. Turansky and Mrs. Miller give some practical ways that families can give honor to others. When we do that it creates this sense of identity in us that we are an honoring family. Let's watch the video and see if it triggers some ideas about ways you could raise the awareness level of honor in your family.



**Show the
Session #7 video**

Suggested Transition:

That idea of a gift of dirt is a good one. In fact, it's one of the Family Together Times at the back of the book, "Say Goodbye to Whining, Complaining, and Bad Attitudes, in You and Your Kids." It's a visual example of the ways we sometimes treat each other in family life. Let's look at the discussion questions in small groups and see if we can identify more ways to teach honor in our families.

Goal of the Discussion:

To help parents see the value of planning activities for their family to honor others. To look for ways to use relationships outside the family to teach our children about what honor means in practical terms.



**Give 30-35 minutes for
group discussion and
prayer, then encourage
everyone to come
back together**

Suggested Conclusion:

I hope you're going home with a renewed vision for practicing honor in your family. Sharing honor with others can go a long way to teach children how to live it out. Sometimes dealing with each other is too close to home but if we all work together to help someone else, it reveals some good things about who we are as a family. Have a great week and let's talk next week about ways we've grown in honor.

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Don't honor the family too much. Some of the negative effects are...

Some benefits of honoring people outside our family are...

Some ways that we can honor people outside the family are...

One thing I'm going to work on is...

Honor is a special gift

“ *Share honor with others outside the family. That's what God does. The whole essence of Christianity is sharing with others, not just keeping it to yourself but giving it away. Even as we just share those small gifts of honor with others we're modeling in family life what God does.* **”**

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- Share some ways your family has honored others outside the family.
- How can you know when you're honoring your family too much?
- How can you tell when protecting your children has turned into overprotection?
- What creative ways might you use to motivate children to work with you to honor others?
- Is it possible to share negative information about someone and still be honoring? How?