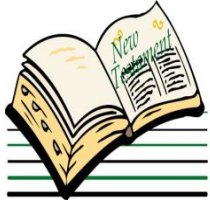


# Sermon Notes



Title: "The Fifth Commandment: Parenting with Purpose"

Text: Deuteronomy 5:16

Theme: The Fifth Commandment sets off and protects parents to do the job God calls them to do. And that job is to represent the LORD of the universe, to be a blessing to those they lead and serve.

## I. The Command to Honor (16a)

## II. The Object Is Parents (16a)

## III. The Promise of Life and Prosperity (16b)

## V. The Fifth Commandment Has a \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ Than Referring Only to a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

## V. Applications

A. Parents are \_\_\_\_\_ to God for their  
\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ those  
under their care.

B. Scripture \_\_\_\_\_ the authority of parents  
according to the \_\_\_\_\_ of their children.

C. Parents must use the \_\_\_\_\_ God gives for  
\_\_\_\_\_ their children, yet it is God's  
\_\_\_\_\_ that determines  
a child's \_\_\_\_\_.

**Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:**

1. What is the main command of the Fifth Commandment (v. 16a)?
2. What are the facets or aspects that comprise this main command?
3. What does it mean to “fear” God?
4. How does obedience demonstrate honor?
5. What are ways in which adult children can honor their parents?
6. Who are the objects of the main command of the Fifth Commandment (v. 16a)?
7. Why are fathers and mothers singled out as the receivers of honor in the Fifth Commandment?
8. What is the promise of the Fifth Commandment (v. 16b)?
9. Why do you think this commandment has a promise attached to it?
10. How do we explain the fact that some who honored and respected their parents did not live long lives and that others who violated this commandment did?
11. How can fathers and mothers be effective models of authority to their children?
12. What are some common mistakes that parents make in modeling authority and control in the home?
13. As a parent how deliberate are you in disciplining your children?
14. Assess your leadership style. How do you and your spouse complement each other in the task of leading, disciplining, and disciplining your children? In what ways, if any, do you work at cross purposes to one another?
15. Have there been ways that you have used your parenting authority to the detriment of your children? If so, how?
16. Why is it important to rest in God’s sovereign will for your children? How does this make a difference as you parent your children?