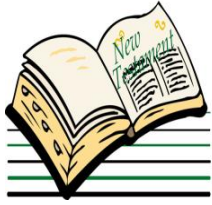


Sermon Notes



Title: "The Fifth Commandment: Respect for Authority"
Text: Exodus 20:12
Theme: God considers honor and respect for authority so important that He sets it in stone in the Fifth Commandment. As all-powerful and sovereign, God has total authority in heaven and earth. The Fifth Commandment reflects the eternal and moral standards of His own being with respect to all that He has made.

I. The Command to _____ (12a)

II. The Object Is _____ (12a)

III. The Promise of _____ (12b)

IV. Applications

- A. The _____ is the _____
_____ for teaching and shaping ideas and attitudes regarding _____.
- B. Your _____ and _____
toward those in authority _____ your attitudes toward _____.
- C. Those in positions of authority are _____ to God for their _____ to _____ those under their charge.

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

1. What is the main command of the Fifth Commandment (v. 12a)?
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. 12a)?
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. 12b)?
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 teenage children?
12. What are some common mistakes that parents make in modeling authority and control in the home?
13. How can a single mother be an effective type of God the Father?
14. May honor toward those in authority ever take the form of disobedience or disagreement?
15. Review your attitudes and actions toward those in position of authority over you. What does it tell you about your view of God?
16. What is your assessment of society’s views, attitudes, and actions toward authority in general?
17. What troubles and problems do households encounter that detract from realizing the requirements of the Fifth Commandment?
18. What is an important responsibility (one mentioned in the sermon) of those who are in positions of authority?
19. When a person in authority has lost the respect, obedience, or love of those under his/her charge, what are some ways to regain what was lost?
20. How can parents be intentional about blessing their children without conveying a sense of entitlement?