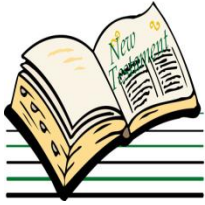


Sermon Notes



Title: "The Sixth Commandment: Impatience Can Destroy!"

Text: Exodus 20:13; James 5:7-11

Theme: God says that you have the duty to be patient and to bear up when the hand of God seems to be against you. He tells you that you are to be calm and to have a cheerful heart.

I. Two Duties Given in the *Westminster Larger Catechism* (Q. 135) that Relate to the Sixth Commandment

A. _____ the Hand of God

B. _____ of Mind

II. Review of Exodus 20:13 (Deuteronomy 5:17)

III. Applications

A. Patience is not usually something you are _____, but an _____ of _____ and _____ in Christ and in the _____ of the Lord.

B. Patience is not primarily a _____, but a settled _____ to _____ on the LORD and to rest in His _____.

C. Patience is needed in the _____ for the long haul in order to stay _____.

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

1. What is the Sixth Commandment (v. 13)?
2. What does it mean to murder?
3. Is there a difference between murder and killing? If so, what?
4. How do we know that this commandment means more than taking the life of another person?
5. What are some of the more broad, positive duties of the Sixth Commandment?
6. For whom is the Sixth Commandment?
7. What is the essence of the Sixth Commandment?
8. Why is human life special?
9. Give three examples of people in the Bible who disobeyed the Sixth Commandment? What happened to them?
10. What is the penalty for murder?
11. How does patience relate to the Sixth Commandment?
12. How patient a person would you say you are? What events or circumstances have served to teach you patience?
13. What tends to make you impatient and agitated?
14. When you lack peace and calm in your life, how do you find it?
15. What does it mean to “patiently bear the hand of God”?
16. How does a quiet and calm heart enable you to enjoy life more?
17. What are some ways to teach children how to be patient?
18. In what ways do Christians grow impatient with the church congregation to which they belong? What can they do if this happens?
19. Scripture tells us that “Love is patient” (1 Cor. 13:4). Does this mean that one who is impatient does not love?
20. How are you able to bear up under difficult situations when God’s providence is very difficult? What Biblical examples do you find of people who suffered either patiently, or who learned from their difficult circumstances to trust and be content?