

Introduction

- I. God calls us to honor life in the 6th command.
- II. May God work in us a greater honor for life.

Called to Honor Life

I. A God Who Does

- A. God hates murder and forbids murder because He is a God Who gives life and honors life.

- B. God calls us to mirror the love He has shown to us in Jesus Christ.

1. What is God's love?

2. God calls us to honor life by loving our neighbor because God is a God of love.

II. A Necessary Requirement - we want to understand what this looks like.

- A. The requirement of the 6th command is so much more than not taking another's life.

1. Those who would not think of physically hurting another person are quick to murder with their words and gestures. Prov. 12:18; 11:9; Matt. 5:22

2. We must not do hurtful things to our own bodies.

- B. God also abhors the causes of murder: envy, hatred, and anger.

III. A Specific Application

- A. We consider this application because if there is one exception we often invent it is this - if someone hurts me, I have a right to be angry with them and hate them and even God!

- B. We are called to love those who hurt us deeply - Matt. 5:43, 44, 46; Romans 12:9ff.