

The Fifth Commandment:

Honor your Father and your Mother

Key Verse

“Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God has commanded you; that your days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with you, in the land which the LORD your God is giving you.”

- Deuteronomy 5:16

Discovery Questions

1. What is the essence of this commandment?
2. What will happen to us and to our society if we do not honor our parents?
3. Why God did give us this commandment?
4. What are the positive aspects of our obedience to this commandment?

The Fifth Commandment is the bridge between commandments showing us how to love God, and commandments showing us how to love our fellowman.

Set-1 Children’s responsibility toward Parents

Supported verses and Discovery questions

Exodus 21:15; 21:17 Leviticus 19:3; 19:32; 20:9 Deuteronomy 21:18-21; 27:16

1. What are God’s intentions for Children?
2. What is the essence of 5th commandment?
3. What are various forms of violation of 5th commandment?
4. What are the penalties for the violation of the 5th commandment?

Set-2 Don’t Judge Others

Supported Verses and Discovery Questions

Romans 3:23; John 8:3-11; Matthew 7:1-5; Romans 2:1-8; 1Corinthians 2:13-15, 4:5

1. What is the spiritual condition of all people?
2. What did Jesus told when the teachers of the Law and Pharisees and Sadducees persuasively asking Jesus to respond to their question: “Teacher this woman

was caught in the act of adultery. In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?”

3. What was the commandment of Jesus regarding “judging others”?
4. When the Law of Moses permits people to judge others by stoning such women to death why Jesus commands people not to judge others so emphatically?
5. What are the observations of Paul’s regarding “judging others”?
6. Based on the above discussion are we allowed to stone our children to death when they rebel and show stubbornness against parents?

Set- 3 God’s intentions for Childrearing

Supported verses and Discovery questions

Genesis 18:19’ 24:2-4; 21:10-13 33:5; 48:9 Numbers 30:3-5; 27:1-11
Deuteronomy 4:9-10; 6:4-9; 6:20-25 11:18-21

1. What are the responsibilities of the Father? Give Biblical examples?
2. What are the responsibilities of the Father and mother?
3. How should a parent see children?
4. What are the set of attitudes that a father and mother should keep in view of their children?

Set-3 Inheritance

Supported verses and Discovery questions

Deuteronomy 21:15-17 Gen. 21:9-12 I Chronicles. 5:1-2;
26:10 Num. 27:1-11; 36:1-12; Deuteronomy 25:5-

1. Who will inherit father's estate?
2. What to do when a wife and husband do not have sons or daughters?
3. What portion to be assigned for the first born?
4. Is it accepted practice to leave inheritance to only one son?
5. Is there any provision of inheritance to illegitimate children?
6. What about daughters when there are no sons?
7. When no sons or daughters exist, inheritance goes to next of kin.
8. Is it allowed to pass the inheritance from tribe to tribe?

Application Journal

Apply to your personal life through your obedience to what God has spoken to you while you finish this lesson for God intended transformation to take place in you.

Use the space below to record your SHARPening activity

Simple -a short activity that can easily be completed this week

Hands-on -an action that goes beyond personal reading and reflection

Additional - a new undertaking, one you are not already doing

Realistic - a commitment that fits into your other priorities

Purposeful -A response of loving obedience to God that reflects His concerns for people and that points them toward His goodness
