



Dig Deeper Study Guide

Stroudsburg United Methodist Church - October 2, 2011

Sermon

10 Commandments:

"The Fifth Commandment"

Exodus 20:12

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Things I want to remember
about this sermon...

Monday 10/3/11

Exodus 20:12

Honor your father and your mother... This is the first commandment that includes a promise, and what oh, what a great promise! After all, who wouldn't want the promise of having a long and blessed life? Do you honor your parents? How do you honor them? Many of us take so many things for granted and sadly this sometimes includes our parents. They did a lot for us and in many cases sacrificed a lot for us, too. It is only fitting and proper that we honor them. Find a way this week to honor your parents. For some, your parents are no longer here with us, but we can still find ways to honor and remember them!

Tuesday 10/4/11

Leviticus 19:1-3

In this passage we hear God's word to Moses again in a brief way. The Bible translation that I use has a heading above this passage, which reads, "Commands for daily life." "You shall each revere your mother and father..." "Revere" isn't a word we hear or use much these days anymore. What does it mean to "revere" someone? One dictionary defines the word this way: "admire, honor, think highly of, esteem, hold in high esteem, hold in high regard, look up to." Do any of these words describe your relationship with your parents?

Wednesday 10/5/11

Deuteronomy 5:16

The Book of Moses (the first five books of the Old Testament) are starting to sound like a broken record! Here again, we have the words to this commandment: "Honor your father and mother, as the Lord commanded you, so that your days may be long and that it may go well with you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you." Do you think keeping this commandment is important? How are you doing with this commandment?



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Things to do this week in response to the sermon...

What does it mean to honor my mother and my father?

How can I honor my parents today?

Thursday 10/6/11
Ephesians 6:2-3

“...this is the first commandment with a promise: so that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.” There is one thing for sure about God’s promises: God always keeps them! So, in this commandment, if we obey it, then God’s promise will be realized in our lives. I am sometimes amazed and in complete disbelief how people sometimes do not respect one another. And when I witness someone disrespecting their own parents, I just shake my head. Don’t people realize the many sacrifices that most parents make for their children?

Friday 10/7/11
Proverbs 23:22

I think it was Mark Twain who said, “The older I got, the smarter my parents became.” Think about it: when we are teenagers, many of us think our parents our out of touch with our lives and the common day. Then, as we gain experience in life, our parents suddenly do not appear to be so aloof. If only we could learn this lesson sooner! Don’t take your parents for granted and don’t think they don’t understand you and what you are going through. They are much smarter than you might realize!

Saturday 10/8/11
Proverbs 13:1

Who loves discipline? Many parents think their children want freedom and to basically be left alone. This is not true at all. Children and teenagers especially will rarely say it out loud, but they want someone to love them--even someone who loves them so much that they will say “no.” The problem today appears to be that we are afraid to discipline and run the risk of turning our children against us. If we follow this proverb, we will find the exact opposite will happen!