

5. The command to honor parents leaves a lot of questions unanswered. We can all think of cases where honoring parents would feel like condoning or supporting evil. How should we go about answering those questions?

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6. Jesus intensifies commandments 6-9 in his teaching. Look at this one example below and grapple with its implications for your life.

Matthew 5: ²¹ "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' ²² But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire.

7. How does breaking the tenth commandment sabotage your life?

8. Looking back over this week's sermon and study, what one thing is most important for you to remember and apply.

FIND YOUR PLACE IN THE STORY OF GOD

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PRODUCTIVITY AND CRAVING ORDER IN OUR LIVES

We crave order because order is a reflection of _____

In his Commandments, God was showing the people what it means to live in _____.

God desires that his _____ bring about not only a reconciled, intimate relationship with him but also vibrant, healthy relationships with others.

One of the primary ways we show our love for God is by loving others who are _____

1. We honor God by honoring our _____.
Exodus 20:12

Honoring parents displays Christlike _____ and love.

2. We honor God by loving our _____.
Exodus 20:13-16; Matthew 22:36-40; Romans 13:9-10

Romans 13: ⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

What can be said about all four (Commandments 6-9)?

3. We honor God by cultivating a heart of _____.
Exodus 20:17; Philippians 4:10-14)

Coveting is not just an obsessive desire to have something. It is being convinced that we can truly delight in someone or something more than God and be _____.

Coveting is _____. Instead of finding our satisfaction in God, we believe that placating our desires will satisfy us.

"I'm glad in God, far happier than you would ever guess—happy that you're again showing such strong concern for me. Not that you ever quit praying and thinking about me. You just had no chance to show it. Actually, I don't have a sense of needing anything personally. I've learned by now to be quite content whatever my circumstances. I'm just as happy with little as with much, with much as with little. I've found the recipe for being happy whether full or hungry, hands full or hands empty. Whatever I have, wherever I am, I can make it through anything in the One who makes me who I am." (The Message; Philippians 4:10-14)

Family Discussion Questions:

1. Would you want to live in a family where there are no rules or standards? Why or why not?
2. How does life go better when we live according to the standards God has established for us?
3. Which of the last six commandments does our family tend to follow well?

CHRIST CONNECTION

As the sinless Savior, Jesus is the only One who has kept the law perfectly. He demonstrated His love for others by laying down His life in their place.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. In terms of personal productivity, what's one area of our life where you tend to struggle to keep up or get things done?
3. How is order a reflection of God's character?
4. Read Exodus 20:12-17. How is the command to honor parents a training ground for living as an adult?

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

Who can keep God's Law?