



YOUTH INSTRUCTION CLASS

LESSON 12: THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT - PART I

Review

With what two phrases can the whole law of God be summarized? What is the difference between the first and second "tables" of the law?

Loving Our Neighbors

According to Jesus, we are supposed to do loving things for: _____ .
Luke 10:27

- Our "neighbors" include all the other people who live around us. In the fourth commandment, God tells us to love and honor those who have the rule and authority over us. These would include:

- **PARENTS (Your Closest Neighbors)**

Ephesians 6:1 (202)

List some ways we can honor and obey our parents:

Why does God want us to honor our parents?

Ephesians 6:3

1 Timothy 5:8

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 (212)

List some of the blessings that God gives you through your parents:

God wants us to honor our parents and superiors because they are His REPRESENTATIVES here on this earth through whom He gives us His blessings.

- Sydow
Catechism, p. 62

Here are some Bible examples of children who dishonored their parents:

1 Samuel 2-4 (220) Eli's sons

2 Samuel 15-19 (221) Absalom

Genesis 37 Joseph's brothers

"God demands obedience; if you despise this commandment, then take shame, misery, and grief for your reward" (Luther's *Large Catechism*).

○ SUPERIORS

In addition to our parents, God has placed others over us in our homes, our government, our church, our schools, and our place of work.

Romans 13:1-7 (218) Who is the authority discussed here?

John 19:11 Where did Pilate's authority come from?

Ephesians 4:11-12 What others has God placed in positions of authority?

Superior. Someone who holds a position of authority over us.

Give examples of those who are in authority over us.

Blessings Through His Representatives

What does our God want to give us?

Through parents and relatives

Through church leaders

Through the government

_____ 2 Tim 1:5 (216)

_____ Heb 13:17 (217)

_____ Rom 13:4 (218)

"Through civil rulers, as through our own parents, God gives us food, house and home, protection and security ... the same spiritual father belongs to those who govern and guide us by the Word of God" (Luther's *Large Catechism*).

Here is a Bible example of disrespect for a superior in the government:

2 Samuel 15-19 (221) Absalom

Here is a Bible example of disrespect for a superior in the church:

2 Kings 2:23-24 Those who made fun of Elisha

Here is a Bible example of disrespect for a superior in employment or education:

Philemon The slave who ran away from his master

Disobeying the Fourth Commandment

- How then is the fourth commandment disobeyed, according to Luther's explanation?

Review

1. What does God forbid by the Fourth Commandment?
2. Who are your superiors?
3. Why must we honor and obey all lawful superiors?
4. What is our duty toward our parents and superiors?

Assignment

- Bible Reading Schedule 9 from the book of Luke (Mon-Fri)
- Memorize the Fourth Commandment with Explanation (p. 61)