

## **The Inheritance**

8<sup>th</sup> in a series on The Ten Commandments

1. Read Exodus 20:12 and paraphrase the fifth of the ten commandments.
2. Now read this same commandment in a New Testament context in Ephesians 6:1-4. In what way has the commandment been changed?
3. In verse 1 we are told to “obey” our parents, and in verse two we are told to “honor” our father and mother. Is there a difference between these two?
4. Pastor Steve suggests that this fifth commandment has a broader application that we see on the surface. Read 1Peter 5:1-4 and see if you can see how those verses relate to the fifth commandment.
5. Peter instructs those called to be leaders of the church (“elders”) to do many things. List as many as you can find in these verses and then see if they relate in any way to the role a parent has with their children.
6. In 1Peter 5:5-7 the spotlight shifts. Who is being addressed here, and what are they told?
7. Pastor Steve described our culture as “collapsing toward the middle”. What does that mean and why might it be the source of problems?

8. What is the role of the church in all of this?

9. Once again, we need to look at this commandment from three different aspects. First, how do we read the fifth commandment as “Law”.

10. How does it change as we look at the fifth commandment as a “Vow”?

11. Paul then takes the concept up to the third level – “Nature”. How would you describe this implementation of the fifth commandment?

12. Pastor Steve observed that Jesus did not always treat his mother and father as we might expect. What is the source of that seeming difference?

13. What is your reaction to Dr. Todd Voss’s comment that we should “do what is best for our parents”?