

*Living a Long Life*  
THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT

Brantley's June 23, 1991 AM  
 Great Bridge July 7, 1991 AM  
 8:30-11  
 Lake Drummond June 13, 1991 AM  
 (by 30th Anniversary - lunch)

Julia Howe: "All the sugar is at the bottom of the cup! Robert Browning put it this way, "The last of life, for which the first was made."

"Birthdays are good for you," because those who have the most seem to live the longest."  
 (Koop - U. S. Surgeon General).

*Sometimes Nothing is harder to see than the Naked Truth.*

Some of us are late bloomers like Grandma Moses 76 years began painting, most famous pictures are twenty-five done in her 100th year.

Moses/late bloomer - 40 years - left flock - tending sheep next 40 years - 80  
 burning bush on to do God's work.

Eph. 5:15-16, see then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time because the days are evil.

Boy had a new riddle - How do you make time fly? You throw a clock out the window!  
 No joke, 12 months - 52 weeks - 365 days - gift from God to rich and poor.

Col. Harland Sanders of Kentucky Fried Chicken Fame, always feared God - 10% - traveled Australia, Church Conventions etc. One day on a street in Louisville, Ky. - Rev. Waymon Rodgers invited him to an evangelistic service - Days later, at age 79 he claimed promises Rom. 10:9, "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

When I walked out of that church that night, I knew I was a different man. All my tithing and good deeds had never given me a sense of God's presence that I knew then.

19 out of 20 who become christians do so before they reach the age of 25.

after 25 only 1 in 10,000

after 35 only 1 in 50,000

after 45 only 1 in 100,000

after 65 only 1 in 500,000

after 75 only 1 in 700,000

Remember you only live here once -

So stay alive as long as you live! Smile, sing turn off the T. V. get out of the deep ruts, eat meat loaf on a different night, slice some watermelon, plant some tomatoes, enjoy your old friends, break out of old routines.

Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years. Old saying you can't teach an old dog new tricks! That implies you get too old to change.

The glorious message of the gospel of Jesus Christ is that you can be changed. You can be different - you do not have to go on being like you are. You can be something else.

Walking down a country road a man saw a boy in a creek floundering around. He stopped and pulled him out and said, "Son, how did you come to fall in the creek? "I didn't come to fall in the creek, I came to fish." I have come today to talk to you about the fifth commandment, Exodus 20: 12.

I remember when I was a boy I used to learn some of my first Bible stories from these signs on my way to church -

The whale put Jonah

Down the hatch'

But coughed him up

Because he scratched!

Burma Shave

I must admit that was over 50 years ago.

Can you hear me in the back? No! Well, you are the fortunate ones! My wife's hearing is bad and she hasn't heard me in twenty five years."

Now on this special day, perhaps we can cover this commandment. Like the boy said to his mother, "I set that old hen on 2 dozen eggs, she said, "Son you don't expect that old hen to hatch 2 dozen eggs do you?" "No, said the boy, I just wanted to see her stretch herself out."

I'm going to stretch myself out and ask, you know a lightning bug has his light on the wrong end. He cannot see where he's going, only where he's been.

I can carry you back when gas used to be 11 cents a gallon, made in Japan meant "junk" Did you know the first bath tub was invented in 1850 and the first phone not until 1875, that meant if you were born in 1850 you could sit in your bath tub 25 years without the phone ringing.

If you want to make sparks fly - marry family

a wife who has an electric coffee maker,

a husband who has an electric razor,

a son who has an electric guitar

a daughter who has an electric hair dryer

Put them in one house with one outlet to plug in!

God gave us 10 rules to live by- Rule 1-4 - Relationship to Him, one God, no

images, worship on His day, no profaning His name. Rule 6-10 Relationship with other people. Rule 5 CENTERPIECE. "Honor your father and your mother that your days may be long in the land the Lord your God gives you. First Paramount Authority, Second Preferred Parents, third, Pre-eminent Promise.

I. Happiness begins PARAMOUNT AUTHORITY supreme!!

Authority has to be used in the home.

Group of children: Playschool - one, I'm the teacher, give me the stick - one boy, wants to be the bad boy and kicks against authority over the school.

Football: One calls the signals.

Worship: The pastor calls the signals, in charge -

Hospital: Doctors give orders - procedures.

Folks who hog authority - Politician; back slapping, kissing babies, take or steal authority. Baby Snooks on the radio used to say, Why? Why? Why!

I know where authority comes from - God gives it in these situations!

Wisely God chose the family - God wrote this - He did not place this commandment in the negative!

"Thou shalt not dishonor thy father!"

Paramount Power in what God Says

He comes in our WEAKNESS - Paul, thorn flesh - Grace sufficient. A friend of mine, Dr. Julius Hickerson was flying back to his home in Barrangvilla, Colombia for a conference relative to the founding of a Seminary. The plane crashed in the mountains, and Dr. Hickerson and all passengers lost their lives.

I traveled with Dr. Julius from Ft. Worth to Greenville, Texas where I served a