

Interpersonal Relationships

I. Slide#1 Announce:

- A. Slide#2 Children at Risk - This Sun from 3-5pm in New Room. Charlotte Paulsen from ICA will be explaining more about **Fair Trade**: what it means, how it impacts the world, and how, as consumers, we can make a difference in the lives of many.

II. Intro:

- A. Slide#3 Title: *Interpersonal Relationships*
- B. Here Moses repeats the Ten Commandments, the basis for God's Moral Law.
 - 1. The rest of Deuteronomy is actually an **amplification & application** of these commandments.
 - 2. Israel was to **hear, learn, keep**, and **do** these laws (1).
 - 3. For in obeying the Law they would be **honoring God** and opening the way for **victory and blessing**.
- C. Why did God give this law?
 - 1. **To reveal sin.**
 - a) Rom. 3:20 NLT For no one can ever be made right with God by **doing** what the **law** commands. The **law** simply **shows us how sinful we are**.
 - 2. **To prepare the nation for the coming of Christ.** - Gal.3:19-24 (**read**) [yellow tab]
 - 3. **To make them a separated nation** on the earth. - We read in Deut.4:5-8.
- D. We are going to grab #5-#8 commandments tonight.
- E. Listen for each of these commandments establishing the principle **that all people are of inestimable/immeasurable value & as such have rights which must be protected**.

III. Slide#4 #5 HONOR FATHER & MOTHER (16)

- A. For some this came/comes easy...for others very difficult.
 - 1. Some will look for the fine print or footnotes.
 - 2. No exception clause for those who have had horrific parents.
- B. To honor one's parents means to value or prize them highly.
 - 1. Children living at home express this by obeying their parents.
- C. This commandment was critical for the existence of the nation:
 - 1. **that you (pl.) may live long** (cf. 6:2; 11:9; 25:15; 32:47) **and**
 - 2. **that it may go well with you (pl.) in the land.**

- a) Parents, especially fathers, **rather than** the religious leaders, were to pass the covenant values to their children.
- D. Honor - on **obedience** when younger, **honor** as their older.
 - 1. Honor means *to attach weight to; to put in the place of superiority; to hold in high opinion; to reverence.*
- E. Results: days long & well in the land. [life, longer & better]
 - 1. Speaking of nationally not nec individually. A philosophy not a personal reward.
 - 2. That this sacredness of the family ideal be maintained.
 - a) Example in Israel: every Fri night (start of shabbot) home with family's. (even secular Jews)
 - b) Slide#5 And this **literally** in recent history did change/keep their land. Yom Kippur War Oct 1973. A coalition of Arab states led by **Egypt & Syria** against Israel as a way of recapturing part of the territories which they lost to the Israelis back in the 6-Day War. The war began with *a surprise joint attack* by Egypt and Syria on the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur...but 1 phone call to a house reached the whole family of soldiers, both enlisted & retired)
- F. Slide#6 Parents to be **honored**...be *honorable*.
 - 1. You're a child for a little while **but** someones child forever.
 - a) When you're **younger** you need to *obey* your parents;
When you're **older** you need to still *honor* your parents.
 - b) Now that we're **older** we don't have to *obey* them, **but** we are till *honor* them.
- G. How do we honor **dishonorable** parents?
 - 1. Some of you have **legit hurts**.
 - 2. Others though have *unreasonable expectations*.
 - 3. **How do you deal with a dishonorable parent?**
 - a) Prov.19:11 *And his glory is to overlook a transgression.*
 - b) Remember your parents are *fallen sinners*. [cut some slack]
 - c) *Salute the uniform* - may not respect the one **in** the uniform, **but** must honor **the** uniform.
 - (1) At least honor motherhood & fatherhood.

IV. Slide#7 #6 YOU SHALL NOT MURDER (17) Reverence Human Life

- A. Murder means to take someone's life *illegally*.
 - 1. Since man was created by God and in His image, man should not take another human's life **apart from** *divine permission*.
 - a) So, the bible **doesn't say** you shall not **kill**. (eg. KJV)
 - 2. This commandment, therefore, did not prohibit **capital punishment** or engaging in **war**, **both** of which were regulated by *laws in the Torah*.

- a) I would add to that list a police officer, a judge handing out a sentence, self defense.
- b) Slide#8 Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, & the authorities that exist are appointed by God...for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil.¹

B. Why is murder wrong?

1. Not *situational ethics*. [that there's flexibility in the application of moral laws, according to circumstances]
2. But we understand life through the 10 commandments that law is God-centric. Laws and truth are external. God is the author of life. God is sovereign man.
3. Gen.9:6 Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man.
 - a) We're below God & above animals.
 - b) Slide#9 Not like animal rights activist & president of PETA (*People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals*) Ingrid Newkirk said in 1985, "*A rat is a pig is a dog is a boy. They're all mammals.*"
 - c) No Ingrid, we are different. We are *made in the image of God*. We shouldn't mistreat animals, but if your house is burning down & you can't grab both the kid & the dog, the kid is more important. (on most days...Ha!)

C. Slide#10blank What Is Meant By Murder? (Mt.5:21-26)

- D. Murder is the 1st of 5 illustrations Jesus uses to show proper Interpretation of the law.
 1. The false interp. was, that if your hands weren't *Red w/Blood than* you were alright.
 2. Jesus arrests a man *before* he commits murder. [If you're never Angry, you'll never Murder]
 3. So the Problem was their limited Interp. of murder.
- E. Jesus shows 3 degrees of anger.
 1. Murders *root & fruit* (eg. beg. & ending) are Anger.
- F. Slide11 3 degrees of Anger:
 1. Anger - as a non-verbal concealed emotion [yet it's not really concealed, w/God it's a heart Revealed]
 2. Raca - is anger as a verbal outburst. Now it's directed to the person.
 - a) Raca = fool, empty headed. Not Latin or Greek. hard to interp (It's Aramaic).
 - b) Chrysostom & Augustine say the word means nothing, but rather express "the emotion of an angry mind". [A word that can't be translated into another language like: Aahh! Tsss! Tsic(tongue on teeth sound) So, the writer puts down the word itself]
 3. You Fool - Anger as an outburst, but now with intent.

¹ Rom.13:1,4b

- a) Like: "Your a fool; Your a real Jerk; I wish you were dead; Lets' get a Divorce then; I wish we never even had you; I wish you weren't my parents.
- b) Raca deals w/contempt for a mans **head** - "You Stupid"!
Fool expresses contempt for his **heart & character**, "You Scoundrel"!

V. Slide12 #7 YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY (18) Keep Clean

- A. The marriage relationship should reflect a believer's relationship to God.
 - 1. Therefore extramarital sex (adultery) was forbidden.
 - 2. An Israelite who would be unfaithful to his or her partner would also be unfaithful to the covenant of God and would be inclined to go after other gods.
- B. Why is it wrong/banned?
 - 1. It's wrong because it is *hurtful to humans*.
 - 2. Its not wrong because a dusty old code forbids it or by Puritanical preachers condemning it.
 - 3. If Adultery is good/right/brings happiness, then all our condemnation will not make it wrong.
 - a) Meaning, if a bottle contains pure milk, even to label it poison does not change it from milk into poison...just because we call it poison.
 - 4. If Adultery is wrong, then all our defense for it will not make it otherwise.
 - a) We can't make it right by calling it love. We can no more do this than we can cover up filth with snow & thereby make it pure.
 - 5. Slide13a We cannot cheat without hurting/grieving the God we love.
 - a) Plus, its an affront via the bride/groom relationship w/us & Him.
 - 6. Slide13b We cannot cheat without hurting someone else.
 - 7. Slide13c We cannot cheat without hurting ourselves.
 - a) 1 Cor.6:18-20 NLT Run from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body. Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.
 - 8. Slide13d We cannot cheat without hurting our children. (no matter what age)
 - 9. Slide13e We cannot cheat without the destruction of our society. [break down of family, morals, ethics, perversion, disease, etc.]
 - a) No 1 person has the right to take a course that, if taken by all, would mean the wrecking of our individual & national life.
 - 10. A story is told about a man walking through South Africa & seeing some boys playing a game of marbles noticed these marbles flashed & sparkled in the sunlight.

Upon investigation, he found, these boys were playing marbles with diamonds. Thus the South African diamond minds were discovered. Now diamonds may make good marbles, but they are made for something better.

- a) You were made for something better. *I man, I women for life* and what God has designed to be an incredible intimacy that only gets better & better as you grow old together.

VI. Slide14 #8 YOU SHALL NOT STEAL (19) Respect the rights of others

- A. Some Bible scholars think that this 8th commandment (against stealing) refers primarily to kidnapping.
 - 1. cf. Deut.24:27 If a man is found kidnapping any of his brethren of the children of Israel, and mistreats him or sells him, then that kidnapper shall die; and you shall put away the evil from among you.
 - 2. It is probably more accurate, however, to view the command as a **general prohibition** against **stealing**, which would include **kidnapping**.
- B. People steal for so many reasons:
 - 1. Some to attain something that they are eager to possess.
 - 2. Some to get something for nothing.
 - 3. Some for the thrill. (I stole as a child for the thrill of getting away with it)
- C. Clovis Chappell said, It seems to be *the strange mixture of moral stupidity & rascality!*
- D. Slide15 What can be stolen? ask
 - 1. **Material things** of course. Popular today, **identity theft**. Someone's **virginity**. Someone's **innocence**(eg. child in HT). Someone's **childhood** (eg. child slavery). Someone's **reputation**. Someone's **good name**(indiv or business).
 - 2. **Then there's the passive side of stealing:** The man who borrows \$ w/o the expectation of paying it back is a thief. *I think a few did this in our last economic downturn.*
 - 3. **What about Jesus' story of the man who fell among thieves.** We normally only see the first set of thieves. The one's who were the aggressive material thieves. **But what about the second set of religious thieves?** The Priest & Levite who stole, not his last bits of garments, **but** simply crossed on the other side & left him to die. Wasn't that potential...**help** stealing, **common courtesy** stealing, **life** stealing, **love** stealing?
- E. Why is it wrong?
 - 1. Obviously it brings hurts the one we stole from.
 - 2. But the greatest injury is to the thief himself. **Yes, it cheats the cheater.**
 - a) It makes the one who practices it a parasite.
 - 3. *Sin is always a failure but it never fails so disastrously as when it succeeds* Clovis Chappell