

AUTHORITY IS A WEIGHTY THING

Deuteronomy 5:16 // January 9, 2022 PM

I. Reckon with others' weighty authority over you.

- A. Recognize it internally.
- B. Recognize it externally.

II. Reckon with your weighty authority over others.

- A. Recognize it internally.
- B. Recognize it externally.

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. Why is it fitting for the fifth commandment to begin the second table of the law?
2. What is the literary device of synecdoche? Is this commandment only about the relationship between parents and children, or is it broader than that? What is its scope?
3. What does it mean to honor someone?
4. Why is the beginning of honoring our parents the fear of the Lord? How does God's authority relate to mom and dads' authority?
5. What does this command call those to who are under authority? Give some specific examples.
6. What does this command call those to who are in positions of authority? Give some specific examples.

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Do I see the wisdom and goodness of God in the authority structures He has designed in the world? Or do I tend to view authority as a negative thing?
2. What is one practical way I could honor someone in authority over me in the coming week?
3. Is there anything I feel, say, or do that I need to repent of because it fails to reckon with the weighty authority of those God has placed over me?