

Intro:

Main Point of Text: Paul calls on children to take advantage of God's first commandment with a positive promise. Does what WLC 100 instructs. READ WLC Q&A 133.

Sermon Point: *Live long and prosper.*

Move 1: God makes exceptions, but these only prove His rule.

LC: "as far as it shall serve for God's glory and their good". Antipas in Rev. 2:13. Christ died in His early thirties for obeying Father's will.

Move 2: As well, the promise God adds to His commandment does imply its opposite.

WLC 99:4: "where a promise is annexed, the contrary threatening is included". Rebellious Ahab killed by a "stray" arrow. Prov. 30:17: *The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it.* Rom. 1:27-32; 2 Tim. 3:1-9.

Move 3: Take hold of God's promise for being a blessing to society.

Reason annexed in Ex. 20:12; LC: "*That thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee ... is an express promise of long life and prosperity ... to all such as keep this commandment.*" Paul emphasizes addition in Deut. 5:16: "that it may go well with thee": Like Noah/Abe/Isaac (and not like first generation in wilderness: Psalm 78; 1 Cor. 10). Col. 3:20: ... *this is well pleasing unto the Lord.* (See also 1 Tim. 5:4). Will God not bless those who please Him? Especially within: 1 Tim. 6:6.

Conclusion:

Live long and prosper.