

Deuteronomy 5 recounts the Ten Commandments. We are reminded that God is the source of the covenants, establishing us as His people, and all future blessing.

Principle Nine, “*Pass the credit on to others*” is about building healthy relationships. Healthy relationships grow out of giving recognition to others. The supreme mark of sin is being occupied only with one’s self.

How does recognizing God as the source of all blessing shape the way we give credit to others?

Responsive Reading, section 1 – *Keeping the Source (Deut. 5:1–6)*

Question: Who established the covenant with Israel?

Answer: _____

Question: Did the people create their own freedom?

Answer: _____

Further Questions:

- 1. Why is remembering the true source of blessing essential before giving credit to others?
- 2. How does forgetting God’s role lead to pride or ego?
- 3. In your life, who helped bring you to where you are today?

Responsive Reading, section 2 – *Living Without Ego (Deut. 5:7–15)*

Question: What is the first commandment?

Answer: _____

Question: What does Sabbath rest remind us?

Answer: _____

Reflection Questions:

1. How does worshiping God alone protect us from taking too much credit?
2. In what ways does pride compete with gratitude in relationships?
3. What practical habit could help you “check your ego at the door”?

Responsive Reading, section 3 – *Honoring Others Publicly* (Deut. 5:16)

Question: What promise is connected to honoring father and mother?

Answer: _____

Connection to the principle:

Giving honor and credit to others creates flourishing relationships.

Reflection Questions:

1. Why do you think God connects honor with blessing? - Hebrews 1:14
2. Who in your life deserves public appreciation right now?
3. How could saying thank you in front of others multiply encouragement?

Section 4 – *Protecting Relationships* (Deut. 5:17–21)

Question: Why does God expect his followers to have relationships marked by love, trust and respect?

Answer: _____

Passing credit to others builds the kind of relational culture these commands protect.

Reflection Questions:

1. How does selfish ambition damage relationships even when no commandment is visibly broken? - James 3:16

2. How can giving credit reduce jealousy, comparison, or resentment? - Proverbs 27:2
3. What situation this week is an opportunity to highlight someone else's contribution? Ecclesiastes 3:1

Section 5 – *Responding with Obedience and Gratitude* (Deut. 5:22–33)

Question: What was God's desire for them?

Answer: _____

Obedience to God leads to humility, gratitude, and generosity in giving credit.

Reflection Questions:

1. How does a reverent heart toward God produce humility toward people?
2. What is one specific way you can pass credit to someone this week?
3. How might your community change if everyone practiced this daily?

To Apply This Teaching:

DISREGARD: Disregard your ego. Focus on making others look good.

ASK: What circumstance or opportunity would I have missed if this individual weren't in my life?

BE ABOUT IT: Recognize the accomplishments of others, and try to observe God's hand in their own lives.