

## The Ten Commandments

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### **Command #1 No other gods—God must be the One and Only**

#### *The Foremost Command*

God must be our first priority and final authority

### **Command #2 No idols—Don't misrepresent or try to manipulate God**

#### *This command helps protect the first*

Trust and honor God as unique and primary

### **Command #3 Do not take His name in vain— Don't be religious**

#### *This commandment insures that individual don't try to manipulate God through language*

### **Command #4 Remember the Sabbath—Enjoy God's Blessing**

#### *This commandment makes Israel unique and demonstrates their trust of God*

### **Command #5 Honor Father and Mother—Yield to the weight of their Authority**

#### *Family is sacred*

Divinely delegated leadership

### **Command #6 Do not murder (Active extreme anger)—Honor Life**

#### *Life is sacred*

Maintain relationships—turn animosity to love

### **Command #7 Do not commit adultery—Honor the marriage of others**

#### *Marriage is sacred*

Honor marriage

Maintain Purity

### **Command #8 Do not steal—Honor the property of others**

#### *Possessions are "sacred"*

Trust God to provide for you

### **Command #9 Do not bear false witness—Honor the reputation of others**

#### *Truth is sacred*

Honor truthfulness

Why is the command necessary?

Explanation—Specific

What is lying?

Why is lying wrong?

Principle

**Application**

## Command #10 Do not covet—Honor your integrity

### *Be Content with what God provides*

Guard your thoughts

Guard your heart and mind

Definition

Comparison the 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> commandment

What would (does) “coveting” do to relationships?

What does “coveting” lead to?

### **Application**

Point: You are not only accountable to God for what you do, but for what you think!

### **Exodus 20:18-20**

18 Now when all the people saw  
the thunder  
and the flashes of lightning  
and the sound of the trumpet  
and the mountain smoking,  
the people were afraid and trembled,  
and they stood far off  
19 and said to Moses,  
“You speak to us,  
and we will listen;  
but do not let God speak to us,  
lest we die.”  
20 Moses said to the people,  
“Do not fear,  
for God has come to test you,  
that the fear of him may be before you,  
that you may not sin.” (ESV)

### **Conclusion**

Honor God — God must be our first priority and final authority

Honor other — Value others (in the community)

Guard your heart

Respond in obedience to God

The Ten Commandments were for the good of Israel—to confirm the relationship they had with God and to enable them to receive the blessing from God.

The Ten Commandments provide the foundation for understanding the holiness of God so that people will prioritize their relationship with Him, giving Him full honor and in turn honoring all their relationships with other—not based on external actions only but internal attitudes which produce the correct external actions.

### **The commands summarized**

Mark 12:29–30

Romans 13:9–10

James 2:8–13