

10 FOOLISH THINGS

PEOPLE DO TO
MESS UP THEIR LIVES

Exodus 20:18-20

Commandment #1

**“Thou shalt have no other
gods before me.”**

(Exodus 20:3)

Commandment #2

“Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.”

(Exodus 20:4)

Commandment #3

**“Thou shalt not take the name
of the Lord thy God in vain.”**

(Exodus 20:7)

Commandment #4

“Remember the sabbath day,
to keep it holy.”

(Exodus 20:8)

Commandment #5

“Honor thy father and thy
mother.”

(Exodus 20:12)

Commandment #6

“Thou shalt not kill.”

(Exodus 20:13)

Commandment #7

**“Thou shalt not commit
adultery.”**

(Exodus 20:14)

Commandment #8

“Thou shalt not steal.”

(Exodus 20:15)

Commandment #9

**“Thou shalt not bear false
witness against thy neighbor.”**

(Exodus 20:16)

Commandment #10

“Thou shalt not covet.”

(Exodus 20:17)

The 10 Commandments

It's All About the Heart



What is the Purpose of the 10 Commandments?

Purpose #1 - To Reveal God's Standards

Like a compass >> points the way



What is the Purpose of the 10 Commandments?

Purpose #2 - To Reveal Our Shortcomings

*Like a thermometer >> takes our
spiritual temperature*

Commandment #1

“Thou shalt have no other gods before me.”

Do my checkbook, calendar, and topics of conversation reflect that God is first in my life? Do I have relationships with others that are more important than my relationship with God? Do I go anywhere other than God to satisfy the desires and needs of my heart?

Commandment #2

“Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.”

Do I possess anything that receives more of my time and focus than Christ and my ministry for Him? Do I get more excited about sports and hobbies than the Lord? Do I prioritize worship in my life? Does my worship genuinely reflect “spirit and truth”? or am I characterized more by “going through the motions?”

Commandment #3

“Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.”

Is my speech characterized by reverence for God's name? Have I become numb to the flippant use of God's name in my presence through TV, videos, and friends, etc.? Do I worship God with a sincere heart?

Commandment #4

“Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.”

Are my Sundays focused on rest, worship, or ministry to others? Do I schedule church around my weekend plans rather than scheduling my weekend plans around church? Do I see my worship and rest time as a burden or a blessing in my life? Is my heart set more on the distractions and pleasures of the world or on the enjoyment of my relationship with God?

Commandment #5

“Honor thy father and mother.”

Am I treating my father or mother with the value and worth that God has given them? Am I holding on to any bitterness for things that have hurt me in the past? When was the last time I told my parents how much I appreciate them?

Commandment #6

"Thou shalt not kill."

Do I display hate through my words or body language towards family members, friends, acquaintances, or even those I may view as enemies? Is there anyone I have slandered in My relationships that I have not gone back to and made it right?

Commandment #7

“Thou shalt not commit adultery.”

Have I heeded God's command to keep myself for one man or one woman for life? Am I heeding or ignoring sensual warning signs in my life? Do I accept emotional delight outside of my marriage? Are my thoughts pure? Are the things I watch and view online pure and holy?

Commandment #8

“Thou shalt not steal.”

Have I stolen from the office, school, or neighbors, or stood silently by while others took what was not theirs? Have I been lazy with my time, working hard only when my boss or supervisor is observing? Have I been stingy when it comes to giving back to the Lord a generous portion of what He has first given me?

Commandment #9

“Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.”

Am I enslaved by habits of falsehood and exaggeration?
Am I allowing others to believe something about me
that God and I know are untrue? Do I ever lie to protect
my reputation? Am I reflecting a true witness of what
Jesus is really like?

Commandment #10

"Thou shalt not covet."

Am I content with what I have? Am I obsessed with acquiring things that are not needs? Do I currently own anything that was purchased as a result of misplaced values?

**“If you love me, keep my
commandments.”**

John 14:15



“For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.”

James 2:10





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Purpose #3 – To Lead Us to Christ

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Purpose #3 - To Lead Us to Jesus Christ
*Like a tutor >> teaches us that we cannot
meet God's standards on our own*

An open book with dark pages is visible in the top-left corner of the image, resting on a rustic wooden surface. The wood grain is prominent and runs diagonally across the frame.

The gospel of Jesus is not a
“try harder” gospel ...
it is a ***SURRENDER*** gospel!