

# 10 FOOLISH THINGS

PEOPLE DO TO  
MESS UP THEIR LIVES

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Exodus 20:7



# 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)*



# FOOLISH THING #3

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Treating God's Name  
Carelessly



# **“take in vain”**

- To use God’s name in a careless or flippant manner
- Vanity – “nothingness” or “trivial”
- To take God’s name in vain means that it has been treated lightly or not taken seriously



# Commitment #1

**I will not misuse God's  
name with my lips.**

*God's name is important to Him!*



*Think about ...*

1. **Reject profanity.**
2. **Think again about minced oaths.**



## **“minced oaths”**

- an oath altered to milder or less obvious form

## **“Oath”**

- the irreverent or profane use of the name of God or of a sacred thing to express anger or emphasize a statement; a swear word or curse



*Think about ...*

1. **Reject profanity.**
2. **Think again about minced oaths.**
3. **Keep your vows.**
4. **Be cautious of insincere, thoughtless and irreverent uses of God's name.**



## Commitment #2

**I will not condone the  
misuse of God's name in  
my presence.**



# Commitment #3

**I will not misrepresent  
God's name with my life.**

*Your character affects God's credibility.*



# God's name is a powerful tool.

## 1. It is a tool for VICTORY.

- David said as he approached Goliath, "You come against me with sword and spear, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty." (*1 Samuel 17:45*)

## 2. God's name is tool for HEALING.

- As Peter approached the temple, he saw a beggar sitting there. Peter said, "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have I give you. In the name of Jesus, rise up and walk." (*Acts 3:6*)

## 3. God's name is a tool of SALVATION.

- I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. (*1 John 5:13*)



## Philippians 2:9-10

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That *AT THE NAME OF JESUS* every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth.



## Commandment #3

*“Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God 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, digitally or with friends?
- Do I worship God with a sincere heart?