# OFOILISH THINGS

PEOPLE DO TO MESS UP THEIR LIVES

**Exodus 20:13** 

- #1 Failing to Establish Our Spiritual Foundations
- #2 Worshipping God in the Wrong Way
- #3 Treating God's Name Carelessly
- #4 Failing to Honor God's Day
- **#5 Neglecting to Honor Our Parents**
- #6 Cheapening the Value of Life

Commandment #1
Commandment #2
Commandment #3
Commandment #4

God

Commandment #5
Commandment #6
Commandment #7
Commandment #8
Commandment #9
Commandment #10

**Others** 

Love God. Love others.

# FOOLISH THING #6 Cheapening the Value of Life

# 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)



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### There have been more mass shootings than days in 2023, database shows

The United States has experienced 565 mass shootings so far this year.

By Kiara Alfonseca

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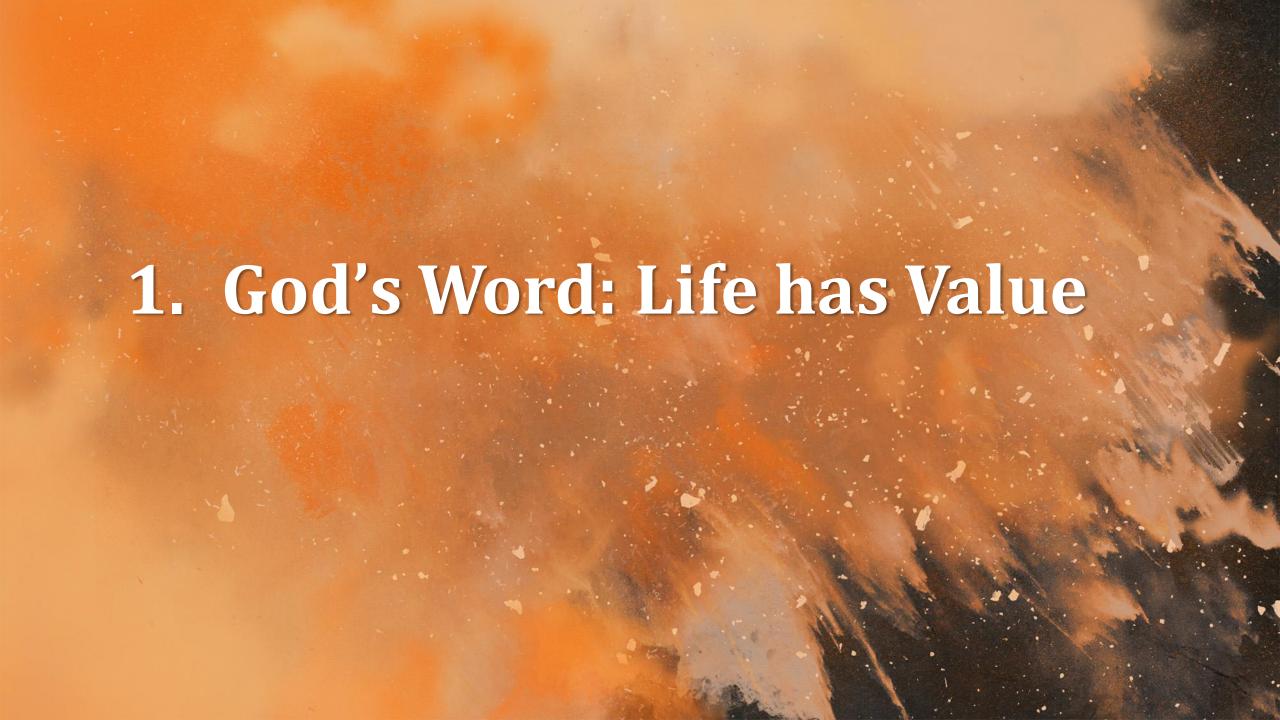






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# Commandment #6 "Thou shalt not kill." (Exodus 20:13)



Why doesn't a society understand the value of life?

CREATION — life did not happen by chance

IMAGE — human life was created in God's image

God is the one who determines

SOVEREIGNTY — when life begins, and He only has
the right to decide when it ends

PURPOSE — every human life has meaning

# When your life becomes inconvenient to me ...



# 1. God's Word: Life has Value 2. Our Culture: Life is Cheap

# "kill"

specific idea of murder and violence; carries with it the ideas of premeditation and intentionality

#### 1. The 6<sup>th</sup> commandment <u>is not</u> addressing...

- killing animals or plants Gen. 9:3
- capital punishment Gen. 9:6; Ex. 21:12; Rom. 13:4
- killing in a just war
- killing in self-defense Ex. 22:2
- manslaughter Ex. 21:28-30; Deut 22:8

"When you build a new house, then you shall make a guard rail for your roof, so that you do not put blood on your house if someone falls from it."

Deuteronomy 22:8

#### 2. The 6<sup>th</sup> commandment is clearly addressing...

- murder
- suicide
- abortion

#### John Powell – "War Casualties"

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t = 50,000 Americans killed
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- Korean War †
- Vietnam War t
- ► WW I ttt

# 63,459,781 abortions in the US since 1973

### According to the WHO

- -73 million abortions worldwide each year
- -200,000 per day
- -720,000 last year in the US

#### 2. The 6<sup>th</sup> commandment is clearly addressing...

- murder
- suicide
- abortion
- euthanasia
- hate, anger, slander, malicious words
- failure to warn

"When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand."

Ezekiel 33:8

"Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul."

Ezekiel 33:9

"Thou shalt have no other gods before me."

- Do my finances, calendar, and topics of conversation reflect that God is first and best 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?

- "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 I do about God?
- 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?

"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?

"Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy."

- Are my Sundays focused on rest, worship, and 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 this life or on the enjoyment of my relationship with God?

- "Honor thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."
- 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?

"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?