TEN COMMANDMENTS

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~The First Commandment~

You shall have no other Gods before me

- We should fear, love, and trust God above ALL things
- You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind - Matthew 22:37

Many things will take our eyes, our mind off of what is true and what we should be attentive of. God deserves first place over anything, not sports, not money, not popularity, or anything else that takes over your heart and leads you off the path crowding God out. Making him 7th on the list or maybe last. These things keep us away, keep our minds off of the Bible, off of Church, off of God. Other desires crowd our heart and minds, pushing away God. Keeping him out and closing doors to live your fullest life of a Christian. We don't worship Buddhas, Golden Calves, Statues, etc. We worship the Triune God, the maker of Heaven and Earth and of all things visible and Invisible.

~The Second Commandment~

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God

- We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

- The Lord will not hold him Guiltless who takes His name in vain - Exodus 20:7

When we say God's name, we should be saying it out of pride and love. That is not always the case though. We hear our friends, people around us, sometimes maybe our own family use God's name out of profanity. We can catch on to that very easily by maybe just hearing it around us. We may not realize it, but yes, we are breaking the 2nd commandment. The second commandment forbids you to say "Oh my Lord," "Oh my God," or "Jesus Christ!," etc. in blasphemous talk. But, on the other hand, the second commandment does not forbid you to say that in prayers. We have to know the balance of saying that in worship and saying that out of vain.

~The Third Commandment~

Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it Holy

- We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

- Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God - Exodus 20:9&10

As we refer to the Sabbath Day as maybe, “day of rest”, “Lord’s day”, “rest day”, or Sunday, this was the day our Lord, our creator took his day of rest after hard work the previous six days. We should give him our time and commitment by voluntarily going to church without any holdbacks. We shouldn’t resist and say to ourselves “I’ll go next week,” God gives us so much love and Jesus died on the cross and suffered for us. All God wants is for us to love him and to follow in a holy, christian life and join him in Heaven when he calls us home. Of course we may have other very important things that obviously are not more important than church but when we attend these things we want to make sure we are not putting it before God and our faith.

~The Fourth Commandment~

Honor your Father and Mother

- We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

- Honor your Father and Mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you - Exodus 20:12

All our parents want is for us children and adults to live a happy life and do what we were meant to do. We are loved so much and yes, there may also be times where our parents may be disappointed at us for whatever reason. But, we have to remember the love we also have for them and why we are here. We have to respect them and show them that we love them so much! We wouldn’t be who we are right now without our father, mother, and God guiding the way.

~The Fifth Commandment~

You shall not murder

- We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.
- Keep far from a false charge, and do not kill the innocent or the righteous, for I will acquit the guilty. - Exodus 23:7

A lot of people think that murdering is JUST physically but it can also be saying to someone that you hate them. Which is murdering someone's heart. We should be nice and keep it peaceful and not harm anyone spiritually or a physical circumstance.

~The Sixth Commandment~

You shall not commit adultery

- We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.
- God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.... God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good.

~The Seventh Commandment~

You shall not steal

- We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get the in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions.
- The wicked borrows but does not pay back, but the righteous is generous and gives. - Ps. 37:21

There is no need to first, want something that God has not given you and second, it is certainly not right to take something that isn't your own and belongs to someone else. God has given us all of the necessities and we are lucky.

~The Eighth Commandment~

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor

- We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.
- A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who breathes out lies will not escape. - Prov. 19:5

Telling lies can not only hurt yourself but it can also hurt others. We should only tell what is true and what is meant to be spoken.

~The Ninth Commandment~

You shall not covet your neighbor's house

- We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

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~The Tenth Commandment~

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God provided us with our own things on purpose and we should respect others possessions that God gave them. God provides us with everything we need and there is no need to be wanting something of someone else's. Coveting or wanting someone's things is breaking the 9 and 10th commandment but can also get to the point where you are breaking the 7th commandment.

Isaiah 40:31

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not go weary, they will walk and not be faint.

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