
Christian Morality Part II

- The Ten Commandments and the Significance of God's Laws in Everyday Life

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The Ten Commandments

- "What good must I do to gain eternal life?" (Matthew 19:16-19)

- Exodus 20:1-17
- Deuteronomy 5:6-21



The Ten Commandments

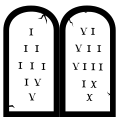
- I am the Lord your God. You shall not have false gods before me.
- You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
- Remember to keep holy the Lord's day.
- Honor your mother and father.
- Thou shall not kill.

Ten Commandments

- Thou shall not commit adultery.
- Thou shall not steal.
- Thou shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- Thou shall not covet your neighbor's goods.
- Thou shall not covet your neighbor's wife.

The First Commandment

I am the Lord your God. You shall not have false gods before me.



How are we faithful to the first commandment?

- When we demonstrate our faith by our trust in God.
- When we let God be God in our lives.
- When we reflect the love and goodness of God in our lives.
- When we ascribe to God the honor and glory due him as Creator and Sustainer of the universe.
- When we acknowledge God's sovereignty in our lives.

Sins against the first commandment:

- Pantheism
- Creating false gods out of sports, movie and television stars.
- A devotion that becomes an obsession
- Making idols out of possessions
- Workaholism

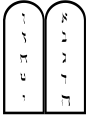
Sins against the first commandment:

- Not putting God first in our lives
- Superstition
- Astrology
- Irreligion



The Second Commandment

Thou shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.



How are we faithful to the Second Commandment?

We are faithful to the second commandment when we show reverence and respect for the name of God in everything we think, say and do.



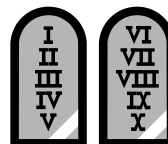
Sins against the second commandment:

- Trivialization of the divine
- The use of God's name frivolously
- The use of profanities in general
- Misusing the gift of speech
- Making an insincere oath
- Breaking a vow



The Third Commandment

Remember to keep holy the Lord's day.



How can we honor the third commandment?

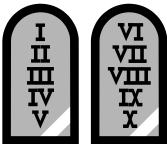
- Not working for wages or competing for awards.
- Making some time for relaxing and doing nothing.
- Reading and studying religious materials.
- Playing and enjoying life with children, spouse and family.
- Attending Mass
- Religious Ed activities
- Fellowship with the faith community
- Service and charity
- Prayer time

How can we sin against the third commandment?

- Spending little or no time in prayer and worship.
- Not making prayer and worship a priority.
- Not attending Mass on Sunday.
- Not preserving the sanctity of the Lord's day.

The Fourth commandment

Honor thy father and mother.



The Nature of the Family

- Foundation of society
- Constituted by the consent of the spouses
- Domestic Church
- Communion of persons
- Privileged community



How do we honor the fourth commandment?

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Duties of Children: ■ Respect ■ Gratitude ■ Obedience ■ Responsibilities toward parents ■ Relationships with brothers and sisters ■ Life-long love and support | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Duties of Parents: ■ Education ■ Respect for the child ■ Education in virtues ■ Evangelization of Children ■ Physical, physiological, and spiritual needs ■ Choose school ■ Advise concerning state in life |
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How do we honor the fourth commandment?

- Taking the Time (95)
- Communication
- Hold each other accountable.
- Good example (141)
- Forgiveness
- Protection
- Solidarity
- Sacrifice
- Service



The fourth commandment

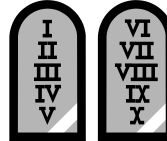
■ Extended to include those in rightful authority:

- Teachers
- Church
- Guardians
- Elderly
- Leaders
- Magistrates
- Those who govern



The Fifth Commandment

Thou shall not kill (murder).



The essence of the fifth commandment is the sanctity of human life.

Genesis 1:27 (174)



How do we honor the fifth commandment?

- Respect Life
- Defense of the innocent
- Safeguard peace
- Love and compassion
- Uplift and support
- Avoiding war

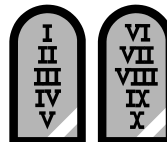


Sins against the fifth commandment

- Murder
- Abortion
- Euthanasia
- Kidnapping
- Terrorism
- Assault and battery
- Hatred
- Anger
- Embryonic stem-cell harvesting
- Failing to care for one's health
- Failing to care for the health of others
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The Sixth Commandment

Thou shall not commit adultery.



How do we honor the sixth commandments?

- Faithfulness/fidelity
- Chastity
- Modesty
- Respect
- Selfless love
- Sacrifice
- Support and nurture
- Page 234

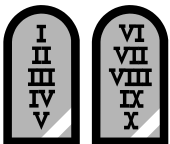


Sins against the sixth commandment

- Adultery (212-214)
- Divorce
- Incest
- Polygamy
- Fornication
- Pornography
- Prostitution
- Rape
- Sexual abuse
- Lust
- Immodesty

The Seventh Commandment

Thou shall not steal.



How we honor the seventh commandment

- Truthfulness
- Work
- Economic and Social Justice
- Just wage
- Care for the poor
- Solidarity
- Works of mercy



How we sin against the seventh command:

- Theft
- Fraud
- Unjust social and economic structures
- Unjust wages
- Gouging



Is it stealing?

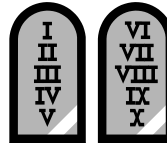
- Is it stealing when it's from the company or the government? (page 253)
- Is it stealing when they won't really notice that it's gone, because they have so much?
- Is it stealing if it's just not fair that I don't have what so many other people have?
- Is it stealing when I intend to give it back eventually – before they notice or need it?

Making Excuses

- I didn't know it was "hot."
 - Finders keepers, losers weepers.
 - I didn't steal it, it was their stupid mistake.
 - Its only fair, considering all my past bad luck and problems.
 - I deserve it because I don't have it.
 - It's not hurting anyone.
 - I did it for a good reason.
 - Everyone else does it.
 - All's fair in love, war and business.
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The Eight Commandment

Thou shall not bear false witness against thy neighbor.



The Eight Commandment

- Trust
- Honor
- Oath/Vow
- Lies can kill
- Hypocrisy
- Is it ever right to lie?



How do we honor the eight commandment?

- Truthfulness
- Respect
- Justice
- Responsibility
- Honor
- Witness to the gospel



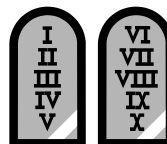
How do we sin against the eighth commandment?

- Lying
- Perjury
- Slander
- Detraction
- Boasting
- Hypocrisy



The Ninth and Tenth Commandment

Thou shall not covet thy neighbor's goods. Thou shall not covet thy neighbor's wife.



How do we honor the ninth and tenth commandments?

- Purity
- Chastity
- Direct affections rightly
- Sacrifice for the sake of the kingdom
- Appreciate that which God has given us.



How we sin against the ninth and tenth commandments:

- Impurity
- Lust
- Greed
- Avarice
- Envy
- (Pages 300-302,314)

