



Taking a Closer Look at the 10 COMMANDMENTS

The Bible says there are 10, but it doesn't number them. See the three main numberings and why we believe the numbering below is correct in "10 Commandments List" and "The 10 Commandments and God's Way of Life." Here they are in short form (Exodus 20:2-17) with their spiritual intent and New Testament passages that uphold and magnify them.

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God (Exodus 31:18).

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- "Tablets of stone" with the Old Covenant (Exodus 31:18).
- Hearts and minds with the New Covenant (Hebrews 10:16).

Jesus' summary

- First four: "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind" (Matthew 22:37).
- Last six: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:39).

I
You shall have no other gods before Me.
 Matthew 4:10; Luke 4:8; Revelation 14:7

Put God first. Love Him with all your heart, soul and mind.

II
You shall not make idols.
 John 4:23; Acts 15:20; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Galatians 5:19-20; Ephesians 5:5; Colossians 3:5

Worship in spirit and truth. Images can't truly represent God.

III
You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
 Matthew 5:33-37; 1 Timothy 6:1; James 2:7; 5:12

Treat God's name with respect. Act in all ways to honor and praise Him.

IV
Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
 Luke 4:16; 23:55-56; Acts 17:1-2; 18:4; Hebrews 4:9; 1 John 2:6

Only God can make something holy. Since He made the seventh-day Sabbath holy, we should remember it, rest and meet for worship that day.

V
Honor your father and your mother.
 Matthew 15:4-9; 19:19; Mark 10:19; Luke 18:20; Romans 1:29-30; Ephesians 6:1-3

Honor and respect build families and bring blessings from God.

Love and value the life of humans created in the image of God.

VI
You shall not murder.
 Matthew 5:21-22; 19:18; Mark 10:19; Luke 18:20; Romans 1:29-30; 13:9

Be faithful to the marriage union, which reflects the relationship between Christ and His Church.

VII
You shall not commit adultery.
 Matthew 5:27-28; 19:18; Mark 10:11-12, 19; Luke 16:18; 18:20; Romans 7:2-3; 13:9

Steer clear of any form of theft. Respect the property of others and practice the way of give.

VIII
You shall not steal.
 Matthew 19:18; Mark 10:19; Luke 18:20; Romans 13:9; Ephesians 4:28; 1 Peter 4:15; Revelation 9:21

Do not gossip or slander. Always speak the truth in love. Be honest and reliable.

IX
You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
 Matthew 19:18; Mark 10:19; Luke 18:20; Acts 5:3-4; Romans 13:9; Ephesians 4:25

Do not lust. Learn contentment and gratitude. Recognize what is eternally important.

X
You shall not covet.
 Luke 12:15; Romans 1:29; 7:7; 13:9; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Galatians 5:19-21; Ephesians 5:3, 5