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## THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

1. You shall have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall make no idols.
3. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
4. Keep the Sabbath day holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet.



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How much money is  
enough money?

“Just a little bit more.”

—John D. Rockefeller

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# ***COVET:***

yearning to possess or have something.



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# STUDY THE TEXT



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**TEXTUAL COMMENTARY:**

1. If there was a dispute among heirs it was customary to have a rabbi settle the dispute.
2. While Jesus is often called “rabbi” we have no reason to think he went through the process of becoming a rabbi—being God.
3. “Be on your guard” indicates that covetousness will grow slowly and quietly in your heart.
4. Security in abundance is no security at all. Possessions are not the welspring of life.

Luke 12:13-15

“13 Someone in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.’ 14 But he said to him, ‘Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?’ 15 And he said to them, ‘Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.’”



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**TEXTUAL COMMENTARY:**

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6. From abundance in the existing barns, he tears it all down to get MORE.
7. He convinces himself he is secure because of his great possessions.
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Luke 12:16-20

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**“I said that this also is  
vanity. And I commend joy,  
for man has nothing better  
under the sun but to eat and  
drink and be joyful”**

King Solomon lamenting over the trivial pursuit  
of life's possessions (Eccl. 8:14-15).



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**“If the dead are not  
raised, ‘Let us eat and  
drink, for tomorrow we  
die.’”**

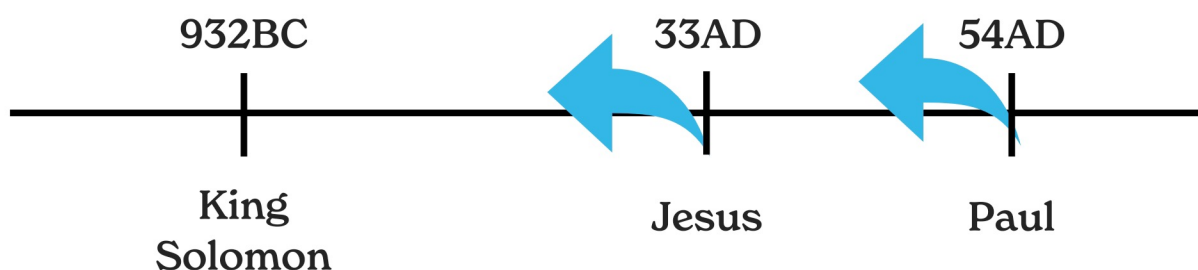
Paul, speaking of the truth of the resurrection to those  
who don't believe Jesus rose from the dead in Corinth (1 Cor. 15:32)



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## BIBLE TEACHING ARC



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**TEXTUAL COMMENTARY:**

9. “So is the one” is an expression like, “If this describes you...”

10. The summary; “Be rich toward God.”

Luke 12:21

“21 **So is the one** who lays up treasure for himself and is **not rich toward God.**”



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# LIVE THE TEXT



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1. **Decide** today and everyday that God will be the source of your provision and strength. Reinforce this with **relational prayer** and a deep love for **knowing God**.
2. **Practice** compassion and generosity from a place of security in God, not possessions. **Give to others sacrificially**—not just from abundance.

## LIVE THE TEXT



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# MESSIAH



THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD



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