

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

How to Love God and Neighbor

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You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart... You shall love your neighbor as yourself
Matthew 22:37-39



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What is the Greatest Commandment?

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.



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What commandments has God given to teach us how to Love God and Neighbor?

1. You shall have no other gods
2. You shall not make a carved image
3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain
4. Remember the Sabbath day
5. Honor your father and mother
6. You shall not murder
7. You shall not commit adultery
8. You shall not steal
9. You shall not bear false witness
10. You shall not covet



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Housekeeping...



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The 9th Commandment:

You Shall Not Bear False Witness

Deception | Tension | Truthfulness



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The 9th Commandment

Deception



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Exodus 20:16 | You shall not bear false witness
against your neighbor.



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Genesis 2:16-17 | And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."



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Genesis 3:1-13 | Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.



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Genesis 3:1-13 cont'd | And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and **the man and his wife hid themselves** from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "**The woman whom you gave to be with me**, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "**The serpent deceived me**, and I ate."



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Deuteronomy 4:2 | **You shall not add** to the word that I command you, **nor take from it**, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you.

Revelation 22:18-19 | I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: **if anyone adds** to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, and **if anyone takes away** from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.



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Deuteronomy 19:16-19 | If a malicious witness arises to accuse a person of wrongdoing, then both parties to the dispute shall appear before the Lord, before the priests and the judges who are in office in those days. The judges shall inquire diligently, and if the witness is a false witness and has accused his brother falsely, then you shall do to him as he had meant to do to his brother. So you shall purge the evil from your midst.



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Acts 5:1-11 | But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property, and with his wife's knowledge he kept back for himself some of the proceeds and brought only a part of it and laid it at the apostles' feet. But Peter said, "Ananias, why has **Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit** and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? **You have not lied to man but to God.**" When Ananias heard these words, he fell down and breathed his last. And great fear came upon all who heard of it. The young men rose and wrapped him up and carried him out and buried him.



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Acts 5:1-11 cont'd | After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. And Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for so much." And she said, "Yes, for so much." But Peter said to her, "**How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord?** Behold, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out." Immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. When the young men came in they found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. And great fear came upon the whole church and upon all who heard of these things.



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Forms of Deception

- **Deception** | Something meant to lead someone to believe a lie
- **Lie** | Something that is not true
- **Silence** | Not saying what is true
- **Half truths** | Part of the truth, but not all of it
- **Slander** | Something said publicly that is not true about another person
- **Gossip** | Saying something that is true about another person - but to an inappropriate audience
- **Flattery** | Saying something positive to someone that you don't believe



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James 1:22 | But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.



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Discussion

1. If you were hiding Jews in your house during World War II and Nazi soldiers knocked on your door and asked if there were Jews in your home - would it be okay to lie? Why or why not?
2. What are some social situations where it seems better not to tell the truth to somebody? Is it okay in some social situations not to tell the truth? Why or why not?



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The 9th Commandment

Tension



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Ephesians 4:29 | Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.



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Discussion

1. To what degree does this article seem credible to you? Why?



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Truthfulness



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Matthew 7:1-5 | Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.



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Psalm 32:5 | I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will **confess my transgressions to the Lord**," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

James 5:16 | Therefore, **confess your sins to one another** and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.



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Matthew 18:15 | If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.

Romans 2:4 | Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that **God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?**



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Matthew 5:33-37 | Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.' But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. **Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'**; anything more than this comes from evil.



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Ephesians 4:15 | Rather, **speaking the truth in love**, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.



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Jonah 3:4 | Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "**Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!**"



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Acts 2:29-31, 41 | Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, **he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ**, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption... So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day **about three thousand souls**.



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Acts 17:22-23, 28, 32 | So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you... for 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we are indeed his offspring...' Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, "We will hear you again about this."



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2 Thessalonians 2:9-10 | The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to **love the truth** and so be saved.

John 14:6 | Jesus said to him, "**I am** the way, and **the truth**, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:17 | Even **the Spirit of truth**, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.



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1 Timothy 6:10 | For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

Matthew 19:23-24 | And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, only with difficulty will a rich person enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.



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Acts 1:8 | But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and **you will be my witnesses** in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”



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Loving God through the 9th Commandment

Action

Negative: Do not bear false witness

Positive: Bear true witness in love

Allegiance:

Commit yourself to the truth, even when very difficult

Affection:

Love the truth

Jesus tells you the truth in love



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Assurance of Grace | 1 John 1:6-9

If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.



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Next Week:

The 10th Commandment: You Shall Not Covet



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