

TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: Top 10
Message: Keep God's Name Holy
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Too often, this commandment is seen as merely a warning to not flippantly invoke God's name or to use it as an expletive. While that is important, it doesn't get to the heart of the matter. Those of us who know and follow Him are called to represent God honorably to a watching world, in all we say and do.

Take some time to consider how you represent Him throughout your circles of influence. This includes your home, extended family, work, school, neighborhood, stores, social media connections, etc.

What ways are you representing God's character and values well? (List and be specific.)

What are some ways you know you need to improve?

Who are some people you know are doing it well?

What can you learn from them to improve how you represent Christ?

If you aren't sure why not ask them? By the way, letting them know how their example has inspired you would be a big encouragement to them too!

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NIV – New International Version
NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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You must not misuse the name of the Lord your God. The Lord will not let you go unpunished if you misuse his name.

Exodus 20:7 (NLT)

The issue here is respect for God and His reputation.

Honoring God's name has huge implications; dishonoring it does too.

Using God's name well means that all my life reflects God's character and values.

Thoughts and Words

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Psalm 19:14 (NLT)

Attitudes and Actions

³ Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. ⁵ You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

Philippians 2:3–5 (NLT)

¹⁴ If you are insulted because you bear the name of Christ, you will be blessed, for the glorious Spirit of God rests upon you. ¹⁵ If you suffer, however, it must not be for murder, stealing, making trouble, or prying into other people's affairs. ¹⁶ But it is no shame to suffer for being a Christian. Praise God for the privilege of being called by his name!

1 Peter 4:14–16 (NLT)

The apostles left the high council rejoicing that God had counted them worthy to suffer disgrace for the name of Jesus.

Acts 5:41 (NLT)

Relationships

³⁰ And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption. ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. ³² Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

Ephesians 4:30–32 (NLT)

Work and other responsibilities

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men...

Colossians 3:23 (NIV)

So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ...

2 Corinthians 5:20 (NLT)