



WALKING BY
FAITH

God Commands Our Best Toward Others

EXODUS 20:12-21

*"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."*

Matthew 22:37-40

I. God commands our best toward those _____ our home.

*"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land
that the Lord your God is giving you. ... You shall not commit adultery." vv. 12, 14*

Healthy _____ nourish a healthy home.

II. God commands our best toward those _____ our home.

*"You shall not murder. ... You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant,
or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's." vv. 13, 15-17*

Good _____ make good neighbors.

*"So whatever you wish that others would do to you,
do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets."*

Matthew 7:12

_____ It _____, _____ !

HOME GROUP STUDY & DEVOTIONAL

As you begin, ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and guide your study.

1. Read Exodus 20:12-21. What positive value is reflected in each of the sixth through ninth commandments?

2. Paul refers to the commandment to honor one's parents as the first one "with a promise" (Eph 6:2). Why? How does an adult or a child "honor" their parents?

3. Coveting (v.17) doesn't appear to do the harm that murder, adultery or theft does. Why, then, is it included in God's ten chief commandments?

4. How does the last commandment demonstrate that God's law deals with the heart, not just behavior?

5. What do the first and the tenth commandments have in common?

6. In what way is love the fulfillment of the law? (See Romans 13:8, Galatians 5:14 and James 2:8 for insight.)

7. Why couldn't the people (besides Moses) touch Mount Sinai (19:12)? What was God teaching them?

8. During the revelation of the Ten Commandments the people were terrified (vv. 18-20). How does true fear of the Lord differ from what the Israelites knew?

9. Do the Ten Commandments seem like burdens or blessings to you? Read Psalms 19 and 119, and Romans 7:22. Ask God to help you learn to love His Law.

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Study the meaning of the word *honor* and other laws about parents in the following passages.

Leviticus 19:3, 20:9

Deuteronomy 21:18-21

Psalms 91:15

Proverbs 4:8

Matthew 15:1-9

A WONDERFUL OFFER

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Realize that you are sinful and separated from God. (Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)

2. Recognize that the penalty for your sin is death—eternal separation from God and all that is good. (Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)

3. Understand that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and that He rose again. (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)

4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior. (Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16 NASB) You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:

"Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in Him alone as the only way to get right with You. Thank You for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen."

The Law tells me how crooked I am; Grace comes along and straightens me out.

DWIGHT MOODY

From top to bottom, the Bible is full of commands. They aren't meant to stifle a relationship with God, but to protect it, seal it and define it. Never forget: first God delivered the Israelites from Egypt, then He gave them the law. God's people were not redeemed by observing the law. But they were redeemed so that they might obey the law.

KEVIN DEYOUNG

Satan is ever seeking to inject that poison into our hearts to distrust God's goodness—especially in connection with His commandments. That is what really lies behind all evil, lust and disobedience. A discontent with our position and portion, a craving from something which God has wisely held from us. Reject any suggestion that God is unduly severe with you. Resist with the utmost abhorrence anything that causes you to doubt God's love and His lovingkindness toward you. Allow nothing to make you question the Father's love for His child.

ARTHUR PINK

It is not that we keep His commandments first, and that then He loves; but that He loves us, and then we keep His commandments. This is that grace, which is revealed to the humble, but hidden from the proud.

AUGUSTINE

The truth is, of course, that the curtness of the Ten Commandments is evidence not of the gloom and narrowness of a religion but, on the contrary, of its liberality and humanity. It is shorter to state the things forbidden than the things permitted precisely because most things are permitted, and only a few are forbidden.

G. K. CHESTERTON

The law is a storm which wrecks your hopes of self-salvation, but washes you upon the Rock of Ages.

CHARLES SPURGEON

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BACK TO SCHOOL PARENTING RESOURCE

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