



Why Did God Give the 10 Commands?

Monday

To teach me about Himself.

You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.
(Leviticus 19:2).

Holy means set apart, something different from the usual.
Think of one way to show that your life is set apart for God.

Tuesday

To convict me of sin.

I was once alive . . . but when the commandment came, sin became alive and I died (Romans 7:9).

When told not to do something, it makes you want to do it.
God gave commands to show how much you love to sin.

Wednesday

To give me a hopeless goal.

For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all (James 2:10).

God says if you sin at all, you are guilty of breaking all the law. Is there a difference between a “big” lie and a “little” lie?

Thursday

To lead me to Christ.

Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith (Galatians 3:24).

The law shows that you have sinned and that you can't stop on your own. How can knowing this lead you to Christ?

Friday

To give me a way to show God I love Him.

He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me (John 14:21).

Just like you want to be loved, God wants that too! What command can you keep today to show God you love Him?



Command 1: *You shall have no other Gods before me.*

How Can I Love God with an Undivided Heart?

Monday

I can love Him first in the morning.

In the morning I will order my prayer to You and eagerly watch (Psalm 5:3).

What is the first thing you do when you wake up? Make it your goal to spend time with God before doing anything else!

Tuesday

I can love Him with my strength.

Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before Him with joyful singing (Psalm 100:2).

What do you put your all into? Sports? A hobby? Reading? God wants you to put your all into loving Him the same way.

Wednesday

I can love Him best.

He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me (Matthew 10:37).

Think of the most important person in your life. God wants you to love Him even more than this person.

Thursday

I can love Him with my choices.

Hate evil, you who love the LORD, who preserves the souls of His godly ones (Psalm 97:10).

Can you think of something evil that God hates? You can show your love for God by hating things that He hates.

Friday

I can love Him with my words.

Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples (1 Chronicles 16:24).

What is something that you love about God? See if you can share it with one person today.



Command 2: *You shall not make for yourself an idol.*

How Can I Worship God the Right Way?

Monday

By worshipping Him the only way Jesus said.

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me" (John 14:6).

Can you think of any friend who believes they can get to God by another way? You can help them by sharing this verse.

Tuesday

By worshipping Him in the name of Jesus.

Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son (John 14:13).

Ever wonder why people end their prayers with "in Jesus' name"? God is pleased when you use His Son's name.

Wednesday

By worshipping Him with a clean heart.

If I regard wickedness in my heart, the Lord will not hear (Psalm 66:18).

God won't hear you if you pray with a dirty heart. You can clean your heart by telling God you are sorry for your sin.

Thursday

By worshipping Him without any helps.

God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth (John 4:24).

Some use a cross or an image of God when praying. God is a Spirit and wants you to pray to Him without any helps.

Friday

By worshipping Him with my body.

Present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship (Romans 12:1).

God wants you to make Him happy with what you see, hear, say, what you do and where you go. He wants everything!



Command 3: *You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.*

How Can I Respect God's Name?

Monday

By saying His Name only when I need to say it.

And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition (Matthew 6:7).

When you pray to God, you don't need to keep saying His name so He'll hear you. You have His attention right away!

Tuesday

By being careful when I do say God's Name.

God says He wants us to . . . *fear [respect] this honored and awesome name, the LORD your God (Deuteronomy 28:58).*

Many people saying things like, "Oh my _____", and use God's name. Make sure you say God's name with respect.

Wednesday

By not using God's Name as a curse word.

If anyone curses his God, then he will bear his sin (Leviticus 24:15-16).

Do you say God's name when you're mad or make it a curse word? God takes it seriously when you misuse His name.

Thursday

By being careful what I say as a Christian.

If anyone . . . does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this man's religion is worthless (James 1:26).

If you are a Christian, then you have the name of Christ. Whatever you say or don't say will reflect on His name.

Friday

By being careful what I do as a Christian.

That you will be worthy of your calling . . . so that the name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified (2 Thessalonians 1:11-12).

If you are a Christian, God wants you to honor Him by being a testimony to others by showing the difference in your life.



Command 4: *Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.*

How Can I Honor God One Day a Week?

Monday

By resting from work that day.

Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day . . . you shall not do any work (Exodus 20:9-10).

What do you usually do on Sundays? God wants you to honor him by resting from the things you normally do.

Tuesday

By remembering the day Jesus rose again.

The angel said to the ladies looking for Jesus's body, He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said (Matthew 28:6).

After Jesus died on the cross, He rose again and now lives in Heaven. Sunday is the day to remember His rising again.

Wednesday

By taking extra time to learn about God's word.

But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night (Psalm 1:2).

Sunday is a great day to spend some extra time with God and listen to what He has to say to you in His word.

Thursday

By giving back part of the money God gave me.

Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not [forced], for God loves a cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9:7).

God is the one who gives you what money you have. He wants you to gladly give back a part of it to honor Him.

Friday

By going to God's house, the church.

Not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another (Hebrews 10:25).

God wants you in His house, the church, on Sundays to spend time with Him. How often do you go to church?



Command 5: *Honor your father and your mother.*

How Can I Honor My Parents?

Monday

By listening to them.

Hear, my son, your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching (Proverbs 1:8).

When your mom or dad talks to you, do you look at them and listen? When you honor your parents, you honor God.

Tuesday

By following their advice.

My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments (Proverbs 3:1).

God chose your specific parents for you to help lead you. You need to follow their advice, unless it disobeys God.

Wednesday

By obeying them.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right (Psalm 1:2).

Obeying your parents not only means doing what they say, but doing it right away with a cheerful spirit. Try this today!

Thursday

By making them happy.

Let your father and your mother be glad, and let her rejoice who gave birth to you (Proverbs 23:25).

Think of something you can do today that will make your parents happy (taking out the trash, doing the dishes, etc.)

Friday

By choosing to be wise .

The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice, and he who [has] a wise son will be glad in him (Proverbs 23:24).

A wise person is not only smart, but is wise in how they act and in the choices they make. This makes your parents glad!



Command 6: *You shall not murder.*

Who is a Murderer?

Monday

Someone who stays angry at someone.

Be angry, and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger (Ephesians 4:26).

It's okay to get angry sometimes, but God wants you to let go of it before it builds up. Don't let yourself stay angry.

Tuesday

Someone who hates another person.

Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer; and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him (1 John 3:15).

Is there anyone that you really, really, REALLY don't like?
The Bible says that true Christians do not hate people.

Wednesday

Someone who calls others bad names.

Whoever says to his brother, 'You good-for-nothing,' . . . and whoever says, 'You fool,' shall be guilty . . . (Matthew 5:22).

Be careful what you say to other people. If you say things or call people things that make them hate you, **you** are guilty.

Thursday

Someone who chooses bad people for friends.

Do not enter the path of the wicked and do not proceed in the way of evil men (Proverbs 4:14).

Hanging around the right kind of friends will help you not be tempted to be angry or to do things that make others angry.

Friday

Someone who kills someone else.

You shall not murder (Exodus 20:13).

God created every person. When someone is killed, that means part of God's creation has been destroyed.



Command 7: *You shall not commit adultery.*

How Can I be Faithful Now to the One I Will Marry?

Monday

By choosing to think right thoughts.

Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with . . . a pure heart (2 Timothy 2:22).

When you are tempted to think wrong thoughts, God says, "Flee!" "Run!" Choose instead to think pure thoughts.

Tuesday

By learning to treat others with respect.

Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor (Romans 12:10).

Are you careful how you treat or touch your friends that are the opposite gender? Learn to treat others with respect.

Wednesday

By being a person worthy of trust now.

Who can find a trustworthy man? A righteous man who walks in his integrity—How blessed are his sons (Proverbs 20:6-7).

Do you want to find someone that you can trust with your heart? Learn now to be a person worthy of trust.

Thursday

By keeping my heart for the one I marry.

Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life (Proverbs 4:23).

If you guard your heart now, and don't give it away before you're ready, it will be a special gift to the one you marry.

Friday

By deciding to be faithful to the one I marry.

Each man is to have his own wife, and each woman is to have her own husband (1 Corinthians 7:2).

God says you should only marry one person, and that you should be faithful to that person. Decide now to obey God!



Command 8: *You shall not steal.*

How Can I Avoid Stealing?

Monday

By loving God instead of money.

*For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil
(1 Timothy 6:10).*

Do you love to spend money on things? Money by itself is not bad—it's only bad when you love it more than God.

Tuesday

By not worrying about my needs.

*Do not be worried . . . for your heavenly Father knows that
you need all these things (Matthew 6:25-28).*

This Bible section says to not be worried about food, drink, or clothing. Think about how God take care of your needs.

Wednesday

By not taking someone else's things.

You shall not steal (Exodus 20:15).

Even if you don't get caught and no one sees you steal something, God knows all about it and that's what matters.

Thursday

By working to buy the things I need.

*He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor
[work] (Ephesians 4:28).*

If you need money, what can you do to earn it instead of stealing? How about mowing a lawn or offering to baby-sit?

Friday

By sharing.

*He who is generous will be blessed, for he gives some of his
food to the poor (Proverbs 22:9).*

Does your family have any extra cans or boxes of food you can give to the poor? God is happy when you do this.



Command 9: *You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.*

How Can I Avoid Lying?

Monday

By remembering who is the father of lies.

You are of your father the devil . . . for he is a liar and the father of lies (John 8:44).

If you are ever tempted to lie, remember Satan is the father of lies, and he loves to see you do wrong and hurt God.

Tuesday

By thinking the same way God thinks about lies.

The LORD hates . . . a lying tongue and . . . a false witness who utters lies (Proverbs 6:16-19).

God wants you to think the way He thinks about sin. Train yourself to notice when you start to lie—and stop right away!

Wednesday

By caring about other people.

A lying tongue hates those it crushes, and a flattering mouth works ruin (Proverbs 26:28).

Instead of saying something that is not true, think about what might happen to others if you lie. Will they be hurt?

Thursday

By not lying with my words or actions.

You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another (Leviticus 19:11).

To *deal falsely* means to lie by your actions. Are any of the things you do or say a way to trick or mislead others?

Friday

By saying only things that are true.

Therefore, laying aside falsehood, speak truth each one of you with his neighbor (Ephesians 4:25).

When you are tempted to lie, think of something you can say that is the truth. God loves it when you tell the truth!



Command 10: *You shall not covet.*

How Can I Avoid Envy?

Monday

By being content with what I have.

Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have (Hebrews 13:5).

It's nice to have money, as long as you realize that God has given you exactly as much as you need to have.

Tuesday

By being thankful to God for how He made me.

I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made (Matthew 6:25-28).

God made you exactly how He wanted you to be with your own looks and personality. Everything He creates is good!

Wednesday

By desiring only what God wants me to have.

You shall not desire your neighbor's house . . . or anything that belongs to your neighbor (Deuteronomy 5:21).

God wants you to be happy with what He has given you. He doesn't want you envy someone else or their things.

Thursday

By being glad when others are praised.

Love is not jealous . . . does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth (1 Corinthians 13:4,6).

True love is happy when other people are praised or do well. Are you happy when others get praised instead of you?

Friday

By giving to others instead.

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus . . . "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 22:35).

Try to give something to another person this week. God loves a cheerful giver—and it will make you happy too!