



The Ten Commandments

I. You shall have no other gods before me. (Exodus 20:3)

There is only one true God and we should love Him above all else. According to Martin Luther, "We must fear, love, and trust God more than anything else."

II. Do not make idols (Exodus 20:4)

There is only one true God and we not should make other things more important, like statues, money, or traditions, or success. According to Martin Luther, "We must fear, love, and trust God more than anything else."

III. Do not misuse the name of the LORD your God. (Exodus 20:7)

If we love God we would never use his name in a bad way. According to Martin Luther, "We must fear and love God, so that we will not use His name to curse, swear, cast a spell, lie or deceive, but will use it to call upon Him, pray to Him, praise Him and thank Him in all times of trouble."

IV. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. (Exodus 20:8)

Set aside a day to rest and study God's word and character. According to Martin Luther, "We must fear and love God, so that we will not look down on preaching or God's Word, but consider it holy, listen to it willingly, and learn it."

V. You must honor your father and mother. (Exodus 20:12)

Love and respect the parents God gave to care for you. According to Martin Luther, "We must fear and love God, so that we will neither look down on our parents or superiors nor irritate them, but will honor them, serve them, obey them, love them and value them."



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VI. You shall not murder. (Exodus 20:13)

Do not do or wish harm against an innocent person. According to Martin Luther, “We must fear and love God, so that we will neither harm nor hurt our neighbor's body, but help him and care for him when he is ill.”

VII. You must not commit adultery. (Exodus 20:14)

Be faithful to your husband or wife and love them only. According to Martin Luther, “We must fear and love God, so that our words and actions will be clean and decent and so that everyone will love and honor their spouses.”

VIII. You must not steal. (Exodus 20:15)

Do not take what is not yours. According to Martin Luther, “We must fear and love God, so that we will neither take our neighbor's money or property, nor acquire it by fraud or by selling him poorly made products, but will help him improve and protect his property and career.”

VIII. You must not tell lies. (Exodus 20:16)

Speak the truth and do not tell lies. According to Martin Luther, “We must fear and love God, so that we will not deceive by lying, betraying, slandering or ruining our neighbor's reputation, but will defend him, say good things about him, and see the best side of everything he does.”

X. You must not covet or desire your neighbor's belongings. (Exodus 20:17)

Be happy with what God has provided for you and never want what belongs to others out of envy. According to Martin Luther, “We must fear and love God, so that we will not release our neighbor's cattle, take his employees from him or seduce his wife, but urge them to stay and do what they ought to do.”