



The Ten Commandments are a central part of Bible teaching. Parents are encouraged to teach them, little children are encouraged to memorize them, and God's people are commanded to obey them. You may have read about the Ten Commandments in the Exodus story, but have you ever prayed through them?

We know that Jesus came to fulfill the laws set before the Israelites back then, but that does not make those laws any less important for us now. Jesus taught His disciples that the greatest commandments could be wrapped up into two: "love the Lord..." and "love your neighbor..." (See Matthew 22:37-40.) Each of the Ten Commandments is about one of those two commands. Do you think God is still calling you to love Him with all your heart, soul, and mind? Do you think He is still asking you to love your neighbor as yourself? Then join us as we pray through how we can truly love God and love others. Over the next ten days, we will focus on each of the Ten Commandments of Exodus 20. 10 Days. 10 Prayers. 10 Commandments. Are you ready to ask God to transform your heart?

Let's read a summary of the Ten Commandments to get started. Then over the next 10 days, you will receive 10 prayers, accompanied by Scriptures, to allow you to meditate on the meaning of each commandment.

You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet. (Exodus 20:3-17)

10 Days.
Prayers.
Commandments.



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DAY 1 – PRIORITIES

“You shall have no other gods before Me” (Exodus 20:3).

Lord, help me love You more than anything or anyone else, and love others as I love myself (Mark 12:28-31). Show me if anything else is of higher value in my life to me than You. Help me to pursue those things that have eternal value and honor You in everything (Revelation 3:17-18). Lord, help me order my priorities by putting those things You desire for me first (Matthew 6:33). When You are my priority, all other things will fall into place. Change my heart so that I will ultimately desire You and the things You desire.

DAY 2 – WORSHIP

“You shall not make for yourself a carved image” (Exodus 20:4).

Lord, help me to live in the truth that only You are the true God (1 John 5:18-21). Help me to remain steadfast in my worship of You no matter how great the challenges (1 Kings 18:19-39). Life will not always look the way I may have planned, but You are still the same God and I can worship You for that. Lord, help me to identify and put aside anything that might become an object of worship (Habakkuk 2:18-20). I know that I cannot properly worship You if I have other objects of worship in my heart. Help me, Lord, to worship You for who You are and all You have done, not just in outward expression, but first in spirit and in truth (John 4:22-24).

DAY 3 – HOLINESS

“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain” (Exodus 20:7).

Lord, help me to watch my words and guard my actions so that I will bring honor to Your name (Leviticus 19:12). Lord, help me to live a life that is distinguished by being different, pleasing You alone (Romans 12:1-2). Only when I allow you to renew my mind and transform my heart can I truly begin to pursue holiness. Lord, help me to choose and use words that reflect a heart set apart for You (Matthew 5:33-37).

DAY 4 – COMMITMENT

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy” (Exodus 20:8).

Lord, I want my commitment to You to be evident to others and a testimony of Your grace in my life. I will set Sundays apart as a day of worship, even when others do not! Help me to become a learner who serves and a servant who learns (2 Timothy 2:15; Philippians 3:12-14). Jesus, I want to follow Your example of commitment and perseverance. I commit myself to worship You privately and personally as well as openly and publicly. With Your help, I will keep the rest day holy as You intended!

DAY 5 – HONOR

“Honor your father and your mother” (Exodus 20:12).

Lord, help me develop character that honors You and encourages others to honor You also (Proverbs 3:1-6). I believe honor begins in the home. By Your grace I will show honor to my parents and to my children, to my employer and my employees, and to all who pass my way (Ephesians 6:1-9). Father, teach me to be consistent in obeying your commands. Give me discernment to know when and where I have departed from Your ways. Help me to truly give honor to my parents (Matthew 15:1-9).



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DAY 6 – SANCTITY OF LIFE

“You shall not murder” (Exodus 20:13).

Lord, help me recognize the supreme value You give to each person. May my attitudes and actions toward others reflect that value (Psalm 8:4-5). You went to such a great expense to save us. Forgive me for not seeing how much You regard life (Luke 19:10). Lord, help me to treat unborn life with the concern with which You treat it (Psalm 139:13). I pray You will redeem our nation for its hatred for the unborn. Forgive us for this evil. All life is precious in your sight. Remind me to pray for others and for the unborn, Lord.

DAY 7 – PURITY

“You shall not commit adultery” (Exodus 20:14).

Lord, help me to so absorb Your Word that it is lived out in every aspect of my life (John 17:17). Give me an unwavering passion for studying Your Word and applying it to my life in every respect (Psalm 119:9-16). Lord, may I be found faithful to my spouse; help our love to grow stronger and more intimate emotionally, spiritually, and physically (Hebrews 13:4). You created marriage to reflect Your love for us, so please help me to remain pure in my relationship.

DAY 8 – HONESTY

“You shall not steal” (Exodus 20:15).

Lord, let Your word penetrate my heart, and reveal to me any dishonest thoughts and habits in my life (Hebrews 4:12-16). Help me resist anything that would compromise my complete integrity (2 Corinthians 4:1-2). Please surround me with others who value honesty and uplifting speech and actions. May my thoughts be on those things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent and praiseworthy (Philippians 4:8). God, in a world where truth can be so relaxed and relative, help me to do what is right by Your standard of truth – even when my actions are misunderstood by the world (2 Corinthians 13:7-8).

DAY 9 – INTEGRITY

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor” (Exodus 20:16).

Father, remind me of Your perspective on my speech toward others and cause me to guard my tongue from carelessly violating this command (James 1:26; James 3:5-9). Help me to say things that encourage and energize, heal and help (Ephesians 4:29-32). I pray that I may follow through with my commitments, that my words may be binding, and that my testimony will prove to be consistent and reflective of Your faithfulness. Jesus, put away the “old self” that still creeps in at times and renew me in the “new self” that reflects Your image more fully (Colossians 3:7-10).

DAY 10 – CONTENTMENT

“You shall not covet” (Exodus 20:17).

God, let me understand the contentment that comes from being like You, not like the world or anyone else (1 Timothy 6:6-8). Help me to be thankful in the midst of my greatest challenges and concerns (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). Lord, help me trust You as a faithful provider of all I need. Give me a contentment that rests in my abiding faith in Your tender mercy (Ephesians 4:4-7).