

## Exodus 20:12-26: The Ten Commandments II:

1. Six commandments regarding our conduct before God and man.
  - I. (12) The fifth commandment: **Honor your father and your mother.**

To **honor** one's parents includes to *prize* them, to *care* for them, and to *show respect* or *reverence* to them. The command is given to children, but not for only while they are children...(Cole)

[Ephesians 6:2-3](#) - *Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise; "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.*

- II. (13) The sixth commandment: **You shall not murder.**

In Hebrew as well as in English there is a distinction between *to kill* and *to murder*. As opposed to killing, **murder** is the taking of life without legal justification (execution after due process) or moral justification (killing in defense).

[Matthew 5:21-22](#) - *"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.' "But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire.*

- III. (14) The seventh commandment: **You shall not commit adultery.**

Adultery is extra-marital sex. It is not to be done, and when it is done it is sin and it damages.

[Deuteronomy 22:22](#) - *If a man is found lying with a woman married to a husband, then both of them shall die—the man that lay with the woman, and the woman; so you shall put away the evil from Israel.*

[Matthew 5:27-30](#) - *"You have heard that it was said to those of old,[fn] 'You shall not commit adultery.' "But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.*

- IV. (15) The eighth commandment: **You shall not steal.**

[Malachi 3:8-10](#) - *"Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me, even this whole nation.*

**Ephesians 4:28** - *Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.*

V. (16) The ninth commandment: **You shall not bear false witness.**

**Ephesians 4:29** - *Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.*

**Colossians 3:9-10** - *Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,*

VI. (17) The tenth commandment: **You shall not covet.**

To **covet** here means, *to pant after*.

Covetousness works like this: the eyes look upon an object, the mind admires it, the will goes over to it, and the body moves in to possess it.

**Luke 12:15** - *“Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.”*

**Hebrews 13:5** - *Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”*

2. (20) The purpose for this fear.

- The **test** revealed to them the holy God they served.
- The **test** revealed to them God’s expectation, walking in holiness.
- The **test** revealed to them their own weakness and need for God’s grace.

**John 14:15** - *“If you love Me, keep My commandments.*