

BIBLE CHALLENGE
THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean? We are to fear, love, and trust God above all things.

2. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.

What does this mean? We are to fear and love God, so that we do not curse, swear, practice magic, lie, or deceive using God's name, but instead us that very name in every time of need to call on, pray to praise, and give thanks to God.

3. Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy.

What does this mean? We are to fear and love God, so that we do not despise God's Word or preaching, but instead keep that Word holy and gladly hear and learn it.

4. Honor your father and your mother.

What does this mean? We are to fear and love God, so that we neither despise nor anger our parents and others in authority, but instead honor, serve, obey, love, and respect them.

5. You shall not murder.

What does this mean? We are to fear and love God, so that we neither endanger nor harm the lives of our neighbors, but instead help and support them in all of life's needs.

6. You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean? We are to fear and love God, so that we lead pure and decent lives in word and deed, and each of us loves and honors his or her spouse.

7. You shall not steal.

What does this mean? We are to fear and love God, so that we neither take our neighbors' money or property nor cheat the by using shoddy merchandise or crooked deals to obtain it for ourselves, but instead help the to improve and protect their property and income.

8. You shall not bear fall witness against your neighbor.

What does this mean? We are to fear and love God, so that we do not tell lies about our neighbors, betray or slander them, or destroy their reputations. Instead we are to come to their defense, speak well of them, and interpret everything they do in the best possible light.

9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

What does this mean? We are to fear and love God, so that we do not try to trick our neighbors out of their inheritance or property or try to get it for ourselves by claiming to have a legal right to it and the like, but instead be of help and service to them in keeping what is theirs.

10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

What does this mean? We are to fear and love God, so that we do not entice, force, or steal away from our neighbors their spouses, workers, or livestock, but instead urge them to stay and remain loyal to our neighbors.

(From Martin Luther's Small Catechism)

Jesus gave us a new commandment:

“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” (John 13:34-35)