The Ten Commandments

Deuteronomy 5 : 6-20

Visual Cards

The Ten Commandments

Deuteronomy 5 & Exodus 20

The Commandments were written by God Himself, on stone tablets for Moses to present to God's people. It happened after God helped Moses lead the children of Israel *(Jacob)* out of Egypt and out of Pharoah's slavery. But the concepts of the commandments are first found in Genesis. In the very beginning of creation they are part of what God taught Adam & Eve. We know this because all of them are broken in Genesis. When Adam let the Serpant have greater influence over him than God he was putting the serpent in God's place breaking the 1st. When they thought the fruit was able to give them something God would not, they were bowing to an Idol. Adam and Eve are the first marriage. Marriage is what the 7th one protects. When they named their Children they established the 5th. When Cain murdered his Brother the 6th was broken. Adam's first entire day on earth was walking with God, the heart of the Sabbath day Rest. It's the reason the 4th Commandment says REMEMBER the Sabbath. All ten are there in the first few chapters of genesis

. The commandments are in every book of the Bible. They describe <u>righteousness</u> for us. The commandments are <u>God's love language</u> for us. They teach us how to love God and how to love people. They show us how He is a loving God and help us know if we are a loving people.

The Psalmist asked, "'How can a young man keep his way pure?' By keeping it according to your WORD." (Psalm 119:9) Psalm 119 helps a young heart be ready to grasp the value of the commandments. They are not just a simple list, they are an eloquent mystery which unfold through heartfelt study over the course of a life, from beginning to its end. Their contents seem to be ever expanding and are central to the whole of scripture. Their presence is found within the scripture from the beginning of creation to its end with Jesus & his church. Christ and His Church are the heart of the scripture, and God made visible. The Commandments clearly define Sin as actions that begin from the heart. If a young heart is prepared by them, they can easily be brought to God for His Merciful salvation as told in the Bible and completed in the New Testament.

In Deut. 6:6-7, God told us to think about the commandments every day for our whole life. He also told us to teach them to our children morning, day & night in all we do. These number pictures can help you get started. Then as you read your Bible & live your life you can think about how they are important to every thought & event.

Deuteronomy 11:19

Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ...

Exodus 18:20

Teach them his decrees and instructions, and show them the way they are to live and how they are to behave

purposes for them in the verses following the Commandments. They teach Deep reverence to God and from that He moves us to a civility toward the crown of His creation, our fellow man. We need to know them & keep them with deep affection. Children and parents need them for healthy families, neighborhoods, schools, society.

Proverbs 14:34, 35

34. Righteousness exalts a nation,
but sin is a disgrace to any people.
35.The king's favor is toward a servant
who acts wisely,
But his anger is toward him
who acts shamefully

The Commandments help us know Gods affection for us. Our love for God is shown as we hold them dear to our hearts and understand they are God's LOVE language. They are like the vows given by a Bride & Groom at a wedding. They show us how we can know the Love we have for God and that God has for us. They also teach us how to know when we do not have the highest affection that God should have from us… The Bible teaches us to know it as "Sin"

There are Patterns in the Commandments *(example)*

- **1st 3 are only about how People treat God**
- **4th is about God & People**
- **6th-10th are only about how People treat People**

This visual tool is a great way to teach the Ten Commandments to anyone. In just a few minutes they can memorize them and be able to recite them back to you by simply calling out the number. I use them at the beginning of each year. Parents are amazed when their very young children can quickly rattle off all ten of them like saying their ABC's.

They are simple to learn. The love God offers to us can be learned through them. God says more about His

A Bible Prayer for you:

"The Lord bless and keep you: the LORD make his face shine on you, and be gracious to you: The LORD lift up his countenance on you, and give you peace."

~Numbers 6, 24-26

How to use the Commandment Lesson Cards

First we teach the short subect of each commandment using the number pictures. Each number is a picture that helps to remember the subject of each one. They are so effective that they will know them even when asked to say them out of order. The first time teaching them, focus on how each number shape gives a clue to the commandment. It is this visual picture that will make learning them simple. The rest of the content will be taught in later lessons after the students can say the list using the number pictures. After they know the list well, then teach them how God grouped the commandments by subject. Later lessons will explain another order found in them. It may take 3-4 10 minute lessons to cover the commandments and their groups. There are additional lessons on the back of each card that can be used to further teach the commandments as they are taught in the many events written in the Bible. This is the short subject list that the numbers depict.

1 There is only 1 God… Put God 1st
2. Do not Bow to Idols
3. Do not take God's name in vain
4. Keep the Sabbath
5. Honor your parents
6. Do not murder
7. Man & Wife Faithful for Life
8. Do not steal
9. Do not bear false witness
10. Do not covet

Now use the cards to teach the commandments

STEP 1. Show each number card starting with the 1st. . Use the description on the back upper part of each card to help you describe how each number is a picture of what each commandment teaches. Go over them in chronological order until they can tell you the short topic version for each commandment when you show them the card.

Step 2. Now mix the cards up and have them tell you again.

Step 3. Now hide the cards and call out the numbers mixed up instead of in order.

Step 4. Finally,without using the cards, ask the students to tell them to you in order by just holing up your fingers for each nunber.

Now for the LESSONS:

Once they know the short subject statements, Now you are ready to begin teaching the students the content of the commandments.

Follow the lesson plans. Refer to the Visual Cards. One lesson will put the number cards in three groups by their subject.

- **Group 1** - 1st-3rd The Subject is God
- **Group 2** - 4th The Subject is God and man
- **Group 3** - 5th-10th The subject is man

Some lessons will require you to print material for each student to take home. When you complete the course, there is a copy of the commandments you can print on parchment that they can frame. As you move through each lesson, read the complete commandment. The commandments are & were God's diagnosis of our spiritual sickness. Romans tell is that our carnal (flesh, sin, Adamic) nature is hostile to God and when we obey our fallen nature we can not obey the commandments. The Holy Spirit will lead a born again beleiver away from sin which is in the human heart's disobedience toward God's love.

We must think about the commandments because they unlock mysteries when we apply our fath to understand their importance & role. We will understand they speak to the goodness of God and bless our lives. Agreeing with them will allow anyone to walk in them with the help of the Holy Spirit. Believing Him by obeying them is how we show God true love & worship. Its how we monitor our heart responses to Him, we can recognize our sinful nature and then rule over it. They are our diagnosis kit that sets a conscience to know right from wrong. We think about them daily for their goodness to be in all of our life.

Joshua 1:8

"This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success."

Romans 8:7-8

7. because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so, 8. and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Jesus & Paul both republished the moral law to help us know the problem & the cure. As we teach these first steps students will have a Biblical view to help the with understanding all of scripture and prospering in their quest in the Kingdom of God. God's Moral Law remains after Christ fulfilled the ceremonial law to teach us to come to Him by faith to receive what we could not gain by ourselves. Every heart before Christ is sin hardened and it is the moral law that reveals this to us.

Galatians 3:23-25

23 But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed. 24 Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith. 25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

Our hope is as Christ is received in their hearts, that they will bring the teaching of Christ back to the living rooms of their families. May you prosper in your teaching the Word to those God is entrusting into your care; so that when He asks about them, there will be great joy in His opinions of your labor.

Daniel 12:2,3

2. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. 3. And they that are wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever.

1. PUT GOD 1st.

The number one is a good way to help us remember that there is only one God and we Put God 1st!
The 1st Commandment teaches us to PUT GOD 1st!
Say it with me "PUT GOD 1st!"

Deuteronomy 5:6-21 & Exodus 20:1-17
6 . I am the LORD your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt,
out of the house of slavery.
7. You shall have no other gods before Me.

- In the 1st commandment, God introduces himself. He is a polite and personal being. He says, I AM **YOUR** God, He is **My** God and He is Your God, He is the only God!
- He says I AM, the LORD, YOUR God. This part of the very 1st commandment will come to mean so much more as you read the rest of the Bible and grow in your Faith.
- In the very 1st verse of the Bible, Genesis 1:1 He introduces Himself as our Creator. He made People! He made us. That is a good thing that He already did for us. Im glad God made you! We thank Him for making each other! He could have said that here too, "I am the God who Created you!! But he wanted them to know about His Heart toward them. That HE wanted His people to live in Liberty.
- In the prayer that Jesus taught us, He introduced God as our Father who is in Heaven. He said we are never alone because He is with us. He was ALREADY there!

When God introduced himself, He told them what He had already done for them. They were slaves in Egypt and He brought them out of there. He has already done good things for us too! Before coming to Jesus, We are slaves to something too. The commandments will teach us what it is.

He also said there are not any other gods, Just Him. Any other god is just something people made up and pretend. Pretend things are just pretend. God doesn't want us to pretend there are other gods either. That's not good for anyone to do.

There is only one God. We should always put Him 1st in our hearts,
We put God 1st above everything else when we learn how to Love Him with our whole self, more than anything else. The Bible teaches us How.

Deuteronomy 6:5
Love the LORD your God with all your heart and
with all your soul and with all your strength.

The whole world woulf be a better and PROSPEROUS place if everyone would OBEY GOD's Commands. It is Heaven's LAW! Did you know that He tells us to teach them to our own children and think about them every day? He want's it to be EARTHS LAW too, because then EVERYONE on EARTH would be blessed, Just as it is in Heaven. God's Law is God's Will! His will is ALWAYS RIGHT and GOOD! We should think about them A LOT every day!

OUT OF SLAVERY

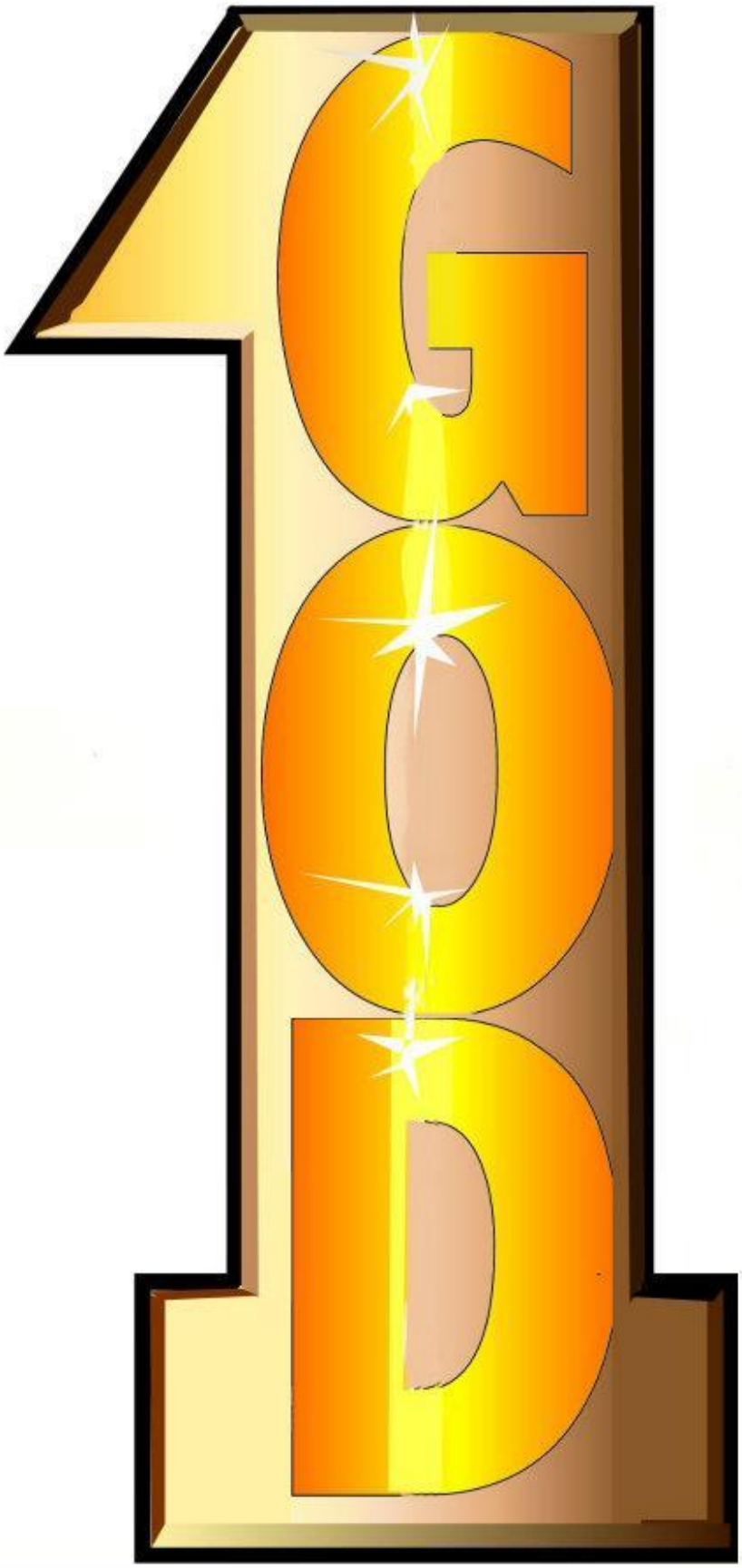
HE is the one who brings people out of broken worldly systems like EGYPT. He also ended the bondage of SLAVERY, that separated us from HIM.

When He gives someone freedom, they must stay close to God to stay free. He is the only one who knows how to break the Pharoah's power over ALL of them and lead them out of being a slave. But being a captive slave is still inside them by their habits & thoughts. People must stay following Jesus to stay free. Nothing else can RULE them again as slaves if they ONLY keep God in that place.

People must PUT GOD FIRST.

God wants us to be faithful to Him... some may think that seems controlling. But the truth is it is SIN that is CONTROLLING the people who do wrong. God's goodness gives everyone FREEDOM to live a life that is GOOD.

There really is only one God. He is the one who created you. If you allow anything else to be greater than Him in your sight, then you are falling from the wisdom and relationship with him back into slavery to SIN and it only always brings bad to all people. Because God is GOOD, we are commanded to guard ourselves from evil but because we are insecure it's easy to not believe and agree with God which leads us into destruction.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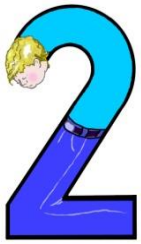


2. DO NOT BOW TO IDOLS

See how the number 2 is bent over like it is bowing. The Number 2 helps us remember that the Commandment Number 2 teaches us DO NOT BOW TO IDOLS. This is not all it says, I will read it all to you. *(READ IT. then say)*

When we see the number 2, we can remember it is about "Do not Bow to Idols."

Deuteronomy 5:6-21 & Exodus 20:4-6

4"You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.
5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, 6 but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Bowing is something people often do to show greatest repect. Bowing says, "You are greater than me." It is something people do when they worship.

Bring a toy doll. Hold it up and ask them if they would pray to the doll and think the doll can do anything for them? We know that it can't, because someone MADE this doll. Its for play not to pray to. Its just plastic and bits of paint and fabric. It is not even a little bit alive. But God is ALIVE and made us alive too. We cant make a doll be God.

There is only one God; no one made Him. He has always been God and has no beginning or end. He will always be God. People can not make God. Nothing that people can make can be God.

Idols are just things people made with their own hands. Then they pretend untill they imagine it truly has power like God. They pray to it and worship it whenis just a man made statue. Isn't it silly?

The Bible tells us about lots of people who were doing this. One group of people who thought they were really very smart made a temple to worship an asteroid that fell from the sky. They gave it a name, visitied the rock, talked to the rock, gave money to the rock. But it was still just a rock. That is what people who give God's worship to idols do. Its not smart at all.

The 1st commandment tells us not to put anyone else as God because there is only ONE God and we PUT GOD 1st!

This reminds us that we only bow to our ONE true living God.

We should not worship anything else but God.

God is invisible and not made from created things like we are. He is not made of clay, wood metal or stone like idols. We do NOT to bow down to idols that can not be and are not God.

It insults God. People who talk to things they made and think it's God seem really silly.

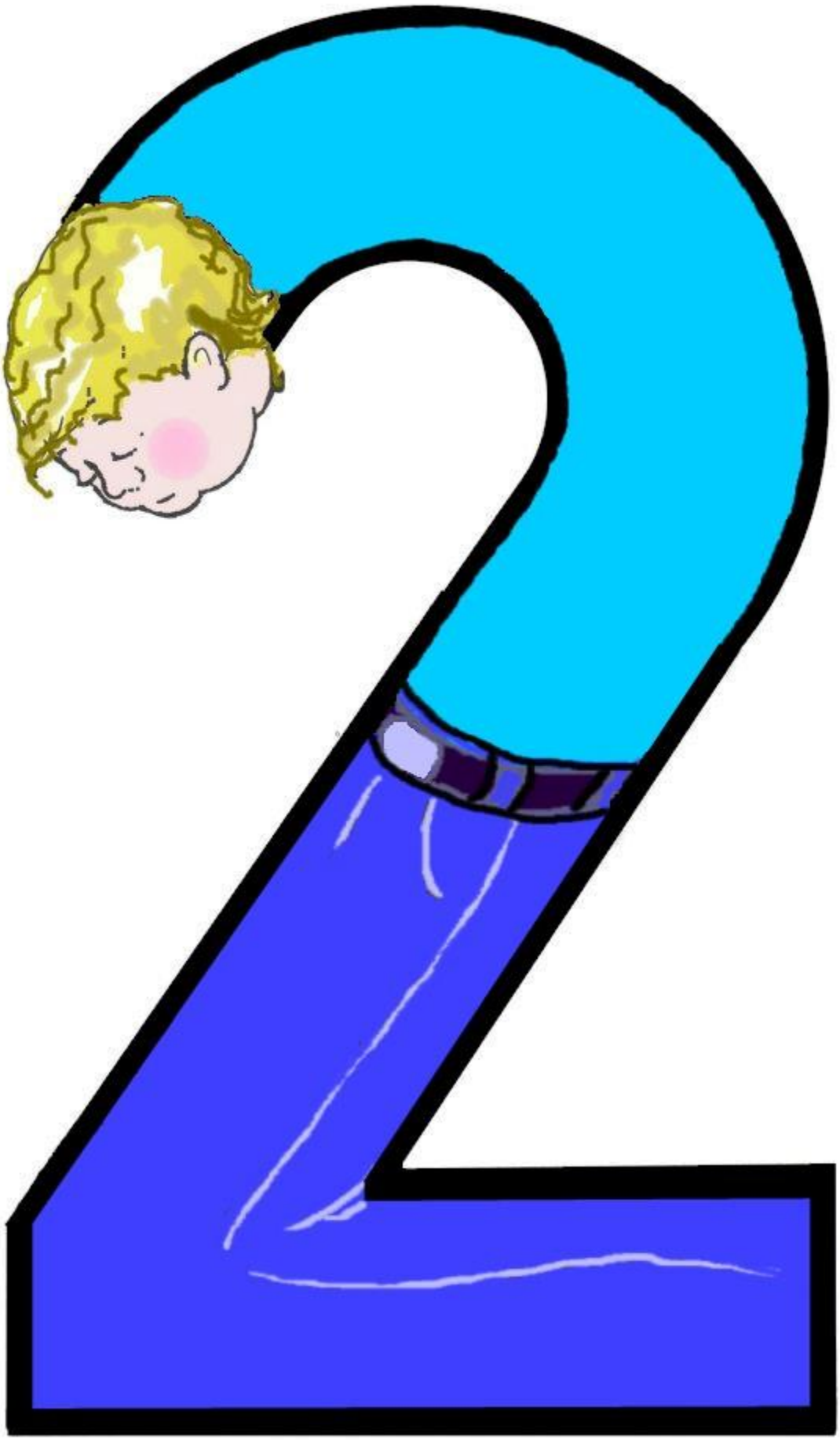
Graven images, statues, carvings, toys, money, NOTHING could never be God. They are made by people.

Do Not Bow to Idols

An Idol is something that has ZERO intelligence because it is not even alive. But people worship it because they think it is alive. You would think that people could easily see not to do something so silly. But sin causes people to not understand. Bowing to Idols is not right. It is NOT Love! It is NOT being Faithful to God.

Most people would not pray to a statue that was made by people and cannot answer them. But since the beginning many, many do treat other dead and powerless things like a god and worship them in the way they live.

Some people worship money & that is proved by the way they will do anything to get it and worry over it. They become greedy. If someone is greedy then they are making money an Idol in their own heart. Money is not bad. It is just a tool that is good to have. But some people let Money be more important to them than God. Anything you make more important than God is an Idol. Some people let playing games and watching TV be more important than even their Family. God gives us good things. People should never think the things God gives are more important than He is.



3. DO NOT TAKE GOD'S NAME IN VAIN.

See how the number 3 is like an open mouth and has a little piece in the middle. This little piece is kind of like a tongue. The third Commandment teaches us that the name of God is Holy. We are to treat it with our biggest respect.

Deuteronomy 5:11 & Exodus 20:7

11 "Do not take the Lord's Name in vain,
for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

Every time you speak His name, you must do so with deep reverence and respect. It is not to be vainly spoken as a common expression of surprise, or to express your frustration of anger. God is Holy and so is His name. We must never use it as a common statement. Like when people say Oh! MY _____! But in their heart, they are not talking to or about God in a reverent manner. That is very disrespectful and if you Love the Lord you will not do that.

Some people write OMG on social Media sites. This is not what ought to be. Some even use it to curse others or to express frustrations of anger.... God is Holy and so is His name

If we say His Name for no good reason, we are not talking about Him or talking to Him with a reverent heart, then we take His name and treat God with serious disrespect!

God is Holy and His Name is Holy.
We would never use our Mother or Fathers name in vain. We don't run around saying, "Oh my Mom!" or "Oh My Dad!" It wouldn't make any sense. Neither does it make sense to take God's name in vain.
He teaches us to honor and respect His name and to think about Him carefully before we speak His Name. Anything less than this is sinful. We want God to know we Love & Worship Him then we must think about how we say His name.

But, there are other ways to take his name in vain. Like if we don't live our life in loving obedience to Him and say we are a Christian, but then we don't want to live as a Christ-like person we are meant to be. The WORST is to say you are doing somethin in GODS Name that GOD would not have you do. Like if we Break a Command and say GOD is the reason. This is what it says HE will not hold guiltless. Disrespecting God's name in ANY manner is a sin. But to represent God as evil is a really BIG SIN.

ALSO we say His Name in PRAYER!
When we speak God's name, we have Faith that He hears us. Would we want God to stop listening to us because we called His name, but were not talking to Him?

From our Heart to Our Mouth
Our words show our Heart and mouth are connected. Our Obedience shows respect to the His Name. God cares about what we SAY and we should care about it too! Listen to what Jesus said.

Luke 6:45-46

45 The good man brings good things out
of the good treasure of his heart, and the evil man brings evil
things out of the evil treasure of his heart.
For out of the overflow of the heart, the mouth speaks.
46 Why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' but not DO what I SAY?

What Does IN VAIN MEAN?

The word Vain means useless or to not have success. Doing something in vain is to treat it as useless...to say his name without thought or purpose...to disregard it as speaking to Him as God.

Some people use God's name as a Cuss word but that is not the only way break this Commandment.

How do you speak about someone you really, really care about? How do you speak to them? How do you speak their name? You should treat God's name with even more respect. If your friend's name was Jody, you would not say, "Oh My Jody!" Every time you are surprised or angry? That would disrespect your friend. They would not like it. Neither does God. You can show love to God by treating His very Name with honor.

The little tounge in the number three helps us remember to not take the name of the Lord in vain. Say it with me, The third commandment is "Do not take the name of the Lord your God in vain."

4. GO TO CHURCH & REST

See how the center part of the number 4 looks like a cross? The cross reminds us of Jesus. from the cross it has an arm pointing up to Heaven. This helps us to remember that this commandment is about "remembering that God gave us 1 day a week to rest and Worship Him at church He called it the "Sabbath day" and He said it is a Holy day". Worship together every WEEK so you won't stay too WEAK

Deuteronomy 5:12-15 & Exodus 20:8-11

12 "Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy,
as the LORD your God has commanded you.
13 Six days you shall labor and do all your work,
14 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God.
On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son
or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant,
nor your ox, your donkey or any of your animals,
nor the alien within your gates,
so that your manservant and maidservant may rest, as
you do.
15 Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and that
the LORD your God brought you out of there with a mighty
hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore, the LORD your
God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day.

This commandment is just like what Jesus does, because Just like Jesus it connects all of us small & great alike to God. his commandment connects the 3 commandments that talk about how God wants us to treat Him with the last 6 that talk to us about how God wants us to treat others. Because this commandment is about both God & Us. We go to church on Sunday, the Lord's day & take our day of weekly rest while we give honor to God. Remember the gift of Worship & Rest is for others also. So, this fourth commandment is like the cross; it reminds us to **"Go to Church & Rest."**

The first 3 deal only with how we treat God and the last 6 are about how we treat others. But the 4th relates to God and His People. God made all people.

1st Commandment = Worship only God
2nd Commandment = Worship Faithfully
3rd Commandment = Worship sincerely
4th Commandment = Worship all together weekly

- 1-3 relationship with God
- 4 relationships with God and man
- 5-10 relationship with man through God

The 4th commandment is like an equal sign because the punishment for breaking any of the commandments is the same. So, since the 4th one is about both how we act toward God and people that He created, it "connects" the other commandments together! The 4th one deals with both! it builds a bridge between God and man!
That's exactly what Jesus did for us!

The 10 Commandments are part of God's Moral Law that teaches us about what is Good. Just like when God finished His Work of Creating everything. It was God's last day because He got everything finished for us to live in before He made us. So that way, after He made us, we could be with Him from the very 1st moment. Adam & Eve's 1st day of life was in "Communion" with God. He made sure He had time to be with them.
In the same way, God put the Sabbath on the 7th day so we would stop all work just like he stopped on the last day. The Sabbath was about coming BACK to God. Sabbath was the rest at the end of our working for 7 days.
We need to remember that God required we **Go to Church** on this day as a sign of our devotion to Him for those who don't know Him yet. It's a very important RULE we must obey. But it is for EVERYONE to be welcomed.

Jesus explained in the New Testament, that Man was not created for the Sabbath but the Sabbath was created for Man. That is something to think about. That is because sacrifice for sin was part of why we were given the 10 Commandments by Moses. People were to punish those who broke the Law. But they could PAY for their sin with sacrifices. Once Jesus took away that punishment for our breaking God's commands or Law, He began a New Day for Worship that the New Testament/Covenant called The Lord's Day. Jesus made it the day of Worship & Rest for all People but Christians must observe it. We gather, sing songs and pray, thanking Him for what He has already done and what He is going to do. We hear a message from the Bible. Christians go to church & experience God's love. That helps us change our hearts & minds to do good as we listen together, hearing and doing His Words written in the Bible.

In the last book of the Old Testament, Malachi said to bring the Tithes into the "Storehouse on the 1st day of the week." That would be Sunday. Jesus resurrected on Sunday, the first day of the week. He met with His disciples after He resurrected on Sunday. He had Communion with them on Sunday. The disciples worshiped on Sunday but went to where the Jews were to tell them the good news on Saturday. That is the OLD TESTAMENT day of sacrifice for the Jews. So, the day of worship & rest for the Jesus' Church came when He made the 1st day of the Week, Sunday, "The Lord's Day".

But now we live every day fully devoted to God. In the New Testament, it is Our Lord & Savior Jesus, who tells us that we are to be a living part of His Church. So,
we **GO to CHURCH and REST**

- His cross connects us to God across the gap that was uncrossable for us and used to separate us from God. Now we gladly Go to Church and REST

5. HONOR YOUR FATHER & MOTHER

See how the bottom of the number 5 looks like a rocker? (rock card as though the bottom of the number were a rocker) Normally Parents give you your name and take care of you. They make sure you live. They are the first authority in your life. God wants us to honor them and as we do that we also learn to honor other authority including God. This commandment promised that if we honor our parents we will be very blessed.

Deuteronomy 5:16 & Exodus 20:12

16 "Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live long and that it may go well with you in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

This is the first of the six commands that deal with how we relate in God's love toward others...Since this is the FIRST one, it is the one that is the key to the others.

Just like the very First Commandment, to have only one God, will unlock our ability to follow all the other commandments.

HUMAN AUTHORITY

The first **Authority** God ordained is our parent's authority over their child. Every culture honors the NAME the Parents give to their child. That child keeps the name given to them by their parent for their entire life. When you say your name or answer when someone calls your name you are honoring the authority God gave them over you when you were born. When you say your name that they gave you, you honor them.

Honoring your parents is the first commandment with a promise attached... (Ephesians 6:2)

When a parent teaches their child to honor them, they are keeping their part of God's Promise for their child to have a life that is long in blessings...

When a parent also honors God and Keeps His Laws too, children will understand that honor is connected to their faith in God and find honoring them much easier to do. God cares about our obedience. Did you know that children who OBEY quickly, do better in school, live better, happier and longer than children who won't listen & obey?

Children are honoring their parents when they obey God. He will help children make their parents name a good name.

How old do you have to be before God will let you DIS HONOR either of your parents? The answer is NEVER! But of course, when you become an adult and take care of yourself without their help, they can not make you obey them anymore. Neither should they have to, either! If you follow God's Law you won't have to worry about that!

Honor Mom & Dad

Does God mean for us to only honor Parents when they are being GOOD Parents?

Parents must teach children how to honor them & God so Children can easily honor God.

God is ALWAYS Good, so honoring God is easy, but we need to practice giving honor.

Some Bibles used the English Word "OBEY" here. But the best ones used the word "HONOR".

If your parent wanted you to do something wrong, God would want you to carefully honor them but not do the WRONG. He will help you if that ever happens.

DIVORCE

God wants us to show Honor to our Parents even if they do wrong. Sometimes one parent will want a child to disrespect the other parent. That happens sometimes when parents move away from each other. It can be hard for some children to honor both Parents when they don't agree. How can we do that?

TRUST GOD TO HELP YOU

Pray for God to help you have HIS WISDOM and KEEP His commands

We can live a life of Honor that will make the name they Gave you have HONOR.

God did not say honor them if they are Good Parents. He said Honor YOUR parents.

6. DO NOT MURDER

(Turn the picture like your are aiming the line/barrell and holding the gun)

See how the number six looks like the barrell of a gun with a trigger. **It helps us remember this sixth commanment tells us DO NOT MURDER. Say it with me, Commandment number 6 is DO NOT MURDER.**

Deuteronomy 5:17 & Exodus 20:13

17 "You shall not murder.

It is very simple. But God had Moses write A LOT about this one to help us understand what Murder really is. Most people are very happy that God says murder is sin. Imagine if everyone obeyed God's Laws! We would never have to be afraid of anyone trying to hurt us.

God DOES want everyone to respect life. That tells us God wants us to be safe from each other. He gave us life and wants us to stay alive. He is the one who gives life and only He should say when we die. Our life begins inside our mothers body. God blesses a Woman with a very Precious thing when He puts life into Her body. She should cherish that child with her love before she ever meets them. We should respect and HONOR all HUMAN life that God made. But there are some who will choose to break God's Law. People who break God's Law try to take God's Place. Jesus explained something about God's Law. It is much easier to break it than most people know. Breaking God's Laws starts in our thoughts and our WORDS before we ACT on it.. God had Moses EXPLAIN it This way…

EYE FOR EYE TOOTH FOR TOOTH

God created ALL Life

He does not think one person's life is worth less than another person's? That's why if someone causes someone to die with out a just cause, they have given away their own right to life too. That's why He said **Eye for Eye tooth for tooth**, Life for Life in the Old Testament. But Jesus helped us know that it was even deeper than that and that keeping it was even harder.

Matt 5:38 You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye and tooth for tooth.' 39 But I tell you not to resist an evil person. If someone slaps you on your right cheek, turn to him the other also

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Matt 15:18 But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and these things defile a man. 19For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, and slander.

Matt 5:21 You have heard that it was said to the ancients, 'Do not murder' and 'Anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' 22But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, 'Raca,' will be subject to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be subject to the fire of hell.

Ezekiel 3625 I will also sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean. I will cleanse you from all your impurities and all your idols. 26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes and to carefully observe My ordinances

Murder is the act of ending someone else's life for an unjust & unauthorized cause.

The soldier who kills someone under the authority of His Commanding officer in a battle is not breaking this commandment. Neither is the person who has to defend their own life. Like if a person kills an intruder or someone who is attempting to kill them. That would be the intruder who forced that person to defend themselves and their family & property.

Murder is not self-defense or military service, or a Police Officer stopping a criminal for murdering someone. The Police Protect whole cities & neighborhoods

There is another way people might die, it's called involuntary manslaughter. That's like if you get in a wreck and it wasn't your fault. Of if your tree falls on someone or an animal you accept responsibility for, happened to kill someone.

Accidentally killing someone because of carelessness. Like if you are driving and someone steps in front of your car, that is not murder. Murder is when you want someone to die for reasons that God did not say was JUST.

BUT JESUS SAID there is murder in our hearts that needs to be cleaned out too.

Jesus helped us know this command deeper by teaching that murder begins in the sinful heart. He let us know we really need a COMPLETELY NEW HEART!

7. A MAN & WIFE FAITHFUL FOR LIFE

Look at this commandment See the loving Husband and wife? It is about MARRIAGE between a Man and woman. . That's why you can see this big red heart aroung the bride & groom. But look at the number 7 in this picture. It made a crack in the middle of the heart. The 7th commandment teaches us A Husband & Wife are to be FAITHFUL for LIFE

Deuteronomy 5:18 & Exodus 20:14

18 "You shall not commit adultery.

This commandment is "Do not commit Adultery". Adultery means a person is not faithful in Heart & body to the person they have married. It is a very serious SIN against Marriage. It happens when they break the VOWS of Fidelity or Promise to be FAITHFUL, they made to each other on their Wedding Day.

Keep Marriage SACRED

Marriage is held Sacred. God honors marriage as Holy. It begins by a Promise or Covenant with each other. They will share the job of caring for their family by teaching, correcting, providing safety & security. Bringing up Children in strong FAITH knowing the Lord, Jesus. That's because it hurts God's People when one is unfailthful and breaks up their family.

When Christ Jesus is in the Center of their Marriage; then it is also SACRED to them. But, it is already SACRED to God. Even when it's hard, they must complete life together so they'll learn God's ways. They must love and forgive each other deeply. They will take sacred vows in a Wedding before God to be faithful to each other as long as they are alive. Jesus said, God HATES Divorce. Cherish Marriage as a Sacred Honor from God.

THE BEGINNING

In the very 1st book of the Bible, Genesis, we read that from the very beginning God made people to be Male or Female. The 1st Man was Adam and the 1st Woman was Eve. Each gender has different physical qualities that make them Male or Female. Men Grow thick Hair on their faces as beard & mustache. Men have an Adam's apple. Even our bones are different from each other. Did you know that Archeologist can tell by the bones whether a person was Male or Female?

When a baby is born, Parents want to know if it is a boy or girl. God made us & the animals to be a male or a female for His own reasons. Parents from all over the world will choose to name their children with a Boy or Girl's name that is fitting to each gender. They want teach their children to accept responsibility as a Man or Woman when they become adults.

Marriage Proposal & Parental Authority

God's ORDER is the Man will propose Marriage to the one He believes is a suitable spouse to marry. While they are engaged, they get to know each other and pray & plan how they will Honor God's ways in Marriage. If they choose to have the BLESSING of children. God gives them the authority to Name their child.

The Number of Completing

God said a Man should leave his parents and become one with His Wife for their whole life together. The Number 7 is a special number in the Bible. It is the Number for being Finished or Completed. This commandment is the 7th Command because when a Man and a Woman get married they become ONE person in Christ and Complete Life together.

The LOVE OF GOD WILL NEVER BE FOUND IN A DIVORCE COURT

What is Adultery.

We would not like it if one of our parents were suddenly holding hands and kissing someone else. Both of those people would be committing Adultery against the REAL Spouse. God wants a man to marry once, & stay married for all the rest of their life. A married couple is not to have another relation with any other person like a boyfriend or girlfriend that is not the person they married. It would hurt them and their children very, very, deeply.

No one outside of the marriage is to interfere in anyway. They must not betray each other by bringing in someone else to take their spouse's place. A husband is in a SACRED covenant with his wife. They share responsibility for the family in Honoring God, Teaching, Providing and Protecting everyone in their home.

DOING & PRETENDING

Jesus taught its more than just NOT DOING wrong. Some people will be unfaithful with their imagination. Jesus taught that PRETENDING to do wrong is the same as DOING wrong. He said our hearts need to be kept pure. He said if a person even imagines being with another person other than their spouse, they are still committing Adultery in their hearts. That is cheating on a spouse with your mind. God would not like that either.

Catch the BAD THOUGHTS

The Bible Teaches us to Capture all BAD sinful THOUGHTS. We can make even our thoughts obey Jesus Words in 2Cor 10:5

Matthew 5:28 "But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart."

How Long is a Marriage Promise?

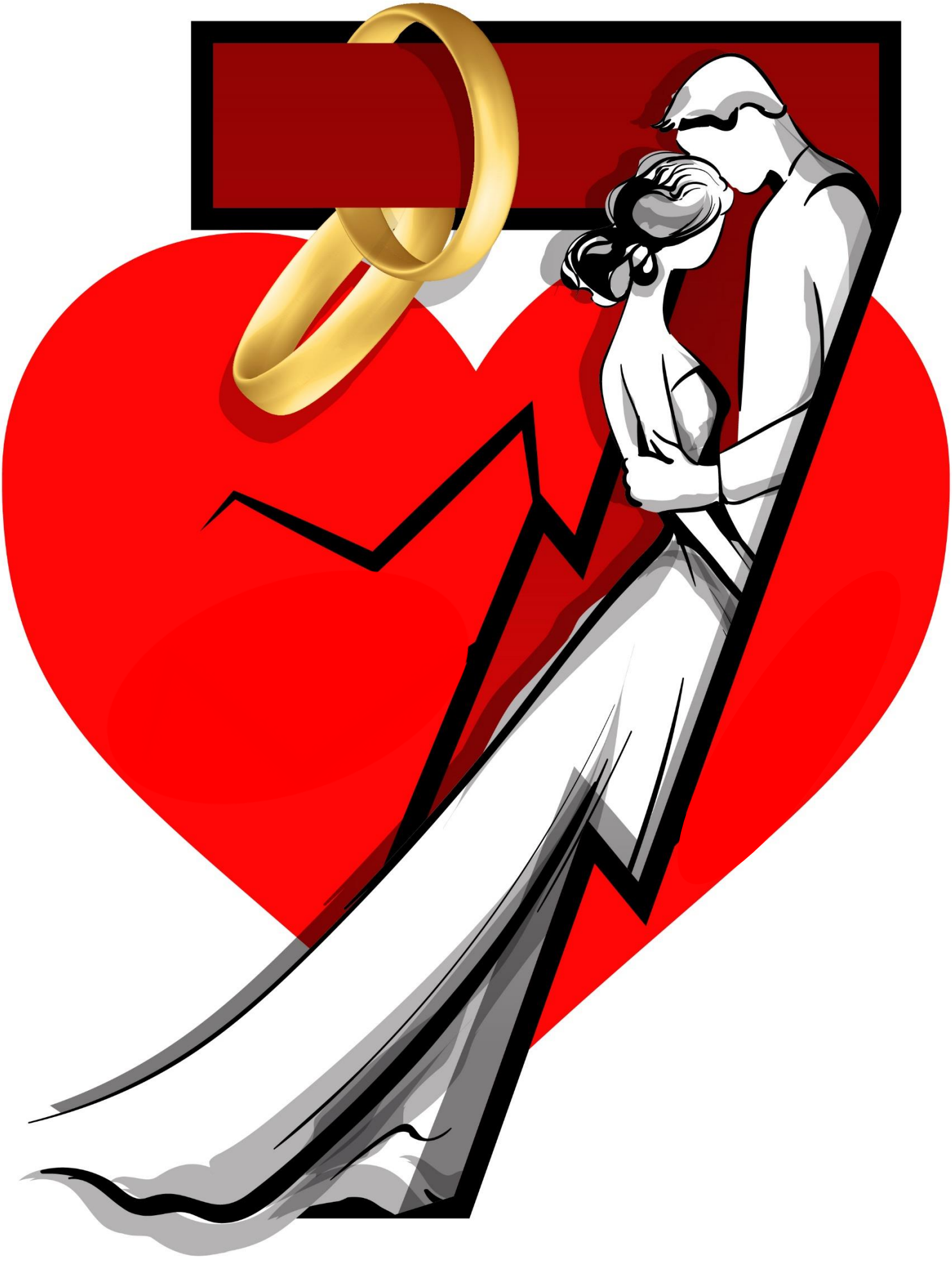
It's not forever!

One spouse for their whole life. If they die then you are free to marry again. It is not ok to just get tired of your spouse and get divorced. God hates divorce. If a spouse commits Adultery, then God will let their Spouse divorce & marry someone Faithful.

Bringing Honor in His NAME

Around the World Marriage is highly honored. In many different Nations, many cultures, the wife will take the NAME of her Husband. She can call herself by His name by just putting MRS. infront of His name. So you can call a woman who married to a man named Mr Adam Firstman, by **MRS,** Adam Firstman. How each behaves can bring Honor or Embarrass that Name.

In the State of Louisiana we live in everything they earn together belongs to BOTH of them. Even if one chooses to stay home and care for the home and children rather than working outside the Home.



8. DO NOT STEAL

See how the handcuffs look like the number 8 & if you turn the number 8 on its side *(Turn the card sideways)* it looks like it could be a robber's mask. People who steal should go to jail because it is wrong to steal because it takes things away from the rightful owner This one is very simple.

Deuteronomy 5:19 & Exodus 20:15

19 "You shall not steal.

How do you know if YOU OWN something?

You do not own something if,

1. **You did not BUY it,**
2. **You did not MAKE it,**
3. **You did not GET IT AS A GIFT from someone.**

(Let's REPEAT these 3 ways to OWN and SAY it Together)

Do not even touch without asking!

But if you did **MAKE it** or **BUY it** or **receive it as a GIFT**; It is YOUR PROPERTY.

God lifts People up to be better with this Commandment. He establishes Ownership makes life better for everyone.

What do we call someone who STEALS? ***A THIEF***

People steal in many ways:

- Pilfering small things
- Keeping things, you find without trying to find the owner
- Not returning borrowed supplies & library books
- Adults can sometimes steal and not think they are.
  - extra time on a paycheck...
  - lying about $$$ to reduce taxes...
  - pilfering items from the job...
  - breaking borrowed items and not paying to repair or replace them...
  - not paying debts on money borrowed from others....
  - not returning items borrowed...
  - giving away copies of copyrighted music & videos...
  - Telling a lie to hurt someone's reputation
  - Cheating-Taking the answers for a test from others…

If you steal in any way you are breaking God's commandment DO NOT STEAL

People who steal do it when they think no one is watching.

They hide in the dark or wait till the owner looks away or leaves.

God wanted people to own things and learn to take care of them but when others steal them it hurts very deeply.

God knows what it feels like to have people steal something from Him.

Adam & Eve stole fruit from God's only tree that He kept for Himself. God gave Adam & Eve all the rest of the trees in the garden to do what they wanted. But they listened to the serpent and STOLE fruit from God's tree. The serpent had stolen Adam and Eves obedience away from God. He did this by telling a lie.

1 Peter 4: 5 If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler.

Stealing happens when we break the other Commanments too.

- #1-4 Stealing Worship
- #5 Stealing the Joy of Honor
- #6 Stealing Life
- #7 Stealing a Spouse
- #9 Stealing the Truth
- #10 Stealing in SECRET

9. Speak & Cherish Truth

The number nine has a shape like someone who is hanging their head in guilty shame. This commandment is about truth. Guilt & shame make us feel very sad.

He is ashamed because he has been yellow-bellied coward because He told a lie. Only a yellow-bellied coward would hurt someone else with a lie. People who are scared to tell the truth, tell lies. Liars hurt themselves, the people they lie about and the people they lied to! God hates Lies because it hurts everyone! See the compass?

Deuteronomy 5:20 & Exodus 20:16

20 "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

COMPASS

A Compass is a tool people used before GPS that helps us find which direction we should travel in. If you ever saw a compass, you know that the needle in a compass always points to TRUE north. Because it points true north we can use it to find which way to go. If your compass was broken, it would be a false witness and you would get lost. The compass on our number nine is to remind us how important the truth is.

Did you know it is impossible for God to tell a lie?

In the beginning God SAID let there be Light and it happened. Cause if God says something it is TRUTH! When people lie they do not believe God who cannot lie! It's even wrong to believe a LIE when God's Truth is known!

In the Garden of Eden, Adam & Eve were LIED to by the Serpent, but God had told Adam the TRUTH. Adam sinned because He knew the truth but wanted what the Serpent Lied about. Adam chose the LIE instead of God's TRUTH. That's a really silly way to think!

A witness is someone who knows the truth about someone or something. When aksed to tell the truth we should not lie. It would be better to not tell what we know; than to choose to lie about something we know. It is better to say, "I'd rather not say"

Lying against another person will directly harm them or their reputation. Breaking this commandment is like both stealing & murder.

Did you know it was false witnesses that brought Christ to the cross?

Liars told the court that Jesus said things He did not say.

There was a wife once who told her husband that another man did something. It was a lie, the man did not do what she said. But the husband did not know the wife was lying and the husband was so enraged he went and had that man thrown in Prison and he was in prison for 14 years. That man's name was Potiphar and the man his wife bore false witness against was Joseph. Joseph had to learn to forgive them for the 14 years they stole from him by false witness. God knew the truth and eventually Got Joseph out and made him second in command of the whole nation. I think Potiphar and his wife must have gotten really worried when Joseph was freed by the Pharoah and then made Joseph powerful even over them!

A person who tells a lie is a coward. FEAR is a powerful motive for this sin...lying is always bad, but especially when the lies are against another person. Those lies will directly harm them or their reputation. Break this commandment & it is the same as both stealing & murder.

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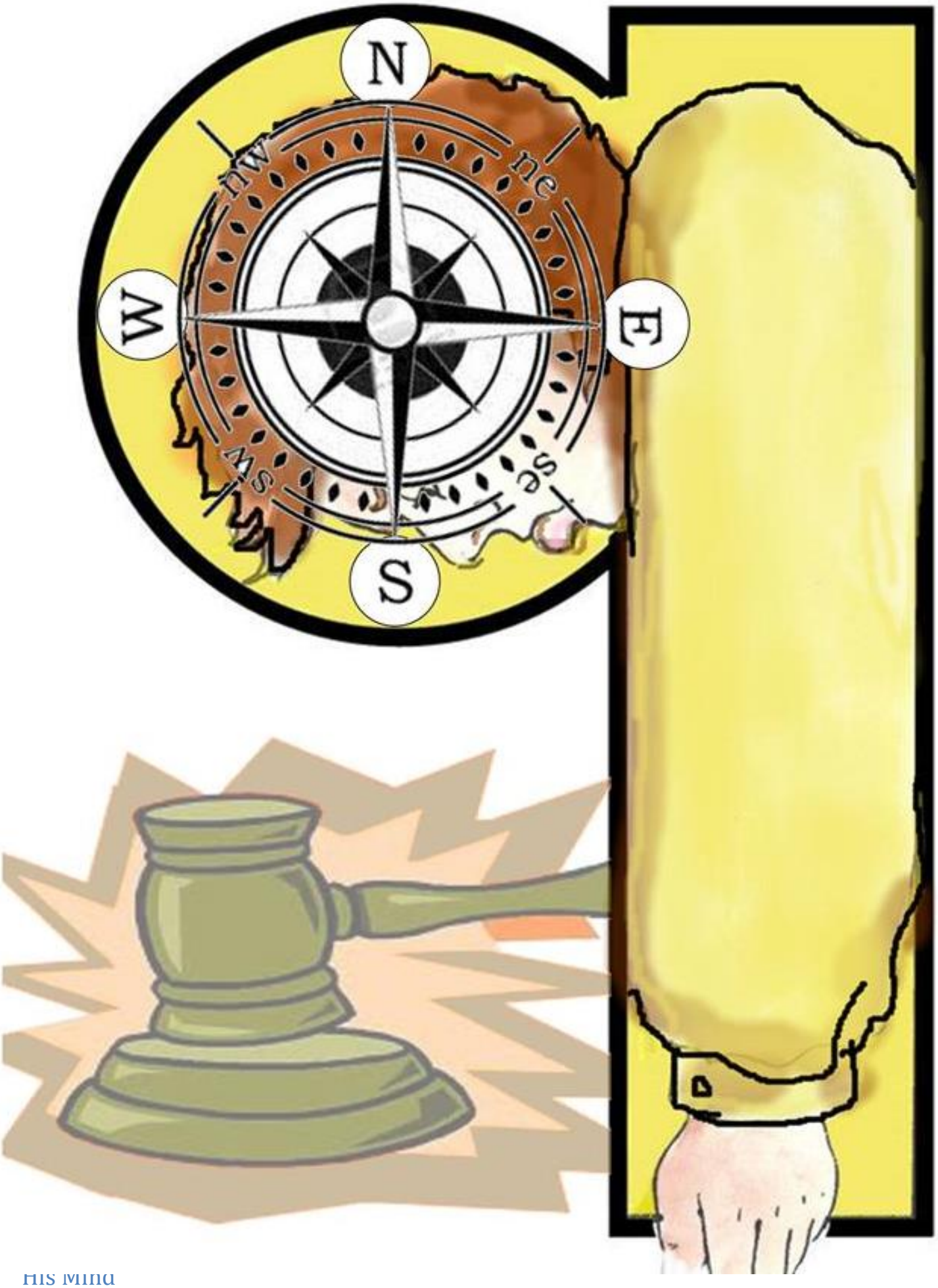
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10. DO NOT COVET ANYTHING

Oh look at this guy. Have you ever heard of the Green-eyed Monster of Jealousy or Envy. Our number Ten looks like this because the DO NOT COVET. Coveting is like envy…IT IS IN OUR HEARTS first. Coveting is when we let jealous feelings about what other people have cause us to want their stuff and feel resentful against them

Deuteronomy 5:21 & Exodus 20:17

21 "You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
You shall not set your desire on your neighbor's house or land,
his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey,
or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

Heart Trouble

This commandment is very different from the others because it is not about an action that we do that can be seen by others right away. In the New Testament book of ROMANS said, It is this Commandment that helps us know we sin this way because we don't even know it is so bad.

Romans 7:8 "I would not have been mindful of sin if not for the law. For I would not have been aware of coveting if the law had not said, "Do not covet."

That's because Coveting happens only inside ourselves. It is already there deep inside our HEARTS. No one else can see it inside you, but you can feel it. It doesn't feel good at all. It feels really bad because it is really BAD. The Bible teaches us, that Coveteousness, (That unstopped Coveting) It is the root of all wrong doing or EVIL. We need a NEW HEART that is cleared of this!!!

How we can know it?

If we like something that is for someone else, then feel like we LACK or are LESS THAN because someone else has that blessing, we will resent them. That sad feeling can grow into anger & an even darker heart attitude of selfish greed that will result terrible actions. Hatred can soon start to grow in our heart. We become dark hearted toward that person who never did us any harm or any wrong against us. We have to think fast! Hurry quick!, Thank God for blessing them and know He is Good to us too and is blessing us differently. Thanking God helps us so we can be well again. We should be happy for God blessing them. Even if we don't have it, we can be happy when God gives to others, because it shows that GOD IS GOOD. We can even ask God to bless them with MORE!! Then God can show us our blessings and give us more of our own blessings. HE is GOOD and the person who has something you think is GOOD is showing that! They are not in sin for having more than you, but you are in sin if you do not want them to have it.

God has blessed us too but we become sad or angry at them we are blind. If it is not for us, we should be able to stay thankful for what God has given us. We don't think to ask God for one like it. We can break coveting and send the Green eyed Monster away when we remember to thank God for the things He gives to other people.

Coveting unchecked will break up & destroy whole nations as it seeps in to steal, kill & destroy... socialist want everyone to have the same thing even if they did not Make, Earn or Deserve it. They want to force those who have to give to those who don't to satisfy the coveting in their hearts. They want what others have and pass laws to make it happen. Whole nations collapse when coveting takes over. Everyone has this sin infecting them. God gave Moses the Commandments so He could prove how much we need Him to heal us and make us better.

DIFFERENT GIFTS AND CALLINGS

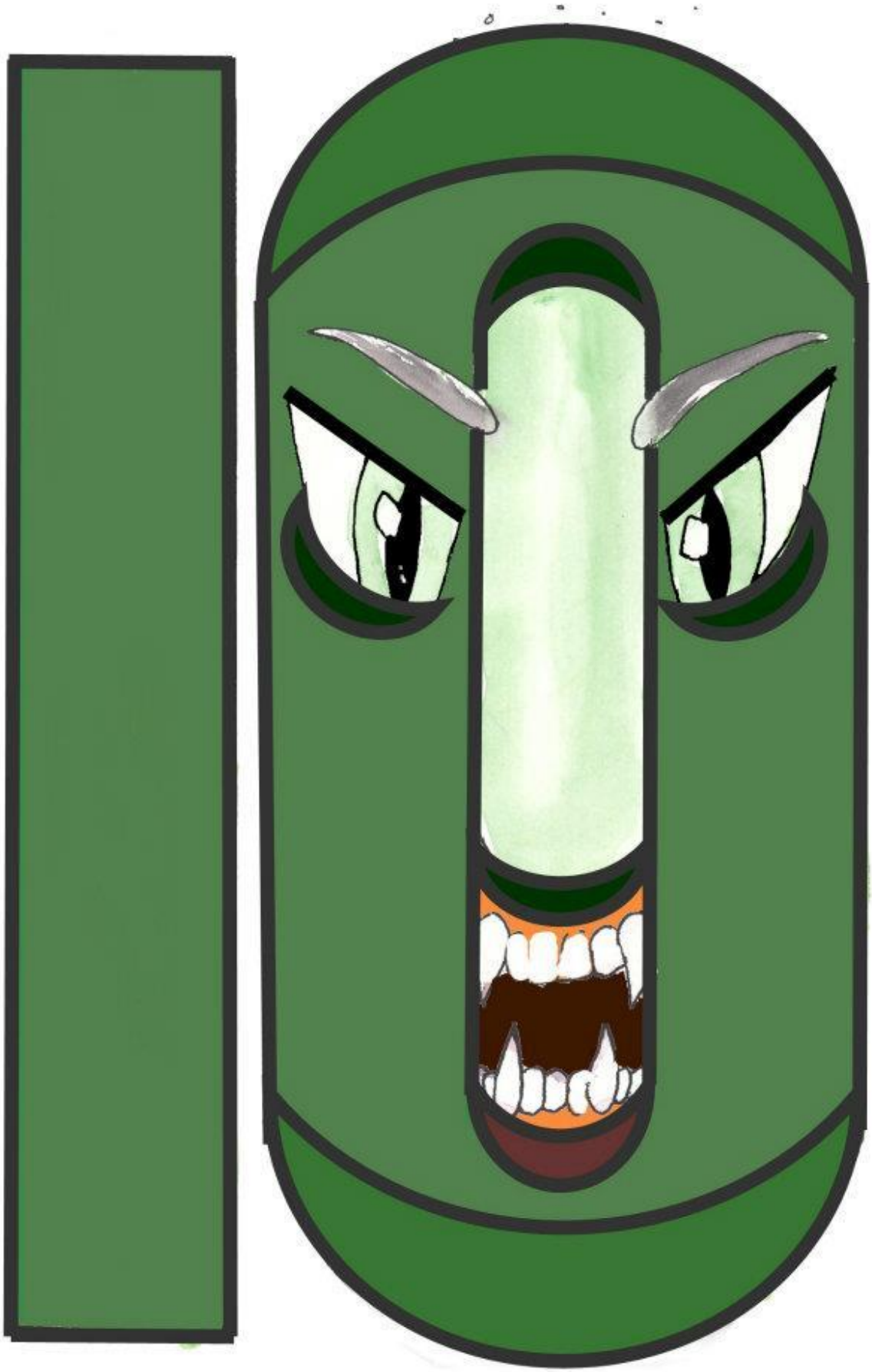
God blesses everyone with Different gifts. We are not all exactly the same, so we are given different abilities and tools to use to do what God made us for. Ever wonder why God made you? You are Fearfully & wonderfully made. We should begin to count our blessings and thank God that

Coveting causes an un-thankful, faithless rot in our heart that only feels something is missing. It cannot give God thanks for His blessings upon others. Feelings of lack seem to be the fault of the ones who have what is wanted. They don't walk in faith and ask God to give them the same or better. They don't ask God to bless the other person even more. They don't want to just enjoy or learn from the other person's skills. They want the

The Garden of Eden,
Adam & Eve
and the big LIE!

An example of COVETING is: Say someone has something better than you and it makes you feel sad that they have it and you don't. You want them to have what you have so you will be the same and not feel lower than them. The better thing to do is thank God for blessing them. Ask Him if He would consider blessing you the same way. BUT be careful to listen because it may be that God has something in store for you that you will like even more. You have to trust God's timing. You have to trust that He loves all people the same. All good things come from Him and if you are letting Envy stay in your heart; then you will sin and God will not be able to bless you the way He wants to. So don't just be thankful for what God gives you, be thankful for His goodness to others too! DO NOT COVET!

blessing of it for themselves. They feel robbed of if they don't have them. So, they don't want the other person to have them either.



ALL THE COMMANDMENTS TEACH US HOW TO LOVE LIKE GOD LOVES.

It is in our heart to BE loved but not to give it. So, we have to work hard to LOVE others.

BAD NEWS IS: **EVERYONE HAS Broken the commandments.**

Heaven & Hell

Matt 5:19 "Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven".

James 2:10 For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.

GOOD NEWS IS: **JESUS can HELP us If:**

Introduce the Gospel: Jesus perfect, never sinned, he came to take our sins away, if we confess our sins, repent, & ask God to forgive you; the Holy Spirit will come and you will be Born Again…