

The Commandments of God



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THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

THE Ten Commandments were written on two tablets of stone. They were a special gift from God to His people, for now the people of Israel would know how they could please the Lord.

The Ten Commandments are:

- 1 I am the Lord, your God. You shall not have strange gods before Me.
- 2 You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain.
- 3 Remember to keep holy the Sabbath.
- 4 You shall honor your father and your mother.
- 5 You shall not kill.
- 6 You shall not commit adultery.
- 7 You shall not steal.
- 8 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- 9 You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
- 10 You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not steal.

THERE are times that we see things we would like, but we do not have the money to buy them. We are tempted to take them and not tell anyone about it. That is stealing, and God commands us not to do it.

This also means that we should not use things without permission. Sometimes we “borrow” things from our brothers or sisters, or we use something in the house that our parents do not want us to use. That would also be a form of stealing.

If someone lends us something, then we should return it when it is the right time (even if the lender forgot we have it).

If we find something, then we should look for its proper owner. Just because it was lying in the street does not mean that we can keep it.

When we are told to share something, then not sharing it would also be a type of stealing. One example of this is letting our brothers or sisters watch their favorite TV program, or letting them play a computer game. We should not hoard things, but should be generous and share them.



Sharing with others is one way that we can keep the seventh commandment.