



God's Will for Our Lives Part I

Lesson 7 God's Will for Our Lives Part I

Introduction: *In respect to morality, is there a right way to live and a wrong way to live?*

THERE ARE TWO PLACES FROM WHICH HUMANKIND CAN KNOW GOD'S LAW:

1. We can know the "basics" from our consciences. (God placed it in the hearts of humans.)

Written...

Romans 2:14-15 Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law, since they show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts now accusing, now even defending them.

2. We can know a summary of God's law in the 10 Commandments.

The ten commandments are recorded in Exodus 20.



LET'S LOOK AT THE TEN COMMANDMENTS:

The First Commandment
"You shall have no other gods."

By this, God protects: _____

What is an idol? Can you think of any examples of an idol?

Instead of statues of wood and stone, what do some people honor as the most important thing in their lives today? _____

This commandment is about PRIORITIES. Where does God want to be on our list of priorities?

The Second Commandment
"You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God."

By this, God protects: _____

God's NAME is every word or title he uses to reveal himself to us. The Bible often talks about God's people calling on the NAME of the Lord. That refers to worshipping God and proclaiming his truth.

God does NOT want his name used by us to...

CURSE _____

(James 3:9-12)

Written...that
you may
have life.

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"You shall have no other gods before me."

Exodus 20:3



"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain..."

Exodus 20:7



SWEAR _____

(Leviticus 19:12; Matthew 5:37)

PRACTICE SUPERSTITION _____

(Leviticus 19:31)

LIE OR DECEIVE _____

(Matthew 15:7-9)

God wants us to use his name to...

PRAY, PRAISE and GIVE THANKS (LESSON 9)

The Third Commandment

"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy."

By this, God protects: _____

The Sabbath in the Old Testament was to be a day of complete rest (the word means "rest") and was to be held the seventh day of every week (Saturday). New Testament believers are given the freedom to worship on any day (see passage below). We worship on Sundays in commemoration of the day Christ rose from death (Easter Sunday). This commandment tells us that we will want to honor and observe "the Lord's DAY" and the Lord's WORD.

Written...

Colossians 2:16-17 Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.

Matthew 11:28-29 Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.



Remember
the sabbath
day, to keep
it holy."

Exodus 20:8

TO PRAISE GOD IN THIS COMMANDMENT, A CHRISTIAN WILL WANT TO...

Hebrews 10:25 Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

1) _____

John 8:47 He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God."

2) _____

James 1:22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

3) _____



IN THE FIRST THREE COMMANDMENTS WE LEARN GOD'S WILL FOR HOW WE SHOULD FEEL AND ACT TOWARD _____

IN THE LAST SEVEN COMMANDMENTS, WE LEARN GOD'S WILL FOR HOW WE SHOULD FEEL AND ACT TOWARD _____

The Fourth Commandment
"Honor your father and your mother."

By this, God protects _____



There are three basic areas of life in which God has placed authorities over us:

_____ (Ephesians 6:1-4)

_____ (1 Timothy 5:17)

_____ (Romans 13:1-2; Acts 5:29)

When would we not obey the government, family, church? (Acts 5:29) _____

The Fifth Commandment
"You shall not murder."

By this, God protects _____

Who alone has the right to give and take life? _____

Written...

1 Samuel 2:6 "The LORD brings death & makes alive; he brings down to the grave & raises up."

To whom does God give this authority for certain reasons? _____

Written...

Romans 13:4 For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.

Genesis 9:6 "Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed."



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- SELF-DEFENSE
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 - EUTHANASIA (MERCY KILLING)



NOT ONLY DO THESE ACTIONS VIOLATE GOD'S WILL BUT CONSIDER THIS...

Written...

1 John 3:15 Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him.

INSTEAD OF HURTING OTHERS, A CHRISTIAN WILL WANT TO _____

Written...

Ephesians 4:32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Galatians 6:10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

FOR DISCUSSION:



1. Have you (or anyone for that matter) kept these commandments perfectly?
2. Did Jesus ever sin against any of these commandments in his lifetime?
3. Remember: God gives us credit for the perfect life that Jesus lived for us! (*2 Corinthians 5:21*)
4. Why do we Christians want to follow God's commandments?