

Our Relationship with Others

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Exodus 20:12-17

Think for a moment of the people you really care about and love. Who comes to mind? Most likely your spouse, children, family members, and close friends. These are people for whom you would sacrifice time, money, and energy.

The Ten Commandments are about relationship. The first four commandments were meant to guide the people's relationship with God, and commands five through ten were meant to guide their relationship with others. Created out of love, they were the way by which the people lived in relationship with God and others.

God says to honor your parents, not commit adultery, or lie, or steal, or bear false witness, or covet. He did not mean that we follow these commands just with people we like, love, or are related to. He meant for these commands to be for everyone in relationship with everyone else.

These commands are given to help us understand how to live in godly relationship with others. In all areas of our lives, and with all those we encounter, may we express fidelity, honesty, and integrity—valuing all life.

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