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The *Greatest Commandment* is the key to keeping all Ten Commandments: This is the heart posture of *Radical Love*!
(Deuteronomy 6:4-5, Matthew 22:36-38)

What are The 10 Commandments?

Exodus 20:1-17, Deuteronomy 5:6-21

1. No gods before Me = God comes first– nothing competes with your love for God!
2. No idols = Don't worship anything man-made. Nothing you create can replace God.
3. **Don't misuse God's name** = Don't damage God's name by using His name for your agenda.
4. **Keep the Sabbath holy** = Saying no to slavery and yes to freedom!
5. **Honor your father and mother** = Honor God-given authority.
6. Don't murder = Value life! Don't take innocent life.
7. **Don't commit adultery** = Be faithful to your covenant.
8. Don't steal = Don't take what God didn't give.
9. **Don't lie / "False Witness"** = Always speak truth.
10. Don't covet = Don't want what is someone else's.

The 10 Commandments are how you RADICALLY love God & people!

About The 10 Commandments

- The commandmentsare God'scovenantfoundation– Hisholiness&relational boundaries.
- They show His character and His call to love God & love people.
- They are moral absolutism - God's unchanging standards.
- The commandments are an invitation into a deeper relationship & intimacy with Him.
- The First 5 Commandments: How to radically love God.
- The Second 5 Commandments: How to radically love people.
- The commandments were written by the finger of God - They are His standards. His opinions. (Exodus 31:18)

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SIMPLIFIED DEFINITION: A Commandment is an invitation to love God and live for God in the way that pleases Him!

Two Themes Of The 10 Commandments

Understanding Commandments

- You can either look at Laws asRULESor you can look at it as RELATIONSHIP.
- Because God loves us for no reason, He gave us FREE WILL. The Commandments are invitations to radically love Him.
- God invites us to partner with His commands, but demonic forces just make demands!

How We Respond

- You can OBEYGod orDISOBEYGod.
- Obeying the commandments reflects your love for God. (John 14:15)
- Obedience brings the blessing of the Lord, but disobedience brings curses (Deuteronomy 28:1-2, 15)
- Obedience isn't about perfection, but a heart posture of submission.

"If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in His love." John 15:10

4 Warnings Concerning The Commandments

1.Disobeying the TenCommandmentswill harmyour relationshipwithGodandpeople.
2.Watch out for legalism– a religious spirit. (Galatians 3:10)
3.Rejecting God's commands and living by His grace is a license to sin. (Matthew 5:17)
4.Disobedience to God is rebellion and opens the door to the demonic spirits in your life. (1 Samuel 15:23)

Jesus made it possible to keep the commandments!

You love God by keeping the commandments, and you keep the commandments by radically loving God!

APPLICATION

QUESTIONS FOR YOURSELF:

- Are there any of the Ten Commandments that I am disobeying now?
- Am I operating out of a heart posture of surrender?
- How can I grow in my love for God and increase my desire to obey Him?

QUESTIONS FOR GOD:

- Am I listening to You with a heart to act upon what You say?
- Are there any areas of my life where I am operating in legalism?
- What would please you, Lord?

QUESTIONS FOR OTHERS:

- What commandment do you struggle with?
- How would you define obedience?
- Are there any areas of your life where you reject correction?

STEWARDING THE 10 COMMANDMENTS:

- Teach your children the Ten Commandments.
- Assess your spiritual growth: pay attention to how you receive correction.
- Guard against legalism and commit to obeying God from a heart of love for Him.
- Pray the Prayer of Radical Love daily, especially if you are struggling to keep the commandments of God.

PRAYER OF RADICAL LOVE.

Father, I really do love You. I call You Holy, You call me

Beloved! Thank You for loving me.Today I love on You. Would You love on me? Your loveis perfect. I want to love like You! Help me lovemy neighbor and my enemy. Teach me how to war in love. I pray the love of God casts out all fear. Shame, go! Glory of God come fill me. Holy Spirit help me to love what You love and hate what You hate. I choose to obey You today! Lord, I love You with all of my heart, soul, mind and strength. I pray today to encounter Your radical love! Amen.