

Faith

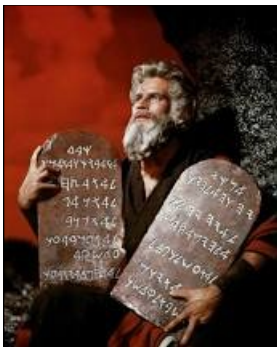
United Church Of Christ

**SUNDAY
WORSHIP
SERVICE
11:00 am**

September 2021



THE GUIDE TO THE 10 COMMANDMENTS



The 10 Commandments were given to the Israel nation through Moses. The nation of Israel was now free from slavery in Egypt and was camped around Mount Sinai when thunder, lightning, a thick cloud, and the sound of trumpets signaled God's presence. Moses met with God and the 10 Commandments were written for the people to follow.

These laws of "thou shalt not" are meant for our protection and guidance. God, our loving Father, wants to give us wisdom and keep us from choices that He knows will harm us. As you read through the 10 Commandments List below, think of which ones you could do a better job at following. How would your life be lived more fully alive and free from insecurity, fear, and anxiety if you kept these laws?

Summary of the Ten Commandments:

1. Do not have any other gods before God
2. Do not make yourself an idol
3. Do not take the Lord's name in vain
4. Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy
5. Honor your Father and Mother
6. Do not murder
7. Do not commit adultery
8. Do not steal
9. Do not bear false witness
10. Do not covet

10 Facts About the 10 Commandments

1. Jews and Christians number the commandments differently. The reason is that "Ten Commandments" in the original Hebrew literally reads "Ten Statements." Therefore, Jews count the first statement, which is "I am the Lord your God who took you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage" as the first commandment.
2. Without God, the Ten Commandments, and morality in general, is just a list of arbitrary rules. Unless there is a Higher Authority (God) behind the Ten Commandments, all right and wrong are just personal opinions and beliefs, subject to change.
3. The Second Commandment (according to the Jewish tradition), "You shall have no other gods before me," does not simply refer to stone idols of Moses' day. "Other gods" are anything that we "worship" more than God—money, power, love, education, a nation, or art.
4. The Third Commandment, "Thou shalt not *take* the Lord's name in vain," is often interpreted as saying something like "Oh my God!" However, the Hebraic translation literally reads, "Thou shalt not *carry* the Lord's name in vain," meaning do not commit evil in God's name.
5. The Third Commandment is also the only commandment which, when violated, God never forgives.
6. Western Civilization—which developed universal human rights, created women's equality, ended slavery, and created democracy—would not have been developed without the Ten Commandments.
7. The Fourth Commandment, "Remember the Sabbath Day," uplifts mankind more than any other commandment. For most of history, life consisted overwhelmingly of work, and human beings were essentially beasts of burden. This commandment changed that by insisting that people stop working one day out of seven to rest, strengthen relationships, and enjoy life.
8. In our culture, the Fifth Commandment, "Honor your father and mother," is not widely emphasized. Many parents object to "honoring" since it implies an authority figure, an idea that is often rejected. Instead, they want to be loved, not honored, by their children. This threatens the family structure and makes children believe they are their own boss, a dangerous misconception that will harm them in their workplace, marriage, and worldview.
9. Truth, and following the Ninth Commandment, "Thou shalt not bear false witness," is the most important value in society. Goodness and compassion may be the most important values in the personal realm, but the societal realm, truth is more important. Virtually all great societal evils, such as African slavery, Nazism, and Communism, have been based on lies.
10. The Ten Commandments are not a list of rules. The commandments prove that God wants mankind to be free: "I am the Lord your God who took you out of the land of Egypt, **out of the house of bondage.**" Following the commandments actually frees us from the terrible consequences of sin, making our lives **better**.



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Thank You!

"Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ."

Colossians 3: 23-24

Thank you to **Pat Harley** for playing the organ for our worship service on August 8, and for playing the duets with Mary Frances on August 29. We are grateful to have you with us.

Thank you to the **Houck** brothers for mowing and weed whacking the church grounds during this very hot summer .

Thank you to **Carole Houck** for opening and closing the church for Life Line Screening on August 30th.

THE GIFT of PRAYER

*" Heal me, O Lord and I shall be healed;
save me , and I shall be saved,
for you are my praise "*
Jeremiah 17 : 14

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**Names on the prayer list
will remain for 3 months
unless otherwise
requested longer.**

PRAYER FOR THE WELL BEING OF OTHERS

"Oh God, I pray that Your people may enjoy good health and that all may go well in their lives. Lord I pray that their souls also are made well and whole. I thank You for touching their lives and keeping them this far. I declare that Your goodness surrounds them for the rest of their days. Father please touch their lives in such a way that they cannot deny Your presence. Let all things be made well, Amen. "

3 JOHN 1:2

Always *pray* to have eyes that see the best in people, A *heart* that forgives the worst, a *mind* that forgets the bad, and a *soul* that never loses faith in God.

To **ADD** or **REMOVE** names to :

- *Prayer List*
- *Newsletter Mailing*
- *Birthday/ Anniversary*

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*When I am tired of city life
And need a chance to rest,
There is one place above all else
Where I can feel refreshed.*

*Just take me to the mountains
Amid the pine trees tall;
Let me scramble up the rock paths
Beside a waterfall.*

*Let me wander through the forest
Where mountain laurels grow,
Or rhododendron reaches skyward
And cooling breezes blow.*

*Take me to a lake at evening
As the sun sinks out of sight.
Where I can watch the wildlife come
In stillness of the night.*

*There's peacefulness beyond compare
A oneness with the earth
Because my soul communes with God
I sense a deeper worth.*

*The mystery of life is deep,
But God is everywhere;
And I go back to city life
With strength and wisdom to share.*



ERMA L GROVE

September 29, 1923 - November 29, 2014

*We are blessed to have Erma's poems to
inspire us and warm our hearts through the
years!*

CONSISTORY NEWS

- Next Consistory Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 12 @ 12 noon.
- The tenants living in the parsonage have renewed their lease for another year.



Faith Church will be participating in the Neighbors in Need Special Mission Offering on **Sunday, October 3, 2021**. Envelopes will be provided on that day and the following Sunday for this special offering. This program supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States with a special emphasis this year on the issue of homelessness.

Moses Word Search

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P N R E S L A V E P F L I E S

AARON
BLOOD
COMMANDMENT
DARKNESS
EGYPT
FIRSTBORN
FLIES
ISRAELITE
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