

God's Top 10, pt 5 (Exodus 20:15-21)

How do you respond to authority?

Cop in the rear-view mirror

Never forget: God is for us!

Owner's manual and idiot lights

Big picture: love God, love our neighbor

God's building block – the family (12) – honor parents

God, the giver and sustainer of life (13) – never murder

God is faithful and demands fidelity (14) – no adultery

God is the giver of good gifts. Don't take what He doesn't give.

Never steal (15)

Right of and respect for ownership

= don't take what belongs to others

Receive God's gifts with gratitude and respect.

Rejoice in His gifts to others.

God is just (fair), truth and tells the truth. So must we. (16)

Never bear false witness... (deception is key)

Justice always demands truth/honesty & suffers without it

⇒ speaking untruth and withholding truth you know

Is this about all lying, or just court cases? (see Lev 19:11)

Problem: most people lie sometimes

Is it ever right to lie?

Point: loving others eliminates deception

God is our joy and contentment (17)

Never covet ... = desire or crave what belongs to others

Greed and the false pursuit of happiness

Contentment and gratitude are key

Count your blessings (18-21)

God's revealing presence drops you to your knees!

What a change has been wrought for us in Christ.

Do you run/hide from God, or draw near to Him?

Take it home