

God's Top 10, pt 4 (Exodus 20:12-14)

What shapes our lives most?

Our minds? Our loves?

Loving God and keeping commandments

Why do we say commands 5-10 are about loving neighbors?

Romans 13:8-10

God's building block – the family (12)

Honor your father and mother

Honor implies respect

Not a family cult

Receive their spiritual training

Care for parents

Promise

What about abusive parents?

God, the giver and sustainer of life (13)

You must never murder.

= putting to death improperly, for selfish reasons or revenge, without divine direction

It is a permanent negative command

Contemporary ethical implications

God is faithful and demands fidelity (14)

Adultery = all forms of sexual intercourse apart from marriage by those who are married.

Heart of the command isn't sex, it's faithfulness

Other types of unmarried sex are covered later in the law.

Paradigmatic law would look to the fidelity principle

God's rebuke of spiritual unfaithfulness also called adultery

A world of failing relational commitment – living by hormones rather than holiness

Adultery is frequently rationalized

Adultery caves to false intimacy

Mankind longs for genuine intimacy

False intimacy destructs and destroys

Where is your love for God today?