

The Ten Commandments: God's Economics

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*I recite the 10 commandments daily, word for word,
like a child.*

Martin Luther

Background for the Ten Commandments: Slavery and Deliverance

Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, ... And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. (Exodus 3:7-9)

The Fourth Commandment: A Sabbath Rest.

From today in Israel, no person, not even the animals, are to be deprived of this rhythm of work and rest; work and rest.

Leading for mission:

- Responding to global warming

The sixth Commandment: You Shall Not Murder

People are made in God's image; Therefore, all people are of inestimable value.

In Egypt economic productivity was valued higher than human life

Leading for mission:

- Liturgy
- Political awareness

The eighth Commandment: You Shall Not Steal

God owns it all and wants all people to be able to enjoy some of it (Craig Blomberg)

Leading for mission:

- Communities of gratitude

Benediction:

*May the radical justice of God the Father,
the liberating forgiveness of God the Son,
and the transforming presence of God the
Holy Spirit so move that we leave knowing
that the new creation is upon us.*

Pastor from Liberia

Ninth Commandment: You Shall Not Bear False Witness

This command insists on legal arrangements where people who are vulnerable have a voice.

Leading for mission:

- Preaching that addresses societal injustice

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One desire has been the ruling passion of my life. One high motive has acted like a spur upon my mind and soul. And sooner than that I should seek escape from the sacred necessity that is laid upon me, let the breath of life fail me. It is this: That in spite of all worldly opposition, God's holy ordinances shall be established again in the home, in the school and in the State for the good of the people; to carve as it were into the conscience of the nation the ordinances of the Lord, to which Bible and creation bear witness, until the nation pays homage again to God.

Kuyper: Lectures on Calvinism

The Tenth Commandment: You Shall Not Covert

A spirit of mutual care—a desire that every person can thrive.

Leading for mission:

- From consumerism to celebration


The Ten Commandments and the mission of the church

The 10 commandments call us to strive for communities in which every person can thrive.


*Living as a sign to the restorative reign of Christ in: life,
words and deeds*


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The big six:

1. Global poverty
 2. Domestic poverty
 3. Environmental justice
 4. Global warming
 5. Indigenous justice
 6. Refugee hospitality
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*The church is a sign, instrument and foretaste of the
Kingdom of God*

Leslie Newbigin

The Ten Commandments and the mission of the church

The church is nothing other than that movement launched into the public life of the world by its sovereign Lord to continue that which he came to do until it is finished in his return in glory.

Leslie Newbigin