

Timeline of Truth – Commandments 1-10: Do Not Covet (Exodus 20:1-17)

What Do Each of These Look Like in MY Life?

<p>¹ And God spoke all these words, saying:</p> <p>² "I <i>am</i> the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.</p>	
<p>³ "You shall have no other gods before Me.</p>	<p>Nothing / No One But God Directing My Life</p>
<p>⁴ "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of <i>anything</i> that is in <u>heaven</u> above, or that is in the <u>earth</u> beneath, or that is in the <u>water</u> under the earth; ⁵ you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, <i>am</i> a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth <i>generations</i> of those who hate Me, ⁶ but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.</p>	<p>No Self-Defined Version of God</p>
<p>⁷ "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold <i>him</i> guiltless who takes His name in vain.</p>	<p>Not Misusing God's Name (Words, Actions)</p>
<p>⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. <i>In it</i> you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. ¹¹ For <i>in</i> six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.</p>	<p>Rest to Reflect and to Recharge</p>
<p>¹² "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.</p>	<p>Treat Your Parents as God's Special Helpers to You</p>
<p>¹³ "You shall not murder.</p>	<p>No Death-Dealing Thoughts, Words, or Actions</p>
<p>¹⁴ "You shall not commit adultery. (same in Deut 5:18)</p>	<p>No Intimacy Outside of God-Designed Marriage</p>
<p>¹⁵ "You shall not steal. (same in Deut 5:19)</p>	<p>No Taking of Things that Do Not Belong to You</p>
<p>¹⁶ "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. (=Dt 5:20)</p>	<p>No Intentional Misleading of Others</p>
<p>¹⁷ "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's." Deut 5:21 You shall not covet your neighbor's wife; and you shall not desire your neighbor's house, his <u>field</u>, his male servant, his female servant, his ox, his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.'</p>	<p>No Desiring What Belongs to Others</p> <p>Satisfaction will never be found in things, but only in God. God knows what and how much I truly need, and will ensure that I get what I need.</p>

1. Love Is the Basis of Fulfilling the Commandments

Rom 13:9 For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Matt 22:34-40 But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵ Then one of them, a lawyer, asked *Him a question*, testing Him, and saying, ³⁶ "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" ³⁷ Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' ³⁸ "This is *the* first and great commandment. ³⁹ "And *the* second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ "On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

2. An Interesting Twist – Why?

1 John 3:23-24 And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment. ²⁴ Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.