

# **The Ten Commandments “Thou Shall Not Murder”**

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# Tough Love vs. Spanking

## A Psychological Conundrum

Most of America 's populace think it improper to spank children, so I have tried other methods to control my kids when they have one of "those moments."

One that I found effective for me is to just take the child for a car ride and talk!

They usually calm down and stop misbehaving after our car ride together. I've included a photo of one of my sessions with my son, in case you would like to use the technique....

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# 10 Commandments

## Exodus 20 / Deuteronomy 5

1. You shall have no other gods before Me
2. You shall not make for yourself an idol
3. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God
4. Remember the Sabbath by keeping it holy
5. Honor your father and mother
6. You shall not murder
7. You shall not commit adultery
8. You shall not steal
9. You shall not bear false testimony
10. You shall not covet

# Introductory Questions

- 5 questions. Divide into pairs without your spouse and answer the following questions as to your position.
  1. Is war ever justified? Y or N
  2. Is capital punishment ever justified? Y or N
  3. Is abortion ever justified? Y or N
  4. Is suicide ever justified? Y or N
  5. Is euthanasia ever justified? Y or N

# Passages

- Gen 1:26-29
- Gen 9:4-6
- Psalm 139:15-16
- Matt 5:21-22
- I John 3:11-18
- Matt 5:38-48
- Exodus 21:12-28
- Deut 22:8
- Deut 19:5-7

# Respect for Life

- Created and valued in the image of God
  - Gen 1:26-29
  - Gen 9:4-6
- Reverence for Life
  - Psalm 139:15-16

# Attitude of the Heart

- OT – Avenging Life for a Life
- The Heart of the Murder
  - Matt 5:21-22
  - I John 3:11-18
- Attitudes of the Heart
  - Matt 5:38-48
- Is Human Life the goal in an of itself?
  - If so then we protect our lives at all costs.
- Our Goal: Glorify God through which we serve Him and love our Neighbor.

# Thou Shall Not Murder

## “No Unlawful Killing”

- “Murder” - Word from the Torah is “Ratsah” whose root is a criminal act of murder.
  1. Murder – To Kill another person intentionally and with premeditation. Exodus 21:12-28
  2. Voluntary Manslaughter - To Kill another person intentionally and without premeditation. I.e. in a fit of rage.
  3. Involuntary Manslaughter - To Kill another person unintentionally and without premeditation. I.e. Automobile incident while being reckless or a crime of passion. Deut 22:8
  4. No culpability- Deut 19:5-7 Unintentional accident without recklessness or fault.

# No Unlawful Killing

- Not a passage of prohibition of killing animals
- Not a passage of prohibition of killing plants
- Our permissible uses should never degenerate into abuse.
- The 6<sup>th</sup> Commandment is speaking about a specific kind of killing that does not service society but rather violates society.
- 6<sup>Th</sup> Commandment requires self examination.

# Application Topics for Next Week

- Discussion
  - Suicide
  - Euthanasia
  - Abortion
  - War
- Whoa! – There is Grace

# All for Now

- See you next week

# Suicide

- Willful and deliberate ending of ones life.
  - Phil 1:23
  - Eph 5:29
- Six men who took there lives
  - Samson: Judges 16:23-31
  - Saul and his armor bearer: 1 Sam 31:3-5
  - Ahithophel: 2 Sam 17:23
  - Zimri the Isrealite King: 1 kings 16:18-19
  - Judas Iscariot: Matt 27:3-5

# Suicide

- Permissible suicide?

# Euthanasia

- Someone ends the life of another without consent of the person affected.
- Someone ends the life of another at the request of the person affected.
- Terminating life vs terminating treatment

# Euthanasia

- Terri Schiavo- removal of feeding tube.
- Removal of treatment but still must be fed and cared for.
- Removal of Life Support –Pulling the plug
- Heroic measures.

# Conclusion

- Comments and Concerns
- Follow-up