

1: Don't place fake gods (carved idols for Israel) in My place.

"You shall have no other gods before Me."

-[Exodus 20:3](#)

2: Don't try to architect your own god. I am not created in your image...you are created in my image.

"You shall not make for yourself a carved image..."

-[Exodus 20:4](#)

3: You must not *bear* (or *carry*) the name of Yahweh, your God, in vain, for Yahweh will not hold guiltless one who *bears* (or *carries*) his name in vain. Representing His name to others matters. Aaron 'bears the names of the sons of Israel' on his chest 'to bring them to regular remembrance before the Lord' ([Exod. 28:29](#)). He is representing the people to God.

"You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain..."

-[Exodus 20:7](#)

4: No economic activity one day of the week for you and your employees. You get to reset every week.

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy."

-[Exodus 20:8](#)

5: Your parents birthed you in the world. Esteem them higher than yourself. You are made in their image.

"Honor your father and your mother..."

-[Exodus 20:12](#)

6: You shall not murder.

"You shall not murder."

-[Exodus 20:13](#)

7: Don't cheat on your spouse or cause others to cheat on their spouse.

"You shall not commit adultery."

-[Exodus 20:14](#)

8: Don't steal from people.

"You shall not steal."

-[Exodus 20:15](#)

9: Do not lie on your neighbor.

"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor."

-[Exodus 20:16](#)

10: Don't compare yourself to others and try to get what they have.

"You shall not covet...anything that is your neighbor's."

-[Exodus 20:17](#)