



## Ten Commandments *(For Helping Those Who Have Difficulty Hearing)*

1. **Thou shalt not** speak from another room.
2. **Thou shalt not** speak with your back toward the person with a hearing problem.
3. **Thou shalt not** start speaking and then walk away.
4. **Thou shalt not** start speaking and then turn away from the person with a hearing problem.
5. **Thou shalt not** speak in competition with something else  
(turn off the water, turn down the radio, etc.).
6. **Thou shalt** get the attention of the person with the hearing problem  
(do not start speaking while they are reading or are concentrating on the TV, etc.)
7. **Thou shalt** try to speak face-to-face at all times.
8. **Thou shalt** try to remove obstructions while speaking  
(your hand from your face, the cigarette from your mouth, etc.)
9. **Thou shalt** try to speak distinctly.
10. **Thou shalt** try to be patient.

