

## The Sixth Commandment

### PP Exodus 20:13

Christians tend to look at this commandment with a sense of comfort.

We realize we are susceptible to disobeying the other commandments- but to murder or to kill. God forbid!!!

After all, we are Christians, and a true Christians would never to that.

Or would we?

### PP I. THE VALUE OF HUMAN LIFE!

God put a supreme value on human life.

### PP Genesis 1:27

#### A. Every human life has great value in God's eyes;

and His opinion is the only opinion that really matters.

##### 1. Our society tends to de-value human life.

You're only valuable so long as you can have a positive impact on society.

If not, get out of the way.

##### 2. We tend to de-value ourselves.

a. When we base our value on what we are able to contribute..

b. When we can no longer contribute,

we begin to wonder how much value we really have.

##### 3. You have value and significance.

You are a creation of God and someone that He loves.

#### B. All forms of murder exert man's sovereignty (control) over life and death.

God and only God, who determined when life begins,

has the right to decide when it ends.

##### 1. When you commit murder, abortion, euthanasia, or suicide,

you're deciding which life is worth preserving and which is not.

##### 2. God says that all life is valuable.

When we murder, we say that our opinion of someone's life

is more important than God's opinion.

#### C. God is the author and sustainer of life.

When we destroy life, we are fighting against God.

### PP II. THE ISSUE OF MALICE

#### A. There are more ways to kill than killing another body.

### PP Matthew 5:21, 22

#### PREMEDITATED MALICE-

To meditate beforehand (plot and plan) in a frame of mind of ill will

(anger and hatred) towards someone to hurt them (physically and

emotionally), to take away their life!

#### B. You can take away a person's life by

killing their dream, killing their spirit, killing their ambition, or killing their joy?

#### C. The 6<sup>th</sup> Commandment requires a spirit of kindness, long-suffering, and forgiveness with the endeavors to preserve the life and save the soul of every human being.

PP **III. GOD IS CONCERNED ABOUT OUR ATTITUDES NOT JUST OUR ACTIONS.**

Our *ACTIONS* come from our ATTITUDES!!

PP **Mark 7:21-23**

**ANGER---REVENGE---MURDER**

A. Cain & Abel (Genesis 4)

Cain's downfall was that he allowed anger to rule him, and when that anger had total control even for just a brief moment, it led to murder.

If you allow anger to control you, where will it lead in your life?

**AN ALTERNATIVE CHOICE**

**LOVE---FORGIVENESS---SELF-SACRIFICE**

B. Stephen & the Sanhedrin ( Acts7)

PP **1 John 3:11-15**

This 6th Commandment requires a spirit of kindness, long-suffering and forgiveness, with the endeavors to preserve the life and save the soul of every human being.

How do you react when someone has hurt you?

Do you get angry and have an overwhelming desire to get them back in some way.

Then you have all the potential of being a murderer.

In fact, when you are angry with someone to the point that you wish they were dead, in God's eyes, you are already guilty of their murder.

PP **Matthew 5: 23-26**

You may not have murdered anyone with a gun or a knife, but have you've murdered them with your anger, your tongue or with your negligence.

What do you do about it?

1. You seek God's forgiveness.

2. You make a commitment to respond to people in love.

That means forgiving them for things that they have done to hurt you.

3. You allow God to change your mind about people.