

General Knowledge:

The 10 Commandments can be broken into two tables:

- Table 1 = Commandments 1-3
- Table 2 = Commandments 4-10

The relationship is as follows:

- Table 1 = God to man
- Table 2 = Man to man

The direction of the relationship is:

- Table 1 = Vertical
- Table 2 = Horizontal

Second Table Knowledge:

The Fourth Commandment has to do with authority. Keeping and obeying authority avoids chaos and rebellion. When God commands us to obey our parents and other authorities, we are to obey all those in positions over us, unless they command us to break one of God's laws. The Fourth Commandment is also the only commandment that also has a promise. *"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you."* (Exodus 20:12, ESV)

The Fifth Commandment has to do with life and health. The commandment can be broken when we bring death to ourselves or others. It is also broken when you do not work to take care of yourself and others. Jesus even tells us that you break this commandment when you hate your neighbor. *"But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire."* (Matthew 5:22, ESV)

The Sixth Commandment has to do with the gift of marriage and family. This commandment covers any sin that is of the sexual nature. Forbidden is living together without marriage, homosexuality, adultery, abuse, pornography and a host of other sins. If you marry it should be to support a person of the opposite gender for the purpose of raising children and giving honor to God. *"But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.'"* (Mark 10:6, ESV)

The Seventh Commandment is for the protection and improvement of your neighbor's money or possessions. This means we should be not only leave their possessions with our neighbor, but we should actively work to help him improve them. *"Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need."* (Ephesians 4:28, ESV)

The Eighth Commandment helps your neighbor to have good reputation that they might succeed with others. Our names are to carry honor and reputation. This commandment forbids that we do anything that would make others think poorly of our neighbor. It even goes so far to say we have to explain everything in the kindest way. *"Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices"* (Colossians 3:9, ESV)

The Ninth and Tenth Commandments deal with protecting your own heart from sin. They are a way of keeping you content with what you have so that you are not led to further sins. *"Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.'"* (Hebrews 13:5, ESV)

Also remember!!!

The two divisions of the Bible:

- Old Testament
- New Testament

The two teachings of the Bible:

- Law
- Gospel

For further study:

- 1986 Maroon Catechism pages 74-101
- 2017 Black and Maroon Catechism pages 81-127