



How to Represent the Kingdom

in this Election Season, part 4

10/25/20

I. Vote God's ten

II. Live God's ten

A How to live God's ten

Matthew 22:37 And He (Jesus) said to him, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.'

³⁸ "This is the great and foremost commandment.

³⁹ "The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

⁴⁰ "On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."

B. God's ten priorities for a society

Exodus 20:1 Then God spoke all these words, saying,

² "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

I. ³ **"You shall have no other gods before Me.**

Deuteronomy 6:5 ...you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

⁶ "And these words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart;

⁷ and you shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.

___ Focus your family on growing in the knowledge of God

___ Trust and pray (1 Timothy 2:1-8; 2 Chronicles 7:12-22)

___ witness and support missions

II. ⁴ **"You shall not make for yourself an idol**, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth.

⁵ "You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me,

⁶ but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

Colossians 3:2 Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.

³ For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

⁴ When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

⁵ Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry.

⁶ For it is on account of these things that the wrath of God will come,

___ Focus on The Creator, not His creation

___ Communicate concern regarding national correction and judgement

___ Communicate thankfulness for God's lovingkindness

III. ⁷ "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.

Philippians 2:12 ...work out your salvation with fear and trembling;

¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for *His* good pleasure.

- Reverence God and practice His presence
- Slow down, think and use fewer words
- Do not make oaths using God's name except on very special occasions

IV. ⁸ "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

⁹ "Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

¹⁰ but the seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD your God; *in it* you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you.

¹¹ "For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.

Mark 2:27 And He was saying to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.

²⁸ "Consequently, the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

Romans 14:1 Now accept the one who is weak in faith, *but not for the purpose of* passing judgment on his opinions.

... ⁵ One man regards one day above another, another regards every day *alike*. Let each man be fully convinced in his own mind.

⁶ He who observes the day, observes it for the Lord, and he who eats, does so for the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who eats not, for the Lord he does not eat, and gives thanks to God.

... ¹⁹ So then let us pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another.

- Enjoy a sabbath as God's gift to fit God's design
- Use Sundays to worship God and edify others
- Help community leaders protect Sundays

V. ¹² "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you.

Ephesians 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

² Honor your father and mother (which is the first commandment with a promise),

³ that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth.

⁴ And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger; but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

As a family

- honor God
- honor one another (your spouse, parents and children)
- honor authorities

VI. ¹³ "You shall not murder.

Matthew 5:21 "You have heard that the ancients were told, 'You shall not commit murder' and 'Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the court.'

²² "But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court; and whoever shall say to his brother, 'Raca,' shall be guilty before the supreme court; and whoever shall say, 'You fool,' shall be guilty *enough to go* into the fiery hell.

- Honor every person and focus on eternal life issues

- ___ Respectfully dialogue about life and death issues (the unborn, the elderly, the climate, military strength, homeland security, health care for the poor, mitigation of pandemics, law enforcement, racism, gun laws, global aid and nation building)
- ___ politic and participate for the sanctity of every life

VII. ¹⁴ "You shall not commit adultery.

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her;
²⁶ that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,
²⁷ that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she should be holy and blameless.

- ___ Practice and enjoy the beauty of marriage including meeting each other's needs (security, significance, romance, sex, etc.)
- ___ Avoid the path to adultery including pornography, fantasy and unwise interactions (before your first step read Proverbs 5-7)
- ___ Mentor a young or a not so good marriage

VIII. ¹⁵ "You shall not steal.

Malachi 3:8 "Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, 'How have we robbed Thee?' In tithes and offerings.

⁹ "You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing Me, the whole nation *of you!*

Ephesians 4:28 Let him who steals steal no longer; but rather let him labor, performing with his own hands what is good, in order that he may have *something* to share with him who has need.

- Be generous with
- ___ God
 - ___ those in need
 - ___ your employer and employees (Ephesians 6:5-9)

IX. ¹⁶ "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Acts 5:1-11 (Ananias and Sapphira)

Ephesians 4:15 ...speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all *aspects* into Him, who is the head, *even* Christ,

- ___ Study the truth and speak only truth in love
- ___ Don't exaggerate or flatter
- ___ Don't entertain or pass along unverified information or gossip

X. ¹⁷ "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife or his male servant or his female servant or his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

- Choose to thank God for His blessings on
- ___ friends, neighbors and associates
 - ___ the rich
 - ___ ourselves