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## “The Second Table of the Law” Part 2

Scripture: Exodus 20:12-17

Memory Work:

6. You shall not murder.

7. You shall not commit adultery.

**Big Idea:** Just as God regulates our relationship with him, he also regulates our relationships with other people.

### I. You Shall Not Murder (20:13)

A. We are commanded to honor the sanctity of human life from the womb to the tomb.

B. Moral law—a commandment for all peoples in all places at all times.

C. “The culture of death”—64 million fetuses (the Latin word for baby or young child) have been murdered since 1973. That’s 2, 500 per day.

D. “Ratzach”—the unlawful killing of a human being. This word occurs 47 times in the Old Testament.

E. We are commanded by God not to kill a human being unlawfully. But we are to seek the wellbeing of other people (Luke 10:29-37).

F. Jesus’ interpretation of the sixth commandment (Matthew 5:21-22).

### II. You Shall Not Commit Adultery (20:14)

A. We are commanded to honor the sanctity of marriage.

B. Sexuality is a gift from God.

C. Physical intimacy is only to be experienced in the covenant of marriage (Genesis 2:24-25).

D. The seventh commandment forbids married individuals from having sexual relations with anyone other than their spouses.

E. Dangers of sexual sin (Proverbs 6:20-7:27)

F. The seventh commandment is a standard to be applied to all types of sexual relationships.

G. The Bible also condemns and prohibits acts of homosexuality (Leviticus 18:22), incest (Leviticus 18:6-18), bestiality (Exodus 22:19), and fornication (Exodus 22:16).

H. Christians are to act differently. Sexual purity is one of the marks of being set apart.

I. We are commanded not to commit adultery, but we are to cherish modesty and sexual purity and to honor marriage (Hebrews 13:4).

J. Jesus’ interpretation of the seventh commandment (Matthew 5:27-28).

K. How can Christians fight sexual immorality?

1. Abide in Christ (John 15:5; Colossians 3:1-2).

\*\*\*You cannot love your lust and look into the face of Jesus at the same time.

2. Run (1 Corinthians 6:18).

3. Be intentional (Job 31:1).
4. Cultivate an ever-deepening fear of God (Proverbs 5:20-21).
5. Take radical steps to guard your heart (Matthew 5:29-30).
6. Establish close friendships to hold yourself accountable (2 Timothy 2:22).
7. Singles, commit your life to sexual purity.
8. Married people, commit your life to sexual faithfulness.

## Conclusion

- A. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11
- B. The Gospel Definition