

So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God. (Rom 14:12)

# SELF-GOVERNMENT

## Rights & Responsibilities Based On the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17)

**1-4.** I am the LORD your God... You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself an idol... You shall not worship them or serve them... You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain... Remember the Sabbath day ...

- The right to worship & serve God.
- The responsibility to worship & serve God.

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

- The right to teach your children.
- The responsibility to care for your parents.

**6.** You shall not murder.

- The right to life.
- The responsibility to protect life.

**7.** You shall not commit adultery.

- The right to marry.
- The responsibility to be faithful.

**8.** You shall not steal.

- The right to private property.
- The responsibility to labor.

**9.** You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

- The right to reputation and due process of law.
- The responsibility to tell the truth.

**10.** 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.

- The right to prosper.
- The responsibility to be content.

## Self-Control

If there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. (Rom 13:9-10)

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. (Gal 5:22-23)

He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit, than he who captures a city. (Prov 16:32)

In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets. (Matt 7:12)

## Personal Responsibility

Do all things without grumbling or disputing. (Phil 2:14)

Consider it all joy when you encounter various trials. (James 1:2)

Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men. (Col 3:23)

If anyone will not work, then he is not to eat, either. (2 Thess 3:10)

If we have food and covering we shall be content. (1 Tim 6:8)

Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another. (Rom 13:8)

Flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. (2 Tim 2:22)

Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. (Eph 5:15-16)

**Read & Discover:** Mat 5-7, 1 Cor 9:19-27

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