

“Don’t Make Choice an Idol”
(The 10 Commandments: Love Carved in Stone; Week 6)

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A. Why the Ten Commandments? Review

- #1: God has to be #1 in your life.
- #2: If anything except God is #1, it becomes a demon (idol).
- #3-10: Getting rid of my idols.
- ⇒ The 10 Comm’s are the truths we would never think up.
- ⇒ The further God is removed from our culture,
the more we become desensitized to murder.

B. Command #6: Getting rid of the idol of choice.

- Choice = the idol (sin) that says I can define reality.
 - I can choose whether God exists or not.
 - I can choose to redefine what is right or wrong.
 - I can choose to hate and murder if I want to.
- The antidote to the idol of choice:
I’m going to let God define reality and morality for me.
- Our culture’s biggest confusion about this: life!

C. Let’s get practical: How can we get life right?

- Commandment #6 is: “Do not murder,” not “Do not kill.”
- Murder is the unjustified taking of human life.
- There are only 3 possibilities with human life:
 - 1) There is no life in the body: death.
 - 2) There is clearly life in the body: life.
 - 3) There might be life in the body: doubt.
- When in doubt, always protect life.
 - Homicide? - Suicide?
 - Euthanasia? - Abortion?
 - Hatred and anger?
- The bad news: we are all murderers (1 John 3:15).
- The good news: God is willing to forgive murderers!