

God's Top Ten: Fifth Commandment "Life is a Gift from God!"

How much time do you spend thinking about breaking the 5th Commandment? Why? Why not?

READ Genesis 4:1-12

"You shall not murder."

What does this mean?

"We should fear and love God that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and be a friend to him in every bodily need."

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What reality does Eve express as she says, *"With the help of the LORD, I have brought forth a man"*?

How does this reality mold my view about human life?

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How does the LORD want me to use the life he gives?

- Romans 12:1, *"in view of God's mercy offer our bodies as living sacrifices..."*
- Hebrews 11:4 *"By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith he still speaks, even though he is dead."*

How can I do the right actions and still sin?

- Hebrews 11:6 “without faith it is impossible to please God”

How am I guilty of murder?

- *Matthew 5:21ff* “You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ 22 But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment.
- *Ephesians 4:26* “In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, 27 and do not give the devil a foothold.
- *James 1:19* Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, 20 for man’s anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires.
- *1 Peter 5:8* Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, standing firm in the faith,

How does Jesus declare me “not guilty” of murder?

- *Abel’s blood for vengeance Pleaded to the skies; But the blood of Jesus For our pardon cries (“Glory Be to Jesus” vs.4)*
- *Luke 23:41* We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”
- *Luke 23:34* “Father forgive them...”

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List ways I can keep the Fifth Commandment.