

Ambassador

Lesson 6



Life Without Rules

Just imagine waking up tomorrow only to realize that there are no longer any road signs or stop signals in your town. Can you imagine the chaos of what would happen in your city? Late employees would be running through school buses to make it to work. Little kids dodging cars because the school-crossing guard is stuck in a traffic jam. The public transportation buses would be lost because they can't tell which way is north. And school would be cancelled because all the teachers would be terrified to leave their houses to go to work.



Now, before you celebrate about school being cancelled, understand this is bad...Very Bad. Having no restrictions, signs, or any signals to direct vehicles could lead to ultimate destruction. Your city would become the largest roller derby arena in history.

Just imagine if that was the story of human history. What would this world look like if there weren't any laws or restrictions? It would be chaos!

You know all through the Bible we find **warnings** of what would happen if Man was left to himself.

- Jeremiah 17:9- *The heart is more deceitful than all else; And is desperately sick; Who can understand it?*
- Proverbs 14:12- *There is a way which seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.*

Now, don't feel so bad yet. The reason for this is because of Sin. We know in Romans 3:23 that, "*For all have sinned, and fallen short of the Glory of God.*" And because of that, it ultimately leads to Death or Destruction. (See Romans 6:23)

God's Rules

So now let's begin to look into our text for this Bible study. Open your Bibles to Exodus 20 and read from the 1st to the 20th verse...

What we find is the description of Moses reading the Ten Commandments to Israel, God's people. Now I know what you're thinking, you're probably thinking, "What's the big deal, its just another set of rules." But look closely to these Ten Commandments.



Just imagine what our world today would look like if these commandments were never given. It doesn't look good. Children would be disrespecting their parents; churches would be confused because there would be so many different gods to worship; at any given moment you could get robbed, cheated, lied on, and murdered...and no one would care.

Reason for Rules

So the point that is being made is that **God HAS GIVEN US THE TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR A REASON.** Not only so we can survive, but so we can know what is sin! God has given you these Commandments so you can have knowledge of sin. (**Read Romans 19-20**) Remember, keeping the Law can NEVER save anyone, only Jesus can do that! But in order to know that we need a Savior, we first have to realize that we are a Sinner.

As we continue on into this study, understand that you are learning important life-lessons...lessons on what God says is sin.

For this Bible Study, we are just going to look at this Commandment:



Now, if you're like me, you're probably wondering, "How in the world could a large group of people who have seen God deliver them from bondage and do crazy miraculous things like cause an "attack of the toads," or part a sea, turn and worship another god?" But from what we see in the text, it happened. What's the lesson here? The lesson is that we must continually keep our eyes on Jesus or we might also be guilty of following other "gods."



Read Hebrews 12:1-2

I promise you, it is so easy to get distracted in our day. Everyday we must face:

- Siblings
- Peer pressure
- Grades
- Sports/extra-curricular activities
- Temptations
- Relationships
- Etc...

And the warning is this; if we don't learn to line up our days by placing God first, we could be open to serving other gods.

Who Do You Serve?

Notice how not just this study but even the authors in the Bible don't capitalize god when it is not referring to the God of the Old Testament (Jehovah) or to Jesus. There are many false gods mentioned in the Bible and even still in our day.

- **Read Matthew 24:24**

So, the next task is for you to take a break and list what are the (g)ods in your life. Is it sports? Do you spend more time focusing on practice or watching games than you do thinking about your relationship with Christ? Would you push Bible Study, Youth Group, or prayer away so you don't miss the big game? If you do, this could be a little (g)od in your life. Is it relationships? Do you spend more time with that boyfriend or girlfriend than you do with Jesus? Are you compromising or giving in to temptations in your relationships, and you know they are leading you away from God? This too could be (g)od in your life. Or maybe it's social media? Do you pick up your phone in the morning to catch up on the latest gossip instead of spending time with God? Be honest with yourself and take a good look at what takes more of your time.



Go ahead and pray and ask God to reveal any small (g)ods in your life and write them down.

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Now that you have identified some areas that you might have allowed to get in the way, go ahead and ask God to forgive you. But understand this, God also gave us the Ten Commandments so we can understand "Who Our God Is." In Christ, we have an identity and our identity is to strive to look like Him in everything we do.

So be encouraged...we are now on our first steps of learning specific ways in which we can avoid sin.

Now click here to watch this Supplemental Video about your lesson: <https://youtu.be/DU1TAiGx77Q>

Think About It



Click here if you are taking your quiz online, then send the email you receive to your mentor to grade and discuss: <https://forms.gle/CEHxtbFF872HtXMB6>

Complete this assignment and set up a time to meet with an adult mentor who will go over this with you. Mentor, after you have graded this lesson using the Answer Key, please enter the lesson online using the links that are on our website in order to receive credit. Thanks.

Student Name: _____

1. In your own words, what would happen to this world if there were no laws or regulations?
2. Why did God give us the Ten Commandments?
3. How is it possible for someone who is a Christian to worship another god?
4. From this Bible Study, name one way in which we can prevent ourselves from sinning, and how?