

The Ten Baseline Points of Reference for Understanding God's Character and How He Designed Human Beings to Live

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- 1. Our relationship is to be exclusive and needs to form the core center of your life.**
No one and nothing can take My place in your priorities, in your commitments, in your devotion, in what you cherish, or in what or whom you adore.
- 2. Don't think you can make up other gods you like better or otherwise replace Me and think that's going to work or be OK.**
I am your Creator and I love you,
but there really is only One of Me.
- 3. I want you to come talk with Me regularly.**
Feel free to call my name – but only when you are genuinely speaking about Me or when you and I are conversing.
- 4. I don't want you to be a workaholic or get so wrapped up in your business that you forget about Our business.**
Every day represents an opportunity not only to make provision for yourself and your family, but also to invest in activities that please Me and forward Kingdom goals. But I also want you to devote one day in seven to gathering with My people for corporate worship and mutual edification.
And besides, I have designed your body and mind in such a way that you need one day in seven for rest and recuperation and rejuvenation.
- 5. As God, I am the Authority in your life, of course.**
But I have also set up authority structures that represent and convey My authority on earth –beginning with the authority structure of the family, where parents are My appointed vice-regents.
You are to respect these authorities, recognizing that, in doing so, you are also showing proper respect to Me and My authority.
- 6. I made you in My Image and you are valuable to me. I also made your fellow man in My Image, and they are valuable to me, too.**
You and they have been corrupted by sin to a tragic and dangerous extent. But you are never to take it upon yourself to presume they are worthy of destruction.
- 7. I have made you a sexual being so that you could express your love and commitment to your lifelong spouse in a way that is highly intimate and pleasurable for both of you.**
Remember when I said your relationship with Me must be exclusive? Your relationship with your spouse, particularly in its sexual expression, must be exclusive in the same way.
- 8. Do not take what does not belong to you.**
You can trust Me to meet your needs, so you do not have to steal what others have to get what you need.
- 9. Tell the truth**
particularly when the truth vindicates or exonerates your neighbor;
even when the truth might make you look bad or bring advantage to someone else over yourself.
- 10. You can trust Me to take care of you and make sure you have what you need.**
Learn the skill of being content.
That means being satisfied with what you have, even if someone else has more or better than what you have.