

A summary of Luther's meanings of the 10 commandments to be memorized by first year confirmation students:

The First Commandment:

You shall have no other gods.

Meaning: We should fear, love and trust in God above all things.

The Second Commandment:

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Meaning: Do not use God's name to curse or swear, but to pray, praise and give thanks.

The Third Commandment:

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Meaning: Do not despise the Word of God, but hold it sacred, and hear and learn it.

The Fourth Commandment:

Honor your father and your mother.

Meaning: Do not despise or anger your parents, but honor, love, and cherish them.

The Fifth Commandment:

You shall not murder.

Meaning: Do not hurt or harm your neighbor, but help him physically.

The Sixth Commandment:

You shall not commit adultery.

Meaning: Lead a sexually pure and decent life in what you say and do.

The Seventh Commandment:

You shall not steal.

Meaning: Do not take your neighbor's possessions, but help him to protect them.

The Eighth Commandment:

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

Meaning: Do not lie about your neighbor or hurt his reputation, but speak well of him.

The Ninth Commandment:

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

Meaning: Do not scheme to get your neighbor's inheritance or house, but help him keep it.

The Tenth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Meaning: Do not entice away your neighbor's wife or workers, but urge them to stay.