

Series: Families That Win

Play #6: Teach Them To Choose Life



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(Exodus 20:13 HCSB)

<https://bible.com/bible/72/exo.20.13.HCSB>

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I. The _____ Of This Command

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Homicide occurs when a person kills another person. A homicide requires only a volitional act or omission that causes the death of another.

"But for Cain and his offering He had no respect. So Cain became extremely angry (indignant), and he looked annoyed and hostile. And the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you so angry? And why do you look annoyed? If you do well [believing Me and doing what is acceptable and pleasing to Me], will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well [but ignore My instruction], sin crouches at your door; its desire is for you [to overpower you], but you must master it." **Cain talked with Abel his brother [about what God had said]. And when they were [alone, working] in the field, Cain attacked Abel his brother and killed him."**
(Genesis 4:5-8 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/gen.4.5-8.AMP>

Suicide is the act of intentionally causing one's own death.

“When Judas, His betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was gripped with remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, saying, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” They replied, “What is that to us? See to that yourself!” And throwing the pieces of silver into the temple sanctuary, he left; and went away and hanged himself.”

(Matthew 27:3-5 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/mat.27.3-5.AMP>

Infanticide (or infant homicide) is **the intentional killing of infants or offspring**. Infanticide was a widespread practice throughout human history that was mainly used to dispose of unwanted children, its main purpose being the prevention of resources being spent on weak or disabled offspring.

“**Before I formed you in the womb I knew you [and approved of you as My chosen instrument]**, And before you were born I consecrated you [to Myself as My own]; I have appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”

(Jeremiah 1:5 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/jer.1.5.AMP>

“**Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous**—how well I know it. You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.”

(Psalms 139:14-16 NLT)

<https://bible.com/bible/116/psa.139.14-16.NLT>

“**Cursed is anyone who accepts payment to kill an innocent person.’ And all the people will reply, ‘Amen.’**”

(Deuteronomy 27:25 NLT)

<https://bible.com/bible/116/deu.27.25.NLT>

II. The _____ That Lead To This Command Being Broken

A. **Hate**

- B. Resentment
- C. Anger out of control
- D. Offense

“Everyone who hates (works against) his brother [in Christ] is [at heart] a murderer [by God’s standards]; and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. By this we know [and have come to understand the depth and essence of His precious] love: that He [willingly] laid down His life for us [because He loved us]. And we ought to lay down our lives for the believers.”
(1 John 3:15-16 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/1jn.3.15-16.AMP>

Racial hate

Religious hate

Revengeful hate

“Now the man Adam knew Eve as his wife, and she conceived and gave birth to Cain, and she said, “I have obtained a man (baby boy, son) with the help of the Lord.” And [later] she gave birth to his brother Abel. Now Abel kept the flocks [of sheep and goats], but Cain cultivated the ground. And in the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground. But Abel brought [an offering of] the [finest] firstborn of his flock and the fat portions. And the Lord had respect (regard) for Abel and for his offering; but for Cain and his offering He had no respect. **So Cain became extremely angry (indignant), and he looked annoyed and hostile. And the Lord said to Cain, “Why are you so angry? And why do you look annoyed?** If you do well [believing Me and doing what is acceptable and pleasing to Me], will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well [but ignore My instruction], sin crouches at your door; its desire is for you [to overpower you], but you must master it.” Cain talked with Abel his brother [about what God had said]. And when they were [alone, working] in the field, Cain attacked Abel his brother and killed him. Then the Lord said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” And he [lied and] said, “I do not know. Am I my brother’s keeper?” The Lord said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s [innocent] blood is crying out to Me from the ground [for justice]. And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s [shed] blood from your hand.” **(Genesis 4:1-11 AMP)**

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/gen.4.1-11.AMP>

“See to it that no one falls short of God’s grace; that no root of resentment springs up and causes trouble, and by it many be defiled.”
(Hebrews 12:15 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/heb.12.15.AMP>

“Be angry [at sin—at immorality, at injustice, at ungodly behavior], yet do not sin; do not let your anger [cause you shame, nor allow it to] last until the sun goes down.”
(Ephesians 4:26 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/eph.4.26.AMP>

“At that time many will be **offended** and repelled [by their association with Me] and will fall away [from the One whom they should trust] and will betray one another [handing over believers to their persecutors] and will hate one another.”
(Matthew 24:10 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/mat.24.10.AMP>

“When the Sabbath came, He began to teach in the synagogue; and many who listened to Him were **astonished**, saying, “Where did this man get these things [this knowledge and spiritual insight]? What is this wisdom [this confident understanding of the Scripture] that has been given to Him, and such miracles as these performed by His hands? Is this not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? Are His sisters not here with us?” And they were [deeply] offended by Him [and their disapproval blinded them to the fact that He was anointed by God as the Messiah]. Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor (respect) except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.”
(Mark 6:2-4 AMP)

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“As they heard these things [about God’s grace to these two Gentiles], **the people in the synagogue were filled with a great rage; and they got up and drove Him out of the city, and led Him to the crest of the hill on which their city had been built, in order to hurl Him down the cliff. But passing [miraculously] through the crowd, He went on His way.**”
(Luke 4:28-30 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/luk.4.28-30.AMP>

III. The _____ That Occur When This Command Is Not Obeyed

Blood shed abroad **Tremendous Grief**

“They shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters. By sacrificing them to the idols of Canaan, they polluted the land with murder. They defiled themselves by their evil deeds, and their love of idols was adultery in the Lord’s sight.”

(Psalms 106:38-39 NLT)

<https://bible.com/bible/116/psa.106.38-39.NLT>

“But Egypt will become a wasteland and Edom will become a wilderness, **because they attacked the people of Judah and killed innocent people in their land.**”

(Joel 3:19 NLT)

<https://bible.com/bible/116/jol.3.19.NLT>

- Birmingham: 152 homicides reported
- Nation: 24,576

*Suicides: **45,979**

*Infanticide: 73 million a year

“Don’t you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.”

(1 Corinthians 6:19-20 NLT)

<https://bible.com/bible/116/1co.6.19-20.NLT>

IV. The _____ Needed To Obey This Command

“Then Jacob looked up, and saw Esau coming with four hundred men. So he divided the children among Leah and Rachel and the two maids. He put the maids and their children in front, Leah and her children after them, and Rachel and Joseph last of all. Then Jacob crossed over [the stream] ahead of them and bowed himself to the ground seven times [bowing and moving forward each time], until he approached his brother. **But Esau ran to**

**meet him and embraced him, and hugged his neck and kissed him, and they wept [for joy].”
(Genesis 33:1-4 AMP)**

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/gen.33.1-4.AMP>

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor (fellow man) and hate your enemy.’ **But I say to you, love [that is, unselfishly seek the best or higher good for] your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may [show yourselves to] be the children of your Father who is in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on those who are evil and on those who are good, and makes the rain fall on the righteous [those who are morally upright] and the unrighteous [the unrepentant, those who oppose Him].** For if you love [only] those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do that? And if you greet only your brothers [wishing them God’s blessing and peace], what more [than others] are you doing? Do not even the Gentiles [who do not know the Lord] do that? You, therefore, will be perfect [growing into spiritual maturity both in mind and character, actively integrating godly values into your daily life], as your heavenly Father is perfect.”
(Matthew 5:43-48 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/mat.5.43-48.AMP>

**“I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse; therefore, you shall choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants.”
(Deuteronomy 30:19 AMP)**

What is God saying to you?

Answer Key:

- I. **The Prohibition Of This Command**
- II. **The Problems That Lead To This Command Being Broken**
- III. **The Pains That Occur When This Command Is Not Obeyed**
- IV. **The Prescription Needed To Obey This Command**