

# Ten (10) commandments

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Trying to bridge a gap between EP and modern organized religion. It seems that the 10 commandments or some sort of simple list of rules to follow with the aim of achieving well-being is something ubiquitous in the major religions. I see the convenience to know them, as they can serve as guidelines to teach from a young age, in a very simple manner, what things are most likely to produce painful results if you do them, but some of them clearly are disaligned with Epicurean teachings, and could be more harmful than not; additionally, one way to make Epicurean Philosophy more known and accepted is to meet people half way. So I wished for a list that was in line with Epicurean teachings, bridges said gap, allows for a quick address whenever the traditional commandments arise, and keeps the characteristic of being simple enough to aid younger ones towards the objective of living a pleasurable life in society, without getting lost neither in the woods of superstition nor in the whole extent of EP, that can be learnt in time. I found two versions of the traditional ten commandments in wikipedia that I used as basis for a third one, as a draft of a list that could achieve these objectives. Please share what you think and whatever improvements can be made to it:

First Commandment	Do not associate others with God	Do not put other gods before me	1. Be self-sufficient.	1
Second Commandment	Honour your parents	Honour thy father and thy mother	2. Honour your parents.	5, 6, 17, 27, 39, 40.
Third Commandment	Do not kill your children for fear of poverty	Do not murder	3. Don't kill.	5, 14, 16, 17, 21, 25, 27, 28, 31-39.
Fourth Commandment	Do not come near indecencies, openly or secretly.	Do not covet thy neighbour's wife, Do not commit adultery	4. Fulfill the natural and necessary desires of life, that are within the natural limit of pleasure. 5. Indulge in natural and unnecessary desires when they don't produce painful consequences. 6. Avoid unnatural and unnecessary desires.	3, 5, 7-10, 17, 18, 21, 25, 26, 29, 30, 39.
Fifth Commandment	Do not take a life except justly	Do not murder	Repeated, see the third.	Repeated, see the third.

Sixth Commandment	Do not come near the property of the orphan except to enhance it	Do not covet his slaves, or his animals, or anything of thy neighbour	7. Respect the things of others.	5, 7, 15-17, 25-27, 31, 32, 35, 36.
Seventh Commandment	Give full measure and weigh with justice	Doesn't exist, instead there is Remember the sabbath day	8. Treat others as you'd want to be treated yourself.	5, 16-17, 21-25, 27, 28, 31-38.
Eighth Commandment	Whenever you testify, maintain justice even regarding a close relative	Do not bear false witness against thy neighbour	Repeated, see 8 above.	Repeated, see the seventh.
Ninth Commandment	Fulfil your covenant with God	Do not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain	9. Cultivate real friendship.	14, 21, 27, 28, 39, 40.
Tenth Commandment	Follow God's path and not any other	Do not make unto thee any graven image or idols neither kneel before them nor worship them	10. Learn to live by your senses, feelings and anticipations.	1, 2, 6, 10-13, 16, 19, 22-25, 39.