

# That Men a godly Life Might Live

(also known as These Are the Holy Ten Commands)

WORD OF GOD

Words: Martin Luther, 1524. Translated by Richard Massie, 1854, alt.  
Music: 'Dies sind die heil'gen zehu Gebot' or 'In Gottes Namen fahren wir' circa  
1200s found in Erfurt Enchiridion, 1524. Setting: Michael Praetorius, 1609.  
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1. That man a god - ly life might live, God did these ten com -  
2. I am thy God and Lord a - - lone, No o - ther God be -  
3. By id - le word and speech pro - fane Take not My ho - ly  
4. Hal - low the day which God hath blest, That thou and all thy  
5. Give to thy par - ents hon - - or due, Be dut - i - ful and

-mand - ments give By His true ser - vant Mo - ses, high  
-sides Me own; On My great mer - cy ven - ture thee,  
Name in vain; And praise not aught as good and true  
house may rest; Keep hand and heart from la - - bor free,  
lov - ing too; And help them when their strength de - - cays

Up - - on the mount Si - na - i. Have mer - cy, Lord.  
With all thy heart love thou Me.  
But what God doth say and do.  
That God may so work in thee.  
So shalt thou have length of days.

6. Kill thou not out of evil will,  
Nor hate, nor render ill for ill;  
Be patient and of gentle mood,  
And to thy foe do thou good.

7. Be faithful to thy marriage vows,  
Thy heart give only to thy spouse  
Keep thy life pure, and lest thou sin  
Keep thyself with discipline.

8. Steal not; oppressive acts abhor;  
Nor wring their life-blood from the poor;  
But open wide thy loving hand  
To all the poor in the land.

9. Bear not false witness, nor belie  
Thy neighbor by foul calumny;  
Defend his innocence from blame,  
With charity hide his shame.

10. Thy neighbor's wife desire thou not,  
His house, nor aught that he hath got  
But wish that his such good may be  
As thy heart doth wish for thee.

11. God these commandments gave, therein  
To show thee, son of man, thy sin,  
And make thee also well perceive  
How man for God ought to live.

12. Help us, Lord Jesus Christ, for we A Mediator have in Thee;  
Without Thy help our works so vain Merit naught but endless pain.