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Bible Convictions for Every Man
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INTRO: There are a large number of men who want to be good men, good husbands, and good fathers, but many of them simply do not know how. They do not know how because our society does not promote godliness. It does not promote the family as defined by God: a man, a woman, and if God permits, children. We cannot turn to the world for instructions on how to be godly men. We must turn to God and His Word.

All across America, the ACLU and other liberal organizations are doing all they can to destroy America's godly foundation. The Bible says: "If the foundation be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" (Psalm 11:3).

Liberals single out one portion of scripture more than any other to attack the Ten Commandments.

Friends, it is from the Ten Commandments that men learn how to be godly men, husbands, and father. We are not saved by keeping the Ten Commandments, but the Ten Commandments can save us many heartaches if we will only heed them.

The Ten Commandments provide ten Bible Convictions for every man. Note these ten convictions:

I. VS 3, GOD IS SOVEREIGN & THE BIBLE IS HIS INSPIRED, INERRANT WORD

- A. The Bible is God's Word. You need to believe this men.
 - 1. God's Word is inspired (II Tim 3:16, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable...")
 - 2. The Word of God is preserved (Psalm 12:6-7). (*"6-The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. 7-Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever."*)
- B. God is sovereign and His Word is our final authority for life.
 - 1. It is wise to be one with God. He is sovereign; how dare you be His enemy.
 - 2. Isaiah 46:9-10. (*"9-Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, 10-Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:"*)

II. VSS 4-5, PURPOSE TO SEEK GOD WITH YOUR WHOLE HEART

A. David says that we are blessed when we seek God with our whole heart.

1. Psalm 119:2. (*"Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart."*)
2. Matt 6:33. (*"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."*)
3. We need to pant after God (Psalm 42:1-2). (*"1-As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. 2- My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?"*)

B. We are not to let anything take the place of God in our lives.

III. VS 7, WE ARE NOT TO DAMAGE GOD'S NAME

A. We are not to use His name in an empty vain manner.

B. Our lives are not to damage His name. Immorality damages the name of God. Purpose to be pure.

1. Purpose that you will not do anything to defile your body and damage the name of God (Daniel 1:8). (*"8-But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself."*)
2. David's immorality damaged God's name (II Samuel 12:14). (*"14 Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die."*)
3. I Corinthians 3:16-17. (*"16-Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? 17-If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are."*)
4. I Peter 2:11. (*"11-Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;"*)

IV. VS 8, THE CHURCH WHERE I WORSHIP MUST UPHOLD THE TRUTH

A. We are to give God the glory due to Him (Psalm 29:2). (*"2 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness."*)

1. We can only give God the glory due to His name through the local church (Eph 3:21). (*"21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."*)
2. We must worship God in spirit and in truth (John 4:23-24). To do this, you must be under sound preaching. (*"23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."*)

B. We are to separate ourselves from the false and embrace the truth (II Cor 6:14-17). (*"14 Be*

ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? 15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? 16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,")

V. VS 12, TEACHING AND LIVING GODLY PRINCIPLES WILL BUILD RESPECT, CHARACTER, AND CONVICTIONS

- A. We are to honor our parents. Many parents today give very little cause for their children to honor them.
- B. Men, our children and grandchildren need to be taught Bible principles.
 - 1. Deut. 6:6-7. (*"6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: 7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."*)
 - 2. Deut 4:9. (*"9 Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons;"*)
 - 3. Psalm 127:3. (*"3 Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward."*)

VI. VS 13, WHAT I DO MUST HELP NOT HINDER OTHERS

- A. We, of course, are against murder and against abortion: "Thou shalt not kill."
- B. There is a spiritual sense in which we can, by our actions, by our activities, weaken the convictions of another child of God.
 - 1. Prov 28:10. (*"10 Whoso causeth the righteous to go astray in an evil way, he shall fall himself into his own pit: but the upright shall have good things in possession."*)
 - 2. Rom 14:13. (*"13 Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way."*)

VII. VS 14, THE MARRIAGE VOW IS A LIFELONG COMMITMENT TO GOD AND MY SPOUSE

- A. Faithfulness is a must.
- B. In Genesis 2:24, God purposed the home. (*"24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh."*)
- C. Solomon gives a solemn warning against adultery (Prov 6:32). (*"32 But whoso*

committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul.")

- D. Matthew 19:6. (*"6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."*)

VIII.VS 15, I AM NOT TO STEAL FROM GOD OR MAN

- A. We are to realize that God gives us the power to get wealth (Deut 8:18). (*"18 But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day."*)
- B. The child of God is to tithe. To not do so is robbery, and you will be cursed for failing to tithe.
1. Malachi 3:8-11. (*"8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. 9 Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. 10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. 11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts."*)
 2. Many people never prosper because they do not manage their finances according to God's plan (Luke 16:11). (*"11 If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?"*)

IX. VS 16, OUR WORDS ARE TO BE IN HARMONY WITH SCRIPTURE

- A. We need to be very careful what we say (Prov 18:21). (*"21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof."*)
1. Our words are to be acceptable in God's sight (Prov 19:14). (*"14 House and riches are the inheritance of fathers: and a prudent wife is from the LORD."*)
 2. Watch your tongue.
- B. We are to go to our brother in Christ and not everyone else when we have a problem with him.
1. Prov 25:9. (*"9 Debate thy cause with thy neighbour himself; and discover not a secret to another:"*)
 2. Matt 18:15. (*"15 ¶ Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother."*)

X. VS 17, I AM TO SET MY AFFECTIONS ON THINGS ABOVE

- A. We are to set our affection on things above not on the earth (Col 3:2). (*"2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth."*)
- B. Lay up treasures in heaven (Matt 6:20-21). (*"20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: 21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."*)

CONCLUSION: Men, may it be said of us as it was of Abraham in Genesis 18:19: For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him."