

## LIVING BEYOND BLESSED PART IV

### MARCH 26-27, 2022

#### INTRODUCTION

- Learning how to move from selfishness to generosity.
- We have covered who's first, being generous, being a good steward, the parable of the talents and who owns it.
- This week the Ten Commandments of finances.

#### 1. PUT GOD FIRST

- Exodus 20:3, "You shall have no other God before Me."
- Matthew 6:24 NASB, "No one can serve two masters... You cannot serve God and wealth."

#### 2. DON'T WORSHIP MATERIAL THINGS

- Exodus 20:4, "You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything...<sup>5</sup> You shall not bow down to them or worship them..."
- Don't worship material things.

#### 3. DO NOT USE GOD'S NAME IN VAIN

- Most of us think that means profanity.
- Word actually means in a worthless way.
- How many times have you prayed for things you knew God didn't want you to have?
- Exodus 20:7, "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God..."
- Don't use God's name selfishly.

#### 4. BE A GOOD STEWARD

- Exodus 20:8-11, "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy..."
- Be a good steward of your life and time.
- Be a good steward of your time and energy.
- All good stewards do these three things:
  - Live wisely, save diligently, give generously.

#### 5. TEACH YOUR CHILDREN

- Exodus 20:12, "Honor your father and your mother..."

- If you honor parents you will learn from them.
- They are learning about God from you. Generosity and loving others.
- Luke 16:13, "...You cannot serve God and wealth."

#### 6. LIVE ON A BUDGET

- Exodus 20:13, "You shall not murder."
- If you live on a budget you sometimes want to kill yourself and if you don't live on a budget.
- We plan to fail when we fail to plan.

#### 7. LIVE BELOW YOUR MEANS

- Exodus 20:14, "You shall not commit adultery."
- Two reasons people live above their means:
  - I am not content and I am going to do it my way.
- Philippians 4:11, "...I have *learned* to be content whatever the circumstances."
- Count the cost - Luke 14:28-33

#### 8. DON'T BUY NOW AND PAY LATER

- Exodus 20:15, "You shall not steal."
- Is it stealing to spend what you don't have?
- Delayed gratification – wait for it, work for it
- Depression - a person who has lost hope

#### 9. BE A GOOD WITNESS

- Exodus 20:16, "You shall not give false testimony..."
- Be true to what God called you to...generosity and caring for others.
- The way we handle our finances is a good or bad witness.

#### 10. BE CONTENT

- Exodus 20:17, "You shall not covet...anything that belongs to your neighbor."
- Be content.
- If you are content you don't covet other's stuff - Philippians 4:10-12
- 1 Timothy 6:6-8, "But godliness with contentment is great gain..."