

Do not! Do not! Do not! — and not “Don’t!”...

God’s commands say: “You shall not kill,” “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not steal,” — not “Don’t steal,” “Don’t kill,” or “Don’t commit adultery.” This shows that God is speaking personally to each individual. He says these things to me personally, and He says them to you personally. He does not address all of us together as a group.

Exodus 20:13-17 says:

“You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor’s house...”

On Judgment Day, we will not be judged as a crowd; each person will stand alone and bear their own burden.

Galatians 6:5 says:

“For each will have to bear his own load.”

And each of us will give an account individually, not together with someone else.

Romans 14:12 says:

“So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.”

If that’s the case, why let your boss wrong you? Why let a friend wrong you? Why let people hurt you? Because when that day comes, you will stand alone.

Remember, if you commit adultery, you will not stand alongside the person you sinned with — you will stand alone, because that command applies to you personally. God was speaking to you individually, not to you and your partner together.

If you steal, you will not stand with the one who tempted you or with your accomplice. You will stand alone, and they will stand alone, because the command “You shall not steal” was given to each person individually.

It's the same if you murder, or honor your parents, or obey any of God's commands.

God's judgment is serious.

May the Lord help us.

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