



Close Encounters with the Commandments

Study Guide

The angel tells us that the commandments are opportunities to love and to build the Kingdom of God. The first three commandments are about opportunities to show our love for God.

1. Anthony made “having fun” more important than God in his life. What are some other things we often make more important than God in our lives?
2. What opportunities do we have every day to talk about God’s goodness to other people? What sometimes keeps us from doing this?
3. What opportunities do we have for keeping holy the Lord’s Day? What are some ways we can make sure that Sunday is a day reserved to worship God and rest from doing unnecessary things?

The next seven commandments show us opportunities to love and respect those around us.

4. What opportunities do we have to honor those who take care of us? What did the Angel mean when she said, “It’s what you do in your heart that makes all the difference”?
5. What opportunities do we have for taking care of our bodies? The angel said, “Hurtful words can take longer to heal than a black eye.” How has this been true in your own life?
6. What opportunities do we have in choosing the music we listen to and the entertainment we watch? How does the Internet affect our choices to live out this commandment?
7. Anthony found out that stealing was more than robbing someone. What are some other ways we can “steal” from others? What opportunities do we have to share what we have with others?
8. In our everyday life what opportunities do we have to reveal the true goodness about people by what we say? How do we know which secrets we should keep to ourselves?
9. How can we “covet” our friends? What opportunities do we have to show God our thankfulness for all the people He has put into our lives?
10. How can we learn to be satisfied with what we have and not “covet” more? . What opportunities do we have to show God our thankfulness for all the blessings He has given us?

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

1. Is God the most important part of my life?
2. Do I spend time regularly praying to God?
3. Do I go to Church each week and participate well?
4. Do I honor and obey those in authority over me?
5. Do I say kind things to people and help others whenever I can?
6. Do I choose positive and healthy music and entertainment?
7. Do I respect other people’s belongings and share my things with others?
8. Do my words reveal the goodness of others? Do I keep to myself secrets that are not harmful to myself or others?
9. Do I try to include others in my friendships?
10. Am I satisfied with what God has given me?