

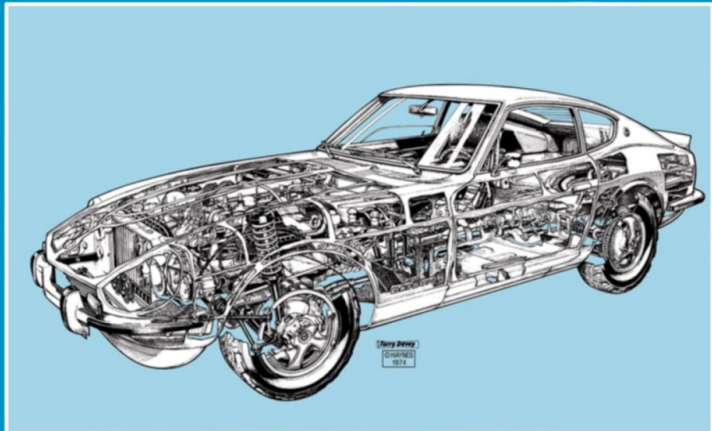
THE WAY IT WORKS

10C, 26V & 20EX



Ultimate Life Guide/Manual

20:02 thru 20:17 Commandments
1 - 10, no other, no idols, not in vain, 6-day & 1, honor, not kill,
loyal, not steal, not lie, not covet



The Way it Works — Do Not Murder Sermon Discussion Questions – October 8, 2023

Scripture Passages:

Exodus 20:13 (NLT) ¹³ “You must not murder.

Matthew 5:21–22 (NLT) ²¹ . . . ‘You must not murder. If you commit murder, you are subject to judgment.’ ²² But I say, if you are even angry with someone, you are subject to judgment! If you call someone an idiot, you are in danger of being brought before the court. And if you curse someone, you are in danger of the fires of hell.

Exodus 20:2-3 (NLT) “I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods before me.”

Genesis 1:26–27 (NLT) ²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make human beings **in our image**, to be like us. . . ²⁷ So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God, He created them; male and female He created them.

Romans 8:6–7 (NLT) ⁶ So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace. ⁷ For **the sinful nature is always hostile to God**. It never did obey God’s laws, and it never will.

Matthew 5:21–26 (NIV84) ²¹ “You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ ²² But I tell you that anyone who is **angry** with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.

1 John 4:20 (NRSV) ²⁰ Those who say, “I love God,” and hate their brothers or sisters, are **liars**;

Psalm 139:14 (NIV84) ¹⁴I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

Warm Up:

As the cooler weather is starting and fall is kicking off, what is your favorite thing about fall?

Discussion:

1. Why do you think “you shall not murder” was included in the 10 Commandments?
2. Read Matthew 5:21-22. Looking at the commandment in this passage, how does it change for you? Do you find yourself struggling with this commandment when looking at Jesus’s words?
3. Pastor Tom made this statement:
The law of God shows me I’m a sinner, and sends me to Jesus for salvation. Jesus returns me to the law, to show me the way life works.
How does seeing the law in this context help you understand the purpose of the 10 Commandments? How does salvation tie into the commandments?
4. Read Genesis 1:26-27. When hearing that everyone, all of humanity, has been made in the image of God, how does that impact/affect the way you view others?
5. Pastor Tom gave us these questions to answer to form our worldview:
*Who am I?
Where did I come from?
Why am I here?
Where am I going?
And does it matter?”*
How would you answer these questions? Do any of your answers surprise you when looking at the answers as your worldview?
6. Pastor Tom made this statement:
You cannot be a lover of God and a hater of people. You cannot be a fully devoted follower of Christ, and have anger ruling your heart and actions.
Which one do you see yourself fitting under more: a lover of God or a hater of people? What would it mean for you to be more of a lover of God than a hater of people?
7. Read Psalm 139:14. Do you believe the words in this passage for yourself? How does it affect you knowing that you are fearfully and wonderfully made? How does it affect you knowing others are fearfully and wonderfully made?

Next Steps:

Pastor Tom ended his message by describing sanctification and describing sanctification as a dance between you and God.

Salvation: God asks "Do you want to dance?"

Progressive Sanctification: You wrestle with the question "Who is going to lead the dance?"

Entire Sanctification: You determine God has authority, and you say "You lead the Dance."

Glorification: In heaven, when we're fully redeemed, you learn "Even I can Dance."

Where are you in "the dance?" What is stopping you from taking the next step? How do you think the way you view others would change by taking the next step?