

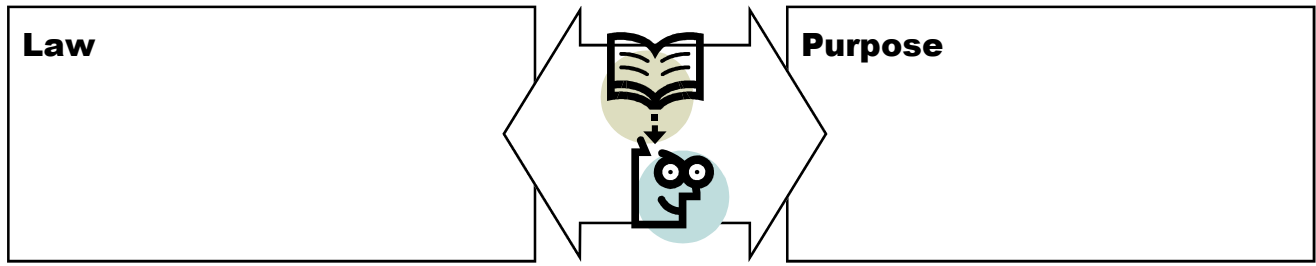
# 1 Following God's Law

## The Ten Commandments

### A Laws, Laws and more Laws

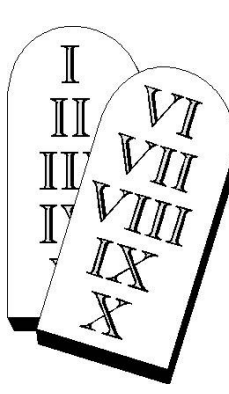
Every government in every country of the world makes laws all the time ... but why?

Think of one law you know of ... What is its purpose? What good comes out of it?



### B God's Laws

It was as the Jews were on their way crossing the desert from Egypt—the land of slavery—to their Promised Land, that Moses was called to go to Mount Sinai to receive God's Laws — **the Ten Commandments** as many call them.

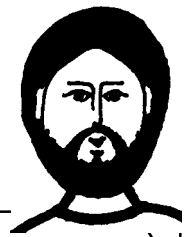


- I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD ...**
1. You shall not have other gods before Me.
  2. You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain.
  3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's day.
  4. Honour your father and your mother.
  5. You shall not kill.
  6. You shall not commit adultery.
  7. You shall not steal.
  8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
  9. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife.
  10. You shall not covet your neighbour's goods.

### C In Jesus' words

Jesus too had something to say about the commandments. He put the whole thing together when he said:

“A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” (John 13:34).



How could the 10 commandments become one?  
What did Jesus mean?

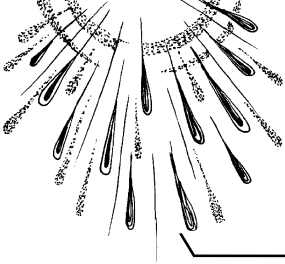
## D What does He mean ?

Look at the Ten Commandments again. What exactly do they mean?

Most begin with the words "You shall not .." or "Do not..." But what's the positive side?

In the spaces below write short phrases about what God expects from those committed to his covenant.

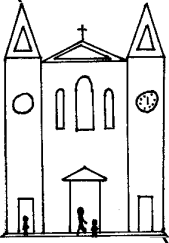
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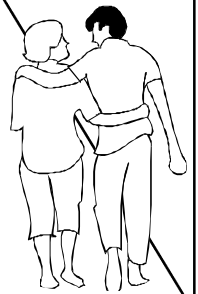
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