

### ***The Commandments are Ten Statements for Best Practices in Christian Living***

At a recent good morning this week at Summerdaze camp, it was pointed out that the nature of a boat is to float so that it can “make good” on its journey or voyage. But if you allow water into the boat, its very nature is compromised, and if enough water enters the hull, the boat will sink.

Our lives are like a boat insofar as our nature is to image the likeness of God. But if we allow our lives to be watered down by behaviors that go against our nature, we slip away from our nature and become fault-driven.

The good news is that The Commandments are ten practical statements that can be applied to a variety of circumstances in our lives that can lead to an integrated life. Ultimately they are “help sakes” to lead us to live full, constructive, and productive lives that mirror the goodness of God.

Some believers use the commandments as a way to examine their conscience. When we use The Commandments in this way, we know where we “stand” with God or how are “standing off” from God.

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