

THE TEN(DER) COMMANDMENTS

Part 6: “Pleading the Fifth”

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**“Everything that lives and moves about will be
food for you...”**

Matthew 5:20

For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.

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Murder is the unlawful killing of a human being, or a fetus, with malice aforethought.

CA Penal Code 187

any person who deliberately aids,
advises, or encourages another to
commit suicide is guilty of a felony...

CA Penal Code 401

“... I put to death and I bring to life ...”

Deuteronomy 32:39

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In your anger do not sin. Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.

Ephesians 4:26-27

Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.

Ephesians 4:31

But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.

Colossians 3:8

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Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

1 Corinthians 13:4-5

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No matter what - Forgive.

Forgiveness isn't always easy, but it's
always necessary for healing.

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Reconciliation...

²³ “Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift.”

Matthew 5:23-24

¹⁵ “If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over.

Matthew 18:15

“Settle matters quickly with your adversary ...

Matthew 5:25

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