

GUIDELINES TO GREATNESS

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INTRODUCTION

The English historian Macauley cautioned the American people years ago that our Constitution ran the risk of being "all sail and no anchor." Our moral foundation has changed from the solid rock of Biblical values to the shifting sands of moral relativism where every person does what is right in their own eyes.

God engraved the Ten Commandments in stone, not sand, for a reason. Stone is permanent while sand washes away with each changing of tides. God gave Ten commandments—not suggestions or considerations or viewpoints—for the most excellent way to live. The commandments are an expression of God's love that give us an ethical compass for happy and healthy living.

It's easy to dismiss the Ten Commandments as no longer applicable, since Jesus said He came to fulfill the Law. That's not what He meant. "Christ is the culmination of the Law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes" (Romans 10:4). The word *culmination* is also translated "end, goal, or fulfillment." The Law is needed to reveal our sin and lead us to Christ the Savior, but it can't save; only Jesus saves!

The Ten Commandments embody divine truth that cuts across generational lines. Truth transcends time.

"For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope" (Romans 15:4).

Let's journey back in time and discover the power of the Ten Commandments that God has forever written on our hearts.