

Ten Essentials for Successful Living (# 6)
“Dealing with Your Dark Side”
Exodus 20:13

1. What does this commandment NOT mean?

- It does not forbid the taking of animal life. Proverbs 12:10, Genesis 9:3
- It does not forbid war. Romans 13:4
- It does not forbid the death penalty. Genesis 9:6, Romans 13

2. What DOES this commandment forbid?

- Homicide
- Suicide
- Abortion
- Secondary types of killing
 - Hiring a hit man
 - Drunken driving
 - Trafficking in drugs

3. Murder is not an unpardonable sin.

Forgiven murderers & accessories to murder: Moses, David & Paul

4. This commandment has even deeper applications.

- Matthew 5:21-22, Matthew 15:18-19—Jesus traces the monster of murder back to its cage, back to its point of origin.
- Murder begins in the heart. Genesis 4:6-7
- We can “murder” people with our tongues. Matthew 12:34-37
- We can “murder” people by withholding love & attention. Matthew 25:42-43, James 4:17

5. We all are guilty of at least one murder—Jesus Christ.