



“I shall always be ready to remind you of these things...”
2 Peter 1:21



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When We Meet

Sunday
 Bible Classes – 9:00 am
 Worship – 10:00 am, 5:00 pm

Wednesday
 Bible Classes – 7:00 pm

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The Importance of Foundations
 (Introduction to The Ten Commandments)
 By Alex Hale



The Wexner Art Center on the campus of The Ohio State University was designed to reflect the post-modernist view of reality. If you are not aware, post-modernism is a popular way of thinking that basically says there is no such thing as absolute truth – one person has one truth, while another person has a different truth. In essence, anything goes. The Wexner building

does a good job of illustrating this philosophy because there is no set pattern. There is a castle-like tower in front which is cut in half. There is an arch that stops in midair. If you were to tour this facility, you would see that it has staircases that go nowhere and pillars that support nothing. One could easily say that the design is mindless and senseless. Author Ravi Zacharias visited the Wexner Center and, referring to all the odd senseless aspects of its design, he asked his guide, “Did they do the same thing with the foundation?” The guide laughed and said, “No, of course not!” The guide laughed because everyone understands that you cannot do senseless “everything goes” kind of things with a foundation. There are certain rules you have to follow when building a foundation. If you mess with the foundation, the building will collapse.

Much the same way, our lives have certain foundational principles which, if tampered with, bring about our spiritual ruin. We need absolute truth upon which to build a life. With that in mind, over the next several weeks, we are going to be studying the Ten Commandments. These were the laws upon which God’s people were to build their lives. Just as you need concrete and rebar to form the foundation of a building, we need concrete rules upon which to base our lives, and the only place to find rules solid enough for that kind of spiritual “building” is to the Creator. This is why God repeats the Ten Commandments in Deuteronomy and tells His people, “*Never forget these commands that I am giving you. Teach them to your children*” (Deuteronomy 6).

Unfortunately, our culture no longer looks to God’s law for this kind of foundation. In his book *Right from Wrong*, Josh McDowell writes, “Our children seldom hear the words ‘right’ and ‘wrong’ from Hollywood, Nashville, and Madison Avenue; instead they are bombarded with thousands of hours of sounds and images that glamorize immorality and mock biblical values.” This is what the apostle Paul warned Timothy about in scripture (2 Timothy 3:1-8). It does not take much effort to figure out that Paul’s prophecy has come true. Studies continue to show that people no longer build their lives on God’s laws. One survey showed that 74% of Americans admit that they will steal from those who won’t miss it, 64% will lie for convenience as long as no one is hurt, and 93% said that they alone decide moral issues, basing their decisions on their own experiences or feelings.

Ours is a culture which has largely forgotten (or chosen to ignore) God’s foundational rules of right and wrong. We no longer follow the directions of Proverbs 3:7, which says, “*Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil.*” It is no wonder that so many marriages, communities, and even churches are falling apart.

[Our next article will focus on some basic information about the Ten Commandments.]