

# The FIRST Law

*Do not worship any other gods besides me.* Exodus 20:3 NLT

## 1. The FIRST Principle

God says, “Worship me and nothing else.”

A “god” is - “Any being or thing that I love more than the one true God.”

### Who are these other “gods”?

Materialism - the god of possessions

Culturalism - the god of popularity

Hedonism - the god of pleasure

Relationalism - the god of relationships

Relativism - the god of my own making

Moralism - the god of being good

## 2. The Purpose

That I experience real life found in knowing and loving God.

*Then Jesus said to them, “Be careful and guard against all kinds of greed. Life is not measured by how much one owns.”*  
Luke 12:15 NCV

*This is what the LORD, Israel's King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty, says: “I am the First and the Last; there is no other God.”*  
Isaiah 44:6 NLT

*The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.* John 10:10 KJV

### **3. The Practice**

**I affirm my love for God through my actions.**

*"Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?" Jesus replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind."*

Matthew 22:36-37 NLT

*They say they know God, but their actions show they do not accept him...*

Titus 1:16 NCV

## **5 FIRST Actions**

**F - Finances**

**I - Interests**

**R - Relationships**

**S - Struggles**

**T - Time**

*But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.* Romans 5:8 NLT

*So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because of our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us in making us friends of God.* Romans 5:11 NLT