

The Eighth Commandment

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

God's Gift of A GOOD NAME

DO!

- Defend others
- Speak well of others
- Speak up for those who can't speak for themselves
- Take words and actions in the kindest possible way

DON'T DO!

- Lie
- Betray
- Give anyone a bad name
- Gossip
- Speak hurtful words

Others respect and trust us

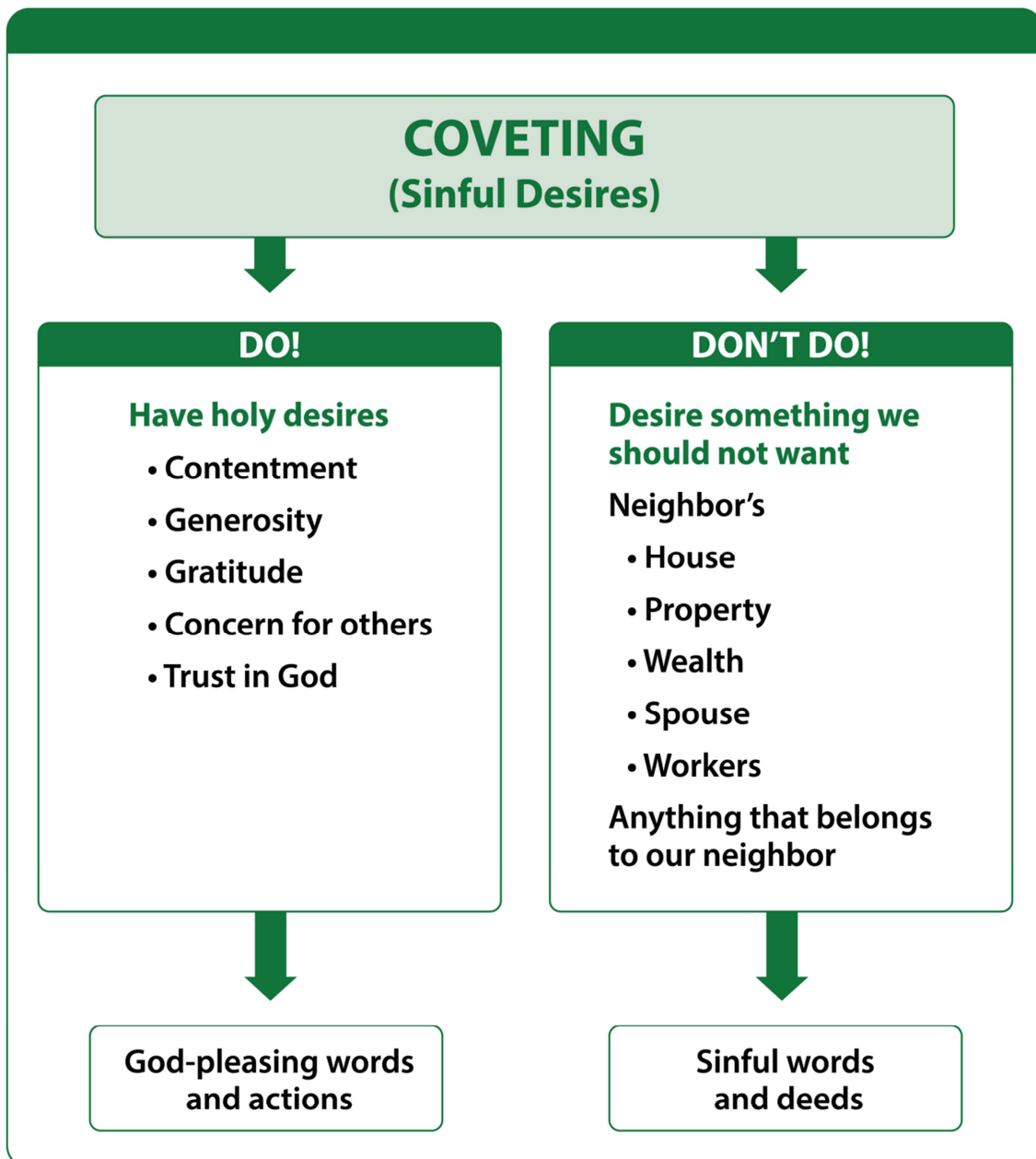
The Ninth and Tenth Commandments

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

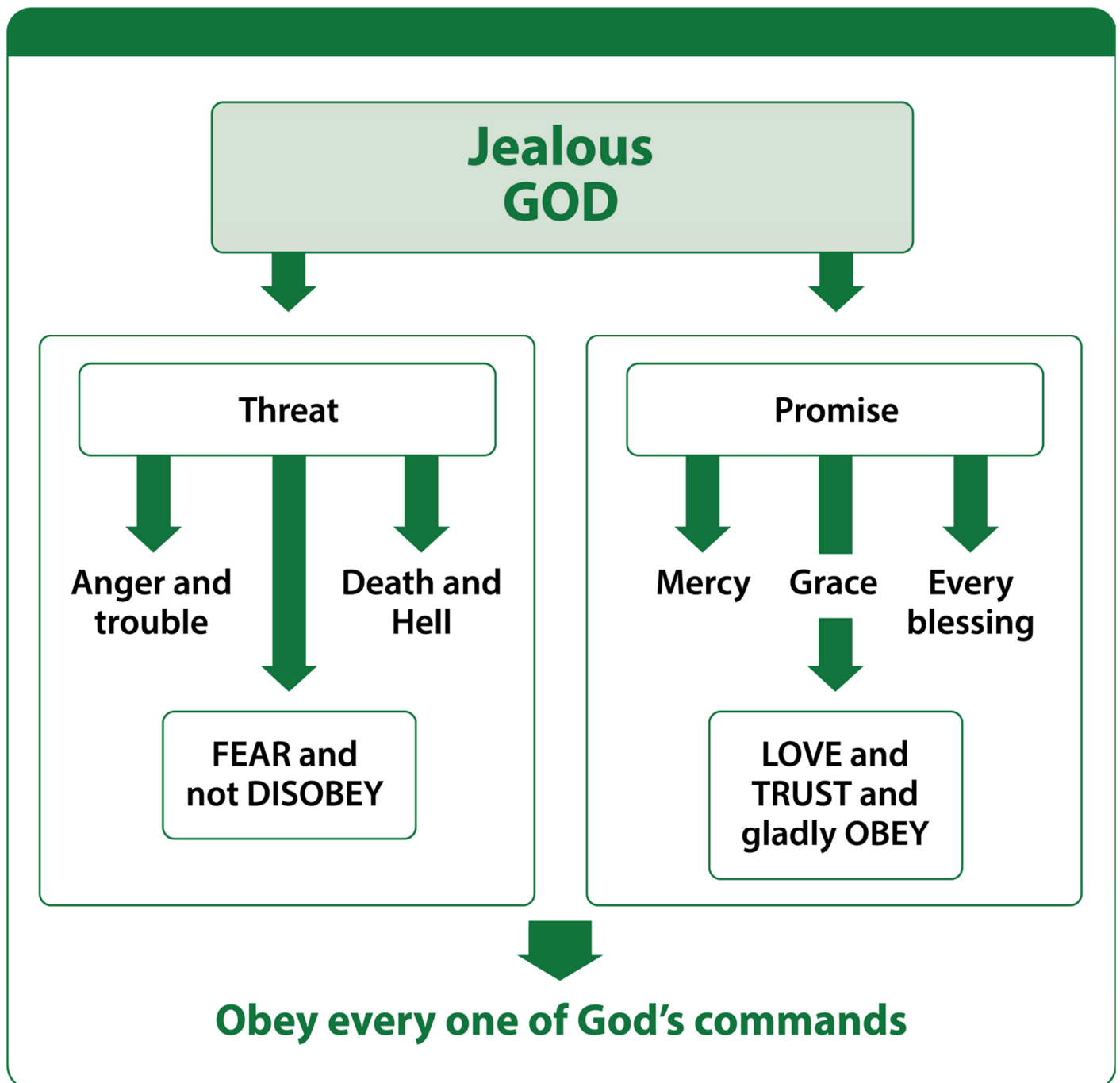


The Close of the Commandments

What does God say about all these commandments?

He says, "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments." (Ex. 20:5-6)

What does this mean? God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.



The Law and The Gospel

It is very important to understand the difference between the Law and the Gospel and the purpose of the Law and the Gospel.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN	
LAW	GOSPEL
Written in heart and Bible	Written in Bible only
Do! and Don't Do!	Done by Christ!
Shows our sin	Shows our Savior
Deserve eternal death	Gift of eternal life
Tells us we <i>have</i> to do God's will	Makes us <i>want</i> to do God's will
Lead us to repentance and to believe in Jesus, who is our only hope of salvation	

Luther says: (*What Luther Says*, Ewald M. Plass, p. 561, par. 1703)

Throughout the gospel, Christ does more than draw us out of ourselves and into Himself, He spreads His wings and invites us to take shelter under Him.