**The Ten Commandments**

**God's Will Concerning Disabilities**

PASTOR: Let us hear God's ten commandments and respond as they touch our own disability in living for Him. You shall have no other gods before Me.

**PEOPLE: O Lord, keep us from serving the false gods of worldly achievement that tempt us to shove aside people we think can't succeed.**

PASTOR: You shall not make for yourself an idol.

**PEOPLE: O Lord, keep us from idolizing the healthy and attractive. Help us choose You, the sole source of beauty, strength and vitality forever.**

PASTOR: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

**PEOPLE: O Lord, keep us from cursing our need and the care we must accept. Keep us, too, from cursing the care we must provide for others.**

PASTOR: Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy.

**PEOPLE: O Lord, help us worship you in a way that all can joyfully join, regardless of their weaknesses or disabilities.**

PASTOR: Honor your father and mother.

**PEOPLE: O Lord, enable us to assist our parents in all the perils of aging, and to teach our children that honor includes love and care.**

PASTOR: You shall not murder.

**PEOPLE: O Lord, keep reminding us that each of us bears your image, and that all human life, both now and forever, is yours.**

PASTOR: You shall not commit adultery.

**PEOPLE: O Lord, keep us from abusing the bodies of others and disabling our own moral and spiritual muscle.**

PASTOR: You shall not steal.

**PEOPLE: O Lord, do not let us be stingy, but make us your wise stewards. Help us to stop any from being disabled through poverty or neglect.**

PASTOR: You shall not bear false witness.

**PEOPLE: O Lord, keep us from overrating our human disabilities and illnesses, and keep our eyes on Jesus; the way, the truth, the life.**

PASTOR: You shall not covet.

**PEOPLE: O Lord, keep us from wanting the gifts you have given to others, and make us diligent with the abilities you have given to us. Help us to do all for Your glory and the good of our neighbors on earth.**

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