

SPIRITUAL TASK —THE THIRD COMMANDMENT (Exodus 20)

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Story The Third Commandment teaches that we are to remember the Sabbath day and to keep it holy. Six days we are allowed to work but the seventh day is reserved for the Lord and we are to do no work.

Meaning There is a story in the Old Testament (Numbers 15:32-36) about a person being stoned to death for working on the Sabbath. This story depicts a person who labors from him or herself—that is, who is led by self and selfish loves and not by the Lord. This represents that part within each one of us that cannot rest in the Lord—can't trust entirely. Our greatest challenge is to let go and trust that if we keep the Lord's laws (remember the Sabbath) we will have everything we ever need & more.

Task This week give up control of some area of your life that you have jurisdiction and control over. See what it is like to give it into someone else's keeping. See if you can't begin to feel the liberation and peace that comes from giving our lives over to the Lord. Now, what control are you willing to give over to the Lord?