

Commandments vs. Consequences

Faithfulness in marriage
is not a commandment
from your spouse,
but a consequence
of your bond.

Honesty in business
is not a commandment
from your employer,
but a consequence
of your integrity.

Chastity before marriage
is not a commandment
from a celibate preacher,
but a consequence
of your purity.

Avoiding violence
is not a commandment
from legislation,
but a consequence
of love.

Commandments rely on
consternation and punishment;
consequences flow from
commitment and concern.

Commandments are rules
from the outside;
consequences come
from within.

Commandments issue from
a lawgiver;
consequences follow from
a relationship.

Commandments are imposed
because of weakness;
consequences emanate
from our strength.

Following commandments,
we don't want to
get caught.

Living out consequences,
we escape being
empty.

A way of life based
solely on commandments
is restrictive and debilitating.

A lifestyle guided
by consequences from commitments
is liberating and fulfilling.

So, the multiple commandments
are distilled into one:
carry out the consequences
of your commitment
to God.

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