I CAN DO WHAT I WANT! Deuteronomy 5:1-22

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I. The perils of Christian atheism.

"I can say I believe in God, and yet live for all practical purposes as if God does not exist."

II. The problem with Christian authority.

| 5:7 | First commandment | "You shall have no other gods before me" |
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| :8 | Second commandment | "You shall not make for yourself a carved image." |
| :11 | Third commandment | "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain." |
| :12 | Fourth commandment | "Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD |
| | | your God commanded you." |
| :16 | Fifth commandment | "Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your |
| | | God commanded you" |
| :17 | Sixth commandment | "You shall not murder." |
| :18 | Seventh commandment | "And you shall not commit adultery." |
| :19 | Eighth commandment | "And you shall not steal." |
| :20 | Ninth commandment | "And you shall not bear false witness against your |
| | | neighbor." |
| :21 | Tenth commandment | "And you shall not covet" |
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III. Two great reasons for choosing to obey God.

Obedience to God actually increases the freedom that matters most to human beings.

There is freedom from.

There is freedom for.

Psalm 119:92, 92 "If your law has not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction. I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have given me (freedom) life."

- James 1:25 "But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law that gives freedom, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing."
- ➢ I obey God because God alone is worth obeying.