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## **Thou Shall Not!**

“Thou Shall Not’s” seem restrictive (and they are), but they also can be protective. The “Thou Shall Not’s” in the Bible are given to keep us out of trouble, to keep us from harming ourselves. We should not loathe them but rather embrace them.

Today we embrace many “thou shall not’s” (we call them “do not’s”) that limit our activities while being protective.

### **A FEW ‘THOU SHALL NOT’S’**

Do not fool around with a loaded gun.

Do not ride a bicycle on the freeway.

Do not walk alone through a crime-infested area at night.

Do not give out your PIN number.

Do not open email attachments unless you know it is safe to do so.

Do not pick up hitchhikers along side the road next to a prison.

Do not try beating a train to the crossing.

Do not count on the lottery for your retirement.

Why should we chafe under God’s “Thou Shall Not’s” that are given for our protection? We need to thank God for them!

*For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.*

1 John 5:3

Quotations from NASB

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