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Matthew 19:16-17

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“‘You shall not murder,’ ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ‘You shall not steal,’ ‘You shall not bear false witness,’ Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”

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