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## Parenting & The 10 Commandments RABBI LAMM

6) Lo Tirtzach + Anochi Hashem Elokecha. The Maharal says that we are created btzelem elokim and that is the reason that one and six are connected. We have to be extremely careful not to kill our children. We must make sure to rebuke them correctly. Lift up the person(child) not the sin! A person makes mistakes but that does not mean that "he" is a mistake! A person must learn from their mistakes, and it is impossible to grow unless you learn from your mistakes. Don't kill your children when you rebuke them teach them to grow from their mistakes. The Cholvot HaLevavot says you should do for you neighbor, friend and children because of your responsibility to do for them and not for ulterior motives. Oh if my kid shows off his talents it will make MY family look good! WRONG!! You must do it for the child's benefit and the child's benefit ONLY! Rebuke MUST be for the person's betterment! Rav Avraham Terski says that self esteem is knowing your good and your bad points simultaneously!!!! Don't only show your good because then you will become a ba'al gaava and don't only show your bad because then you will be depressed!

7) Not to commit adultery...Idolatry...The Maharal says that a person ruins his connection with Hashem with Idolatry. The same applies with adultery...the person is ruining a Jewish home, a Jewish family an Ezer Kenegdo! The Kedusha of marriage! A wise woman once said that her children aren't hers, they are Hashem's and she is just watching them and directing them toward perfection. They are not yours to do what YOU desire! The Zohar Hakadosh says that at Akaidat Yitzchak they screamed out from Shamayim AVRAHAM AVRAHAM which meant the picture of Avraham in Shamayim matched the picture of him on earth. He reached his potential! The Holy Arizal says that what takes out of this world at 120 is we see the picture of our potential and what we could have become! So as parents we must show our children their potential. Rav Tzadok Hakadosh says you must look at a child's strengths and hone on them! The wisest man to ever live the great Shlomo Hamelech said brilliantly "Chanoch Lanar Al Pi Darko" Do not DARE live through your children, let them be who THEY are!!!! Do NOT teach your children WHAT to think but teach them HOW to think!

8) Do not steal, but be a contributor! We are here on this world for other people. We must teach our children the importance of doing their part in the big picture! Rabbi Akiva said VeOhavta Lerayacha

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Kamocha! You MUST do for other people! There is no BISHVILI NIVRA HAOLAM! "Ask NOT what others can do for you but what you can do for others!!!!" And we need to improve ourselves because the world NEEDS us!

9) Do not give false testimony! We must instill into our children a drive for truth! Teach our children to ask question and seek out and strive for the TRUTH! There is no such thing as a dumb question! WE MUST ASK!

10) Al tachmod! BE HAPPY with what Hashem gave you! Teach ourselves and our children to appreciative of what we have! A great rabbi once said a brilliant line "If you want to be truly happy expect NOTHING!!!!" When you expect nothing you be able to be happy when you get ANYTHING! Remember HASHEM doesn't owe us ANYTHING so whatever we DO have is extra and should be truly appreciated! The Cholvot Halevavot says before you decide to get jealous go look at people who have less than you! Go to a hospital, a poor neighborhood! And secondly seek out people who are on high religious levels and be jealous of them he finished a mesechet gemara I want to!! SO GO FOR IT FINISH A SEFER A MESECHTA FINISH ALL OF SHAS IF YOU WANT TO!!!! The Dubne Maggid expounds on a mishna in pirkei avot about how everything that happens to us is against our will! So he brings a mashal of a couple who one was deaf and one was blind due to Hashem's great chessed because the deaf one was really ugly and the blind one had a really annoying voice so when the doctor met them he told them that there are procedures they can go through to cure them and he cured them and then they couldn't live with each other the blind one realized how ugly her husband and the man realized how annoying his wife's voice is! So they complained to the doctor when they got the bill you put us in pain and you want to charge us for it! So the doctor said ok fine I will reverse the surgery so the one who used to be blind said but no you cant do that then I will never be able to see the beautiful sky PLEASE DON'T SEND ME BACK TO THAT DARK WORLD!!!! And then the one who used to be deaf said PLEASE NO DON'T SEND ME BACK INTO THAT QUIET PLACE!! I love to hear the beautiful sounds! So the doctor said if you want it you must PAY!!! So the Dubne Maggid says against our will we were put here but when we find out we are going to die we beg the doctor NO PLEASE I NEED to live my daughter is getting married and my son is graduating and I want to see my grandkids!!! Oh so you want to live here then you must pay deen vchesbon!!!! We were forced here against our will but we want to live here so lets enjoy everything we DO have!!!!