

Romans 13:4 -- "For he (the ruler) is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain; for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil."

(b) What the commandment does forbid

[1] The Commandment forbids murder, which is the unlawful killing of a human being out of premeditated personal hatred.

[2] The Commandment forbids all lesser degrees of malice and hatred

Matthew 5:21-22 -- "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: but I say unto you, that whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment; and whosoever shall say to his brother, Race, shall be in danger of the council; but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire."

Matthew 5:43-45 -- "Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven; for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust."

I John 3:15 -- "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer; and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him."

(c) What the Commandment positively implies

[1] Love your neighbor as yourself

Leviticus 19:17-18, 33-34 - "Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart; thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbor, and not suffer sin upon him. Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself; I am the Lord. . . And if a stranger sojourn with thee in your land, ye shall not vex him. But the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God."

[2] Do to others as you would like others to do to you -- that is, do good, not evil

Matthew 7:12 -- "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them; for this is the law and the prophets."

Romans 12:17-21 -- "Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath; for it is