

themostimportantcommand

Which is the Most Important Commandment (Mitzvah)? Mark 12:28-31
(For the "pagan who wants to be taught the Torah while standing one foot")

Rabbi Simlai said, Six hundred thirteen commandments were given to Moses --- 365 negative, equaling the number of days in the year, and 248 positive, equaling the number of a man's members. David came and reduced them to eleven:

Ps 15:1-5 NIV

**LORD, who may dwell in your sanctuary? Who may live on your holy hill?
2 He whose walk is blameless and who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from his heart 3
and has no slander on his tongue, who does his neighbor no wrong and casts no slur on his
fellowman, 4 who despises a vile man but honors those who fear the LORD, who keeps his oath even
when it hurts, 5 who lends his money without usury and does not accept a bribe against the innocent.
He who does these things will never be shaken.**

Then Isaiah reduced them to six:

Isa 33:15-16 NIV

**15 He who walks righteously
and speaks what is right,
who rejects gain from extortion
and keeps his hand from accepting bribes,
who stops his ears against plots of murder
and shuts his eyes against contemplating evil--
16 this is the man who will dwell on the heights,
whose refuge will be the mountain fortress.
His bread will be supplied,
and water will not fail him.**

Micah to three:

Mic 6:8 NIV

**He has showed you, O man, what is good.
And what does the LORD require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.**

Isaiah again to two:

Isa 66:2 NIV

**"This is the one I esteem:
he who is humble and contrite in spirit,
and trembles at my word.**

Then Amos reduced them to one:

Amos 5:4 NIV

**This is what the LORD says to the house of Israel:
"Seek me and live;**

Or one could say:

Hab 2:4 NIV

**"See, he is puffed up;
his desires are not upright--
but the righteous will live by his faith--**

