

# THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

## THE NINTH AND TENTH COMMANDMENTS

### SKIT

**Characters:** Absalom, Servant 1, Servant 2, Servant 3

**Setting:** Absalom is sitting back in his chair or bed looking bored. He has three servants trying to make him happy.

**Servant 1:** Is there anything else we can get you, Sir Absalom?

**Absalom:** (*Glumly*) Oh, I don't know. Make me happy.

**Servant 2:** What do you require?

**Servant 3:** What can we get you, sir?

**Absalom:** I told you—happiness! Make me happy!

**Servant 1:** Well, sir. Just think of who you are. You are the king's son.

**Servant 2:** And the king is once again pleased with you.

**Servant 3:** The favor of the king has returned to you, sir.

**Servant 1:** Does that make you happy?

**Absalom:** Who cares?

**Servant 1:** Well, sir! You have servants.

**Servant 2:** Three of them!

**Servant 3:** You can have whatever you want.

**Absalom:** I want to be happy. I'm bored.

**Servant 1:** (*Under his breath*) Most people would love to be in his position.

**Absalom:** What did you say?

**Servant 2:** He said most people love your position.

**Servant 3:** Indeed! You are the envy of so many.

**Absalom:** (*Looking in a mirror*) And I am good looking, aren't I?

**Servant 1:** Good looking!

**Servant 2:** Beautiful!

**Absalom:** Beautiful?

**Servant 3:** He meant handsome. You're very handsome, sir.

**Servant 1:** Are you getting happier, sir?

**Absalom:** (*Perking up but then glumly again*) Sure! I'm . . . I'm . . . no. I'm not very happy. There's got to be more than just good looks, lots of friends, and so on.

**Servant 2:** Don't forget your chariot and lots of horses.

**Servant 3:** Your chariot is the bomb, sir!

**Absalom:** The what?

**Servant 1:** You have a nice chariot. (*Pause*) Happier?

**Absalom:** (*Tapping fingers and thinking*) There's something else out there. I know it.

**Servant 1:** (*Muttering under his breath to the other two*) I wish we were the king's servants. Absalom's a spoiled brat!

**Absalom:** What did you say? I'm . . . I'm what?

**Servant 2:** He said he wishes you were the king, and that's that!

**Servant 3:** Sir.

**Absalom:** (*Really perking up*) King? KING? Brilliant! You all are brilliant! If I were king, I would be happy! That would make me happy. Thank you. Thank you!

**Servant 1:** But Absalom, sir. You have so much already. I don't think . . .

**Absalom:** Please, you might as well start calling me King Absalom. Brilliant! I love the way that sounds. King Absalom! My life will be complete! (*Absalom walks off proudly.*)

**Servant 2:** I don't think this one is going to end with "happily ever after."

**Servant 3:** He should have stayed with what he had.

**Servant 1:** Poor, spoiled Absalom.

### DISCUSSION

**It has been said that people living in our time and with our circumstances are a spoiled people. Do you agree or disagree? Why?** We have an abundance of material and other luxuries, especially when we compare our lifestyle with that of people living in other times or settings. Yet spoiled people, like spoiled children, do not find happiness in the accumulation of things.

**Why do God's people find contentment and satisfaction in giving rather than in acquiring?** We give to God and to others because God in Christ has given us all things, including forgiveness, new life, and eternal salvation. We love others because God has first loved us.