

# The Ten Commandments for Texas Elected Officials

1. Thou shalt respect the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, which thou hast sworn an oath to uphold.
2. Thou shalt respect Article I, Section 6 of the Texas Constitution, which states that “no preference shall ever be given by law to any religious society or mode of worship,” which thou hast also sworn an oath to uphold.
3. Thou shalt keep thy religion to thyself, for thy job is to pass laws that work to the advantage of all Texas residents, not just Christians.
4. Thou shalt not use the public schools of Texas for the purpose of indoctrinating schoolchildren into thy faith.
5. Thou shalt remember that the purpose of taxpayer-supported public schools is to teach facts supported by evidence, not religious dogma taken from ancient texts.
6. Thou shalt remember always that not all Texas residents are Christians; that some practice other faiths, or none at all.
7. Thou shalt not introduce, sponsor, or vote for bills and resolutions that please only people who share your particular religious beliefs.
8. Thou shalt make sure that the public schools of Texas are places wherein children of all faiths, or none at all, are made to feel welcome.
9. Thou shalt not use public money to erect religious displays on public property.
10. Thou shalt take care to keep all these commandments, so that the State of Texas will not have to waste taxpayer dollars on defending expensive lawsuits which it is likely to lose.