

The Ten Jammandments

I. Thou Shalt Tune Thy Instrument.

~ Electronic tuners make this easy.

II. Thou Shalt Keep Steady Rhythm.

~ Count beats if necessary.

III. Thou Shalt Take Turns Choosing Songs.

~ Announce the key. Vocalists always choose their key. ~

~ Choose a song you can complete. ~

IV. Thou Shalt Not Speed.

~ Start songs at a reasonable tempo. Speed up according to abilities. ~

V. Thou Shalt Signal Who Has The Solo.

~ Follow a pattern when taking solo leads. ~

VI. Thou Shalt Listen To Others.

~ If you can't hear the lead, consider yourself too loud. ~

VII. Thou Shalt Welcome Others.

~ Include everyone in your jam. Help everyone sound as good as they can. ~

VIII. Thou Shalt Not Steal Other Musicians...

~ ...from an active jam. With time, players move around anyway. ~

IX. Thou Shalt Try New Material.

~ Original & different tunes are OK occasionally. ~

X. Thou Shalt Be Considerate Of Pickers.

~ Explain when you're rehearsing, not jamming. Help beginners. ~

~ Robert Rosenberg and Charlie Hall ~