

The Delphic Commandments

1. Follow God – Ἐπὶ θεῷ
2. Obey the law – Νόμῳ πείθου
3. Worship the Gods – Θεοὺς σέβου
4. Respect your parents – Γονεῖς αἰδοῦ
5. Be overcome by justice – Ἡττῶ ὑπὸ δικαίου
6. Know by learning – Γνῶθι μαθῶν
7. Listen and understand – Ἀκούσας νόει
8. Be yourself – Σεαυτὸν ἴσθι
9. Make plans to get married – Γαμεῖν μέλλε
10. Know the right time for an opportunity – Καιρὸν γνῶθι
11. Think as a mortal – Φρόνει θνητὰ
12. If you are a guest/ stranger, act like one – Ξένος ὦν ἴσθι
13. Honour your hearth – Ἐστίαν τίμα
14. Control yourself – Ἄρχε σεαυτοῦ
15. Help your friends – Φίλοις βοήθει
16. Manage your anger – Θυμοῦ κράτει
17. Exercise prudence – Φρόνησιν ἄσκει
18. Honor providence – Πρόνοιαν τίμα
19. Do not use oaths – Ορκῶ μη χρω
20. Embrace friendship – Φιλίαν ἀγάπα
21. Persevere with your education – Παιδείας ἀντέχου
22. Pursue honor – Δόξαν δίωκε
23. Seek wisdom – Σοφίαν ζήλου
24. Praise the good – Καλὸν εὖ λέγε
25. Find fault with no one – Ψέγε μηδένα
26. Praise virtue – Ἐπαίνει ἀρετήν

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27. Do the right thing – Πράττε δίκαια
28. Be kind to your friends – Φίλοις εὐνόει
29. Defend yourself against your enemies – Ἐχθρούς ἀμύνου
30. Exercise nobility of character – Εὐγένειαν ἄσκει
31. Shun evil – Κακίας ἀπέχου
32. Have an interest in public affairs – Κοινός γίνου
33. Protect what is yours – Ἴδια φύλαττε
34. Keep away from what belongs to others – Ἄλλοτρίων ἀπέχου
35. Always listen – Ἄκουε πάντα
36. Have a good reputation – Εὖφημος ἴσθι
37. Do favors for your friends – Φίλῳ χαρίζου
38. Nothing in excess – Μηδέν ἄγαν
39. Do not waste your time – Χρόνου φείδου
40. Anticipate the future – Ὅρα τό μέλλον
41. Despise insolence – Ὑβριν μίσει
42. Respect suppliants – Ἰκέτας αἰδοῦ
43. Be accommodating with everyone – Πᾶσιν ἀρμόζου
44. Educate your sons / children – Υἱούς παίδευε
45. If you have, give – Ἐχῶν χαρίζου
46. Fear deceit – Δόλον φοβοῦ
47. Speak well of everyone – Εὐλόγει πάντας
48. Become a seeker of wisdom – Φιλόσοφος γίνου
49. Choose wisely / Judge according to the Gods' will – Ὅσια κρῖνε
50. Think, then act – Γνούς πράττε
51. Stay away from murder – Φόνου ἀπέχου
52. Pray for things that are possible – Εὐχου δυνατά

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53. Associate with wise men – Σοφοῖς χρῶ
54. Test people's character – ἦθος δοκίμαζε
55. When you receive, give back – Λαβῶν ἀπόδος
56. Do not suspect anyone – Ὑφορῶ μηδένα
57. Use your skills – Τέχνη χρῶ
58. Give what you can – Ὅ μῆλλεις, δός
59. Honor good deeds – Εὐεργεσίας τίμα
60. Be jealous of no one – Φθόνει μηδενί
61. Be on your guard – Φυλακῆ πρόσεχε
62. Praise hope – Ἐλπίδα αἶνει
63. Despise slander – Διαβολήν μίσει
64. Gain (possessions) justly – Δικαίως κτῶ
65. Honor the good men – Ἀγαθούς τίμα
66. Know your judge – Κριτῆν γνῶθι
67. Keep (respect) your marriage – Γάμους κράτει
68. Believe in fortune – Τύχην νόμιζε
69. Avoid pledges – Ἐγγύην φεῦγε
70. Speak to everyone – Πᾶσι διαλέγου (Alternative version: Speak plainly – Απλῶς διαλέγου)
71. Associate with people similar to you – Ὅμοιοις χρῶ
72. Control your expenses – Δαπανῶν ἄρχου
73. Be content with what you have – Κτώμενος ἦδου
74. Revere a sense of shame – Αἰσχύνην σέβου
75. Do a favour – Χάριν ἐκτέλει
76. Wish for happiness – Εὐτυχίαν εὐχου
77. Embrace your fate – Τύχην στέργε

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78. Hear, and observe – Ἀκούων ὄρα
79. Work for what you can acquire – Ἐργάζου κτητά
80. Despise strife – Ἔριν μίσει
81. Detest disgrace – Ὀνειδος ἔχθαιρε
82. Restrain your tongue – Γλῶτταν ἴσχε
83. Defend yourself from insolence – Ὑβριν ἀμύνου
84. Make just judgments – Κρίνε δίκαια
85. Use what you have – Χρῶ χρήμασιν
86. Judge without accepting gifts – Ἀδωροδόκητος δικάζε
87. Only accuse someone when they are present – Αἰτιῶ παρόντα
88. Speak only when you know – Λέγε εἰδῶς
89. Do not act with violence – Βίαις μή ἔχου
90. Live without sorrow – Ἀλύπως βίου
91. Speak gently – Ὅμιλει πράως
92. Complete your affairs without fear / without losing your courage – Περας επιτελεῖ μη αποδειλιῶν
93. Be kind to everyone – Φιλοφρόνει πᾶσιν
94. Do not curse your sons / children – Υἱοῖς μή καταρῶ
95. Rule your wife – Γυναικός ἄρχε (Alternative version: Rule your tongue – Γλώττης ἄρχε)
96. Be kind to yourself – Σεαυτόν εὖ ποίει
97. Be affable – Εὐπροσήγορος γίνου
98. Give a timely response – Ἀποκρίνου ἐν καιρῶ
99. Make your best effort, while keeping your good reputation – Πόνει μετ' εὐκλείας
100. Act in a way that you won't have regrets – Πράπτε ἀμετανοήτως
101. If you make a mistake, repent – Ἄμαρτάνων μετανόει
102. Control your eye – Ὄφθαλμοῦ κράτει

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103. Take your time to think – Βουλευού χρόνω
104. Act quickly – Πράττε συντόμως
105. Guard your friendships – Φιλίαν φύλαττε
106. Be grateful – Εύγνώμων γίνου
107. Pursue harmony – Ὁμόνοιαν δίωκε
108. Do not reveal secrets – Ἄρρητον κρύπττε
109. Fear those in power – Τό κρατοῦν φοβοῦ
110. Pursue what is profitable – Τό συμφέρον θηρῶ
111. Wait for the right moment – Καιρόν προσδέχου
112. Destroy hatred – Ἐχθρας διάλυε
113. Accept old age – Γῆρας προσδέχου
114. Do not boast about your strengths – Ἐπι ρωμη μη καυχω
115. Be respectful – Εὐφημίαν ἄσκει
116. Avoid abhorrence – Ἀπέχθειαν φεῦγε
117. Acquire wealth justly – Πλούτει δικαίως
118. Do not abandon honor – Δόξαν μή λείπτε
119. Despise evil – Κακίαν μίσει
120. Take calculated risks – Κινδύνευε φρονίμως
121. Do not tire of learning – Μανθάνων μή κάμνε
122. Do not leave things undone due to thrift – Φειδομενος μη λειπτε
123. Respect the oracles / Admire oracles – Χρησμούς θαύμαζε
124. Love those that you feed – Οὓς τρέφεις, ἀγάπα
125. Do not oppose a person who is absent – Ἀπόντι μή μάχου
126. Respect your elders – Πρεσβύτερον αἰδοῦ
127. Teach the young – Νεώτερον δίδασκε
128. Do not trust wealth – Πλούτῳ ἀπίστει

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129. Respect yourself – Σεαυτόν αἰδοῦ
130. Do not be insolent – Μη αρχε υβριζειν
131. Honor your ancestors – Προγόνους στεφάνου
132. Die for your homeland – Θνήσκε ὑπέρ πατρίδος
133. Do not let life get you down – Τῷ βίῳ μή ἄχθου
134. Do not ridicule the dead – Ἐπί νεκρῶ μή γέλα
135. Sympathize with the unfortunate – Ἄτυχοῦντι συνάχθου
136. Give gifts with prudence – Χαρίζου ἀβλαβῶς
137. Do not let everything upset you – Μη επι παντι λυπου
138. Beget children from noble ancestry / Beget from noble routes / Create from good quality materials – Ἐξ εὐγενῶν γέννα
139. Make promises to no one – Ἐπαγγέλλου μηδενί
140. Do not wrong the dead – Φθιμένους μή ἀδίκει
141. As a mortal, be well off – Εὖ πάσχε ὡς θνητός
142. Do not trust fortune – Τύχη μή πίστευε
143. As a child, be well-behaved – Παῖς ὦν κόσμιος ἴσθι
144. When you are a teenager, be self-disciplined – Ἡβῶν ἐγκρατής
145. During your middle-age, be just – Μέσος δίκαιος
146. When you reach old age, be sensible – Πρεσβύτης εὐλογος
147. Upon reaching the end, be without sorrow – Τελευτῶν ἄλυπος