

# **OBEDIENCE TO GOD’S COMMANDS — UNCOMPROMISING ALIGNMENT**

## **— Love and Service to Others Intermediate Teaching Outline**

### **I. DOCTRINE STATEMENT — LOVE AS COVENANT ACTION**

- Love is covenant loyalty expressed through sacrificial service. (Lev 19:18; John 15:12–13, summaries)
- Service validates love through obedience. (1 John 3:18; Gal 5:13, summaries)
- True love reflects God’s character in action. (Ps 103:8; Eph 5:1–2, summaries)

Teaching Emphasis: Love is proven by action.

### **II. LOVE AND OBEDIENCE**

- Obedience flows from love for God. (John 14:15; Deut 10:12, summaries)
- Love governs conduct toward others. (Rom 13:8–10; Prov 21:21, summaries)
- Disobedience fractures love. (1 Cor 8:1; Prov 13:10, summaries)

Teaching Emphasis: Love directs obedience.

### **III. LOVE IN SACRIFICIAL SERVICE**

- Love requires self-denial. (Luke 9:23; Phil 2:3–4, summaries)
- Sacrifice validates sincerity. (1 John 3:16–18; Prov 14:31, summaries)
- Service honors God more than words. (Matt 7:21; Col 3:17, summaries)

Teaching Emphasis: Love costs something.

### **IV. LOVE AND COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY**

- Love bears others’ burdens. (Gal 6:2; Eccl 4:9–12, summaries)
- Love protects unity. (Eph 4:2–3; Prov 15:18, summaries)
- Love confronts sin rightly. (Prov 27:5–6; Matt 18:15, summaries)

Teaching Emphasis: Love strengthens community.

### **V. LOVE AND FORGIVENESS IN PRACTICE**

- Forgiveness preserves fellowship. (Matt 18:21–35; Prov 19:11, summaries)

- Love releases offenses. (Col 3:12–13; Eccl 7:9, summaries)
- Unforgiveness hinders service. (Matt 6:14–15; Prov 17:9, summaries)

Teaching Emphasis: Love heals relationships.

## VI. LOVE AND DISCERNMENT

- Love must be guided by truth. (Phil 1:9–10; Prov 3:3, summaries)
- Love does not enable evil. (Prov 11:15; Rom 16:17, summaries)
- Wisdom governs loving boundaries. (Prov 4:23; Eccl 8:5, summaries)

Teaching Emphasis: Love requires discernment.

## VII. SERVANT IDENTITY MARKERS

- Faithful servants serve consistently in love. (1 Cor 15:58; Prov 20:6, summaries)
- Servants seek others' good above recognition. (Matt 6:1–4; Prov 25:27, summaries)
- Servants reflect God's compassion. (Ps 112:4–5; Luke 6:36, summaries)

Teaching Emphasis: Love identifies true servants.

## VIII. SUMMARY CONSOLIDATION

- Love governs obedience.
- Love costs sacrifice.
- Love protects community.
- Love requires discernment.

Memory Anchor: “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.” (John 15:13, summary)

## IX. TRANSITION TO ADVANCED DOCTRINE

- Love must endure hardship.
- Service will be tested.
- Advanced love perseveres under pressure.

## X. COMMAND SUMMARY

- Love and service express covenant faithfulness through sacrificial obedience.