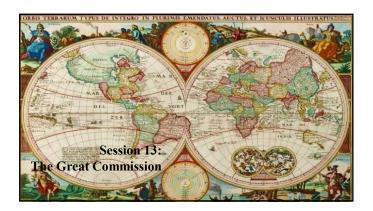
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Life Stages

- Survival
- Success
- Significance
- · Servant hood

The Race

"let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us"

"Press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus" Phil 3:14

I want to know Christ--yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, Phil 3:10

The Goal

Jesus tells us another very profound statement in a special sermon gave called the Beatitudes. He said

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matt 5:14-16

What is a Disciple?

- A disciple is a learner (a true Christ-follower).
- The Lord wants us to help others become learners to help someone to progressively learn the Word of God to become a matured, growing disciple
- "The term 'disciple' is derived from the Koine Greek word mathetes, which means a pupil (of a teacher) or an apprentice (to a master craftsman),





The Great Commission

19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

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What is Discipleship?



- Discipleship is the process of becoming like Jesus Christ. It is about growing and maturing, examining and changing the way people think, feel and act
- The concept of a master craftsman and apprentice model is an example of Discipleship.
- We disciple others by personally helping them make better decisions and investing ourselves in another; it takes sacrifice of time

What is Commandment?



- An important rule given by God that tells people how to behave
- commands come from the Greek word "to accomplish". Jesus is telling us that the true key to joy in our lives is to commit to accomplishing the things he has given us to do.
- There are 83 commandments in the New Testament

Categories of Commandments



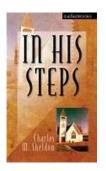
- 1. Be the Light of the World
- 2. Love the Lord
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- 4. Family
- Abide in Me
- Honour your parents
- Render unto Caesar
- 8. Go the extra mile
- 9. Stewardship
- 10. Leadership
- 11. Seek the kingdom of God

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What Jesus Says about commandments



"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. John 15:9-10



What would Jesus do

What would He like you to accomplish

What is the Greatest Commandment



He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself."".

Luke 10:27

Love the Lord our God with four distinct attributes of our being,

- Heart: Our heart is the center of our being it has the capacity for moral preference,
- Soul: Our soul is the seat of our feelings, and desires.
- Mind: Our mind is our intellect, it is our faculty of understanding
- · Strength: Strength is our ability, might, power it includes our talents and abilities.

How do you show someone you love them?



- When we do the things they like,
- When do not do the things that would upset them or make them sad.
- · When we serve them with an honest heart with a lover's heart, not out of duty but out of love.
- · We show someone we love them when we do things that they like, even though they don't see it.
- · We show our family when we clean up the house, wash the toilets, cut the grass, pay the bills, or do other household chores. Action speaks louder than words when it comes to love.
- · We show love when we forgive others and do not hold onto the things they have done to us

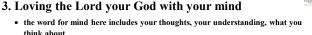
1. Loving the Lord your God with all your heart:

- · Worship:
 - · It is a type of romance. We speak words of adoration and love
 - · We must worship in spirit and in truth
- How you interact with others
 - We show God we love Him when we do the things he asks us to do
 - Love our enemies
 - Be kind to others
 - Serve one another

2. Loving the Lord your God with your soul



- Thankfulness to God:
 - We recognize that God is in our lives and that our lives are better because He is involved in our lives
- · Thankfulness to others:
 - A thankful heart sees the best.
 - Is continually grateful.
 - · Rejoices in life and as a result.
 - Experiences joy that is complete.
- In contrast
 - · A bitter heart sees the worst.
 - · Continually complains, and as a result.
 - Does not see the good things in life.



• Phil 4:8 describes the things we should think about: Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is:

Think on	Don't think on
True,	Deceptive false
whatever is noble,	Undignified unsophisticated
whatever is right,	Evil dishonest fraudulent immoral corrupt
whatever is pure,	Fake counterfeit dark
whatever is lovely,	Horrible ugly unhappy
whatever is admirable—	Bad detestable hateful shameful
if anything is excellent or	Inferior unskilled crude poor quality
praiseworthy-think about such thing	

3. Loving the Lord your God with your mind



"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — His good, pleasing, and perfect will. Rom 12:2



4. Loving God with our Strength

- This is loving God with your ability, might, power, and strength.
- From a derivative of is (force; compare eschon, a form of echo); forcefulness (literally or figuratively) -- ability, might(-ily), power,
- · Each of us has unique strengths and talents, and abilities. We are to love the Lord our God with each of our own talents.

The Goal

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Matt 5:13-14

Definition of Light



- To show hope in darkness,
- · hope in despair,
- · wisdom in ignorance.

Light is the metaphor for:

- · insight, clarity,
- · direction, purpose,
- · wisdom, and thought leadership.

It is given to lead yourself and others in the way to go

Example: Changing the destiny of a city





Example of Light: Hearing God at work



Example in Relationships

- When you do what he tells you, you show forth his light. Your actions become a demonstration of others how to live, how to act, how to be at peace with others.
- · When you do not retaliate, when you turn the other cheek, when you bless and do not curse, you are moving in the opposite direction to the world and you are light.





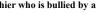
Example: Showing kindness

- Attending to a person's physical needs, like bringing them a drink, or a coffee, we are being kind.
- Considering their time is a real area to show kindness.
- Not being demanding, but being sensitive to others issues, problems, and frustrations,
- · Being patient and waiting for person to finish what they are doing, and not demanding attention, is being kind.
- Not being a bully or raging until you get attention is one of the best ways to show kindness.
- Consider the person on a helpline, or a cashier who is bullied by a customer all day.

Example: Pray for the sick



- Man with the crushed knee
- Joanna





Personal Application: Journaling Exercise

Father, what would you like to say to me about being the light of the world?



Author: William Dupley

What is a commandment?

An important rule given by God that tells people how to behave is as follows;

Jesus gave us commandments, directions, and rules for all kinds of situations that help us understand what the Kingdom of God looks like in real-life situations. Once, He was asked, "What is the greatest commandment?" He responded:

"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.'"

This commandment deals with our hearts. If we have this commandment in our hearts, we will do the other things He has commanded.

Jesus has given us guidelines and direction on what we are to accomplish in our lives and this world in our lifetime. The great commission takes on a much greater impact on our behavior daily. If we consider that Jesus wants us to use our minds to fulfill a set of outcomes in this world creatively, it is much different than blindly following a set of rules.

Jesus used the word "command" again in another verse,

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ⁱⁱ

The word commands come from the Greek word "to accomplish." Jesus tells us that the true key to joy in our life is committing to accomplishing the things He has told us to accomplish.

It has always been the downfall of the Lord's church to fall into the trap of following laws. Laws are easier than relationships. Laws don't require honesty in your heart. Law only looks to obedience, not the motive.

The Lord is concerned with the character of the heart of man. He is concerned about developing a heart motivated by love and purity of purpose, not self-elevation or self-promotion. Law, in contrast, leads to pride.

Hearts that the Lord changes have several characteristics.

- They are humble.
- They are not self-promoting.
- They do not try to show their ways are always best.



- They do not have to be right.
- They can let others win.
- They can prefer another over themselves without feeling they are a second-class citizen.
- They long to serve not out of duty but out of love.

If we are bound by the Law, we may serve, but not from a pure heart, not from the heart of love. It is out of a haughty heart if you draw your self-worth from obedience. A good indicator that we are operating this way is if we feel, "Look at me. I accomplish the rules. Aren't I good?"

The Pharisees wanted to follow the Law to raise their value in their own hearts and in the eyes of others. This thinking drove the Pharisees. They said:

The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people-robbers, evildoers, adulterers--or even like this tax collector.'ⁱⁱⁱ

The pure heart does not need to do this. It is secure in the Father's love. It does not envy or look for its own needs to be fulfilled. It does not want to be first. It understands the last is to be first.

Let me tell you an example of a person who has embraced the concept of accomplishing what Jesus would like us to do. She has become the light of the world in her community. She was a single mother who had a difficult marriage and little education. Unfortunately, she went through a divorce and had no skills to make a living. She had a choice. She could become bitter, or she could accomplish what Jesus wanted.

She got a job and went back to school and after many years she graduated as a nurse. She built a home for her family and began to change the world. She was a home nurse and noticed that a great deal of medical equipment that was perfectly useful was discarded. She asked if she could harvest this equipment and send it to Mexico to help clinics that had nothing. She was granted the right to harvest this equipment, and due to her sensitivity, she is now changing the medical conditions of outlying areas of Mexico. Her view of the world also impacted her children. Her youngest daughter, at the age of 12, noticed that there was no good equipment in the playground for children in her community. She began to sell cupcakes to raise money and raised enough money within a short period to pay for all the new playground equipment in her community.

They did not do this because they were following the Law. They did this because their hearts were moved by the Lord's heart. They did this because their hearts and their motives were pure, and it created outward behaviors.

Character is what the Lord wants to develop. He wants us to have a heart that complies with His Heart and way of thinking. Jesus gives us many examples of how He thinks on many topics and how the situations would be different if we followed His way of behaving in those situations. He outlines our impact on others if we do what He commands.

Now let's look at the specific commandments that Christ gave us so we would know what the Kingdom of God looks like in real-world situations.

1. Be the Light of the World

Confess Christ before men. Matthew 10:32-33



Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. 33 "But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.

Make Disciples of all Nations - Matthew 28: 19,20

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

Be salt and light to this world. Matthew 5:13-16

You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. 14 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; 15nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Let your light shine before men - Matthew 5:16 16

"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Give to him who asks of you, and lend to those who want borrow from you. Matt 5:42

Give to him who asks of you, and do not turn away from him who wants to borrow from you.

Judge not that you may not be judged. Matthew 7:1-5,

1 "Do not judge so that you will not be judged. 2 "For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you. 3 "Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? 4 "Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' and behold, the log is in your own eye? 5 "You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

Demonstrate God's Power - Mark 16:17

And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues;

Keep Your Word - Mt 5:37

All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

2. Love the Lord

Love God. Matthew 22:37-38

And He said to him, " 'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.' 38 "This is the great and foremost commandment.



Hear Gods Voice - Matthew 11:15

Whoever has ears, let them hear

Ask in Faith - Matthew 21:21-22

And Jesus answered and said to them, "Truly I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' it will happen. 22 "And all things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."

Keep alert and watch for the 2nd coming. Matthew 24:44

For this reason you also must be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think He will.

Take, Eat, my Body and Drink my blood in remembrance of me- Matthew 26:26-27

While they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and after a blessing, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." 27And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; 28for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.

Watch and Pray - Matthew 26:41

Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Worship God alone. Luke 4:8.

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only.'

Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men - Mt 4:19

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."

Honor God's Law - Matthew 5:17-18

Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill. 18 "For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished. 19 "Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Don't use vain repetitions when praying. Matthew 6:7-8.

And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words. 8 "So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.

Pray to God the Father. Matthew 6:8-13

"Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him. 9 "This, then, is how you should pray: "'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, 10Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 11Give us today our daily bread. 12And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13And lead us



not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."

Keep asking, seeking and knocking. Luke 11:9-13.

"So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 10 "For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it will be opened. 11 "Now suppose one of you fathers is asked by his son for a fish; he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he? 12 "Or if he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he? 13 "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?

Let the dead bury their dead. Matthew 8:22

"But Jesus told him, ""Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead.""

Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." - Mt 9:37-38

Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. 38 "Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."

Repent of your sins. Luke 15:7-10

"I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. 8 "Or what woman, if she has ten silver coins and loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? 9 "When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin which I had lost!' 10 "In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Have childlike faith. Luke 18:17

Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

Believe in Jesus John 14:6.

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Don't be distracted from spending time with the Lord. Luke 10:38-42.

Now as they were traveling along, He entered a village; and a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home. 39She had a sister called Mary, who was seated at the Lord's feet, listening to His word. 40But Martha was distracted with all her preparations; and she came up to Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to do all the serving alone? Then tell her to help me." 41But the Lord answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things; 42but only one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her."

Receive power -Luke 24:49

I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have



been clothed with power from on high."

Keep My Commandments - John 14:15

If you love me, keep my commands.

3. Love your Neighbors

Love Your Neighbor. Matthew 22:39-40

The second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' 40 "On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."

Love, bless and pray for your enemies. Matthew 5:43-48,

"You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR and hate your enemy.' 44 "But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. 46 "For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? 47 "If you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? 48 "Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Forgive others. Matthew 6:12,

And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

Forgive Offenders - Matthew 18:21-22

Then Peter came and said to Him, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" 22Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.

Be a Servant - Matthew 20:26-28

It is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, 27and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave; 28just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Minister to others as you would to Jesus Himself. Matthew 25:34-46.

Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. 35'For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; 36naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.' 37 "Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You something to drink? 38'And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? 39'When did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' 40 "The King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.'



Don't call your brother a fool. Matthew 5:22, 12:36.

But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,' is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.

Go to Offenders and privately rebuke a brother and if he repents forgive him.- Matthew 18:15 "If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over.

Quietly do good for God's praise alone. Matthew 6:1-4.

Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven. 2 "So when you give to the poor, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be honored by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. 3 "But when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4so that your giving will be in secret; and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.

Treat others as you like to be treated. Matthew 7:12

So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

Act with compassion and not prejudice towards others. Luke 10:30-37.

Jesus replied and said, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among robbers, and they stripped him and beat him, and went away leaving him half dead. 31 "And by chance a priest was going down on that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32 "Likewise a Levite also, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 "But a Samaritan, who was on a journey, came upon him; and when he saw him, he felt compassion, 34and came to him and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them; and he put him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 "On the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I return I will repay you.' 36 "Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers' hands?" 37And he said, "The one who showed mercy toward him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do the same."

Bring in the Poor. Invite the poor to eat with you. Luke 14:13-14.

But when you give a reception, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, 14and you will be blessed, since they do not have the means to repay you; for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Humble yourself & take the lowest position, don't show favoritism Luke 14:8-11

When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for someone more distinguished than you may have been invited by him, 9and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this man,' and then in disgrace you proceed to occupy the last place. 10 "But when you are invited, go and recline at the last place, so that when the one who has invited you comes, he may say to



you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will have honor in the sight of all who are at the table with you. 11 "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Be Reconciled - Matthew 5:23-24

Therefore if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering.

4. Family

Despise Not Little Ones - Matthew 18:10

"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.

Do not look with lust at another this is adultery in the heart. Matthew 5:27-28.

You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY'; 28but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Honor Marriage - Matthew 19:6

So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Do not divorce and marry another, this is adultery. Matthew 5:32,

But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

5. Abide in Me

Choose the Narrow Way - Matthew 7:13-14

Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. 14 "For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Take up your cross. Matthew 16:24-26

And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. 39 "He who has found his life will lose it, and he who has lost his life for My sake will find it.

Take My Yoke - Matthew 11:29

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Follow Jesus. Matthew 4:19.

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people



Rejoice and be glad, when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me- Matthew 5:11-12

"Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. 12 "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. - Matthew 5:46-48

"For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? 47 "If you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? 48 "Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Don't be anxious. Matthew 6:25-34

For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life, as to what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, as to what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? 26 "Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they? 27 "And who of you by being worried can add a single hour to his life? 28 "And why are you worried about clothing? Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin, 29yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these. 30 "But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more clothe you? You of little faith! 31 "Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?' 32 "For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. 34 "So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

When you pray, fast or give do it secretly. Matthew 6:5-8.

And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 6But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. 7And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. 8Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

Rejoice when you are persecuted. Luke 6:22-23.

"Blessed are you when men hate you, and ostracize you, and insult you, and scorn your name as evil, for the sake of the Son of Man. 23 "Be glad in that day and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven. For in the same way their fathers used to treat the prophets.

Deny Yourself - Luke 9:23

Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me



Be Born Again - John 3:7

You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.'

Live in Me and live in My love. John 15:4

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love

Beware of Covetousness - Luke 12:15

Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

Don't swear an oath. Matthew 5:33-37.

"Again, you have heard that the ancients were told, 'YOU SHALL NOT MAKE FALSE VOWS, BUT SHALL FULFILL YOUR VOWS TO THE LORD.' 34 "But I say to you, make no oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, 35or by the earth, for it is the footstool of His feet, or by Jerusalem, for it is THE CITY OF THE GREAT KING. 36 "Nor shall you make an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. 37 "But let your statement be, 'Yes, yes' or 'No, no'; anything beyond these is of evil.

Store your riches in heaven not on earth. Matthew 6:19-21

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 "But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; 21 for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Resolve issues outside a court of Law Matthew 5:25.

25 "Make friends quickly with your opponent at Law while you are with him on the way, so that your opponent may not hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the officer, and you be thrown into prison.

6. Honor Your Parents

Honor Your Parents - Matthew 15:4

For God said, 'Honor your father and mother'

7. Render unto Caesar

Render to Caesar. Pay your taxes and give to God what is his-Matthew 22:19-21

"Show Me the coin used for the poll-tax." And they brought Him a denarius. 20And He said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" 21They said to Him, "Caesar's." Then He said to them, "Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and to God the things that are God's.

8. Go the Extra Mile



Do more than expected, go the 2nd mile. Matthew 5:38-41.

"You have heard that it was said, 'AN EYE FOR AN EYE, AND A TOOTH FOR A TOOTH.' 39 "But I say to you, do not resist an evil person; but whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. 40 "If anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, let him have your coat also. 41 "Whoever forces you to go one mile, go with him two.

9. Leadership

Feed My Sheep - John 21:15-16

So when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My lambs." 16He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Shepherd My sheep.

Be Wise as Serpents - Matthew 10:16

I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.

Beware of hypocrisy and greed. Luke 6:41-42

"Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? 42 "Or how can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye.

Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees- Matthew 16:6

"Be careful," Jesus said to them. "Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees."

Do Not Cast Pearls. Don't waste time on argumentative people. Matthew 7:6.

6 "Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

Don't sell things in God's house. Mark 11:15-17

when they came to Jerusalem. And He entered the temple and began to drive out those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves; 16and He would not permit anyone to carry merchandise through the temple. 17And He began to teach and say to them, "Is it not written, 'MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL THE NATIONS'? But you have made it a ROBBERS' DEN."

Beware of False Prophets - Matthew 7:15

"Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.



10. Seek the Kingdom of God

Seek First Gods Kingdom - Matthew 6:33

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Don't fear people-fear God. Matthew 10:28

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

Be baptized Matthew 28:19,

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Build on the rock of obedience to Jesus otherwise you will fall. Luke 6:47-49.

"Everyone who comes to Me and hears My words and acts on them, I will show you whom he is like: 48he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid a foundation on the rock; and when a flood occurred, the torrent burst against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built.

Don't call Jesus Lord when you don't obey Him. Luke 6:46

"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?



ⁱ Matthew 22:36-40

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