

# COMMANDMENTS FOR CHRISTIANS

## THE NEW TESTAMENT

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## Foreword

The *New Testament* word for law is *nomos*. The word *Theonomic* is derived from *Theo*, which is the Greek word for *God*, and *nomos*, meaning, *law*. Christians believe the *New Testament* is just as much God's law as the Torah. Because God is the only true Great Lawgiver, His word is His law. Every word which proceeds from the Lord's mouth is to be honored and obeyed. It has been said that, "The Old Testament contains the New Testament, while the New Testament explains the Old Testament." To put it another way, "The New Testament is in the Old Testament concealed, while the Old Testament is in the New Testament revealed."

There is a fundamental difference between the purpose of the laws found in the Old Testament, and the commandments of the New Testament. The purpose of Old Testament laws was to show the helplessness of people, and bring them to Christ. The purpose of the New Testament commandments is different. These commandments, written on the heart according to promise, are designed to enable the Christian to live out the ethics of the gospel, and to please the Lord. The commandments given to Christians are not grievous to be borne. Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matt. 11:29-30). The commandments for Christians in the New Testament do not stir up anger and opposition, as the Law did, but they increase the heart's desire to be holy.

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: 32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord: 33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people" (Jer. 31:31-33).

In examining the various passages containing commandments for Christians in the New Testament, there is always a lesson to be learned, or a principle to be discerned. While the commandments listed in this work are extensive, they are not exhaustive. There is much room for improvement on the notes provided here as additional commandments can be added, and better applications can be made. I pray the Lord will bless each person as they study the *New Testament* commandments for Christians, and seek to keep them in gospel obedience.

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## FOUR HUNDRED AND FOUR COMMANDMENTS FOR CHRISTIANS

### THE GOSPELS

#### Matthew \* Mark \* Luke\* John

1. The initial command that Jesus gave to men during the days of His earthly ministry was to become soul winners.
  - *Matthew 4:18 And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. 19 And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.*
  
2. While giving the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus provided detailed instruction for kingdom living. Christians are to be poor in spirit.
  - *Matthew 5:3 Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*
  - *Luke 6:20 And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said, Blessed be ye poor: for yours is the kingdom of God.*
  
3. Christians are to mourn.
  - *Matthew 5:4 Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.*
  - *Luke 6:24 But woe unto you that are rich! For ye have received your consolation. 25 Woe unto you that are full! For ye shall hunger. Woe unto you that laugh now! For ye shall mourn and weep.*
  
4. Christians are to be meek.
  - *Matthew 5: 5 Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.*
  
5. Christians are to hunger after righteousness.
  - *Matthew 5:6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.*
  - *Luke 6:21 Blessed are ye that hunger now: for ye shall be filled. Blessed are ye that weep now: for ye shall laugh.*

6. Christians are to be merciful.

- *Matthew 5:7 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.*

7. Christians are to be holy, and pure in heart.

- *Matthew 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.*

8. Christians are to be peaceful people and bring peace to others.

- *Matthew 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.*

9. Christians are to endure acts of unrighteousness with joy and thanksgiving.

- *Matthew 5:10 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. 12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.*
- *Luke 6:22 Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake. 23 Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.*

10. Christians are to be exceeding glad.

- *Matthew 5:12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.*

11. Christians are to be the salt of the earth.

- *Matthew 5:13 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.*

12. Christians are to be the light of the world.

- *Matthew 5:14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. 15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

13. Christians are not to murder any one physically or by harboring hatred in their hearts.

- *Matthew 5:21 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: 22 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.*

14. Christians are to seek reconciliation with others prior to worship.

- *Matthew 5:23 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; 24 Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.*

15. Christians are to agree with their enemies sooner rather than latter on matters which are true.

- *Matthew 5:25 Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison. 26 Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.*

16. Christians are not to commit physical or mental adultery.

- *Matthew 5: 27 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: 28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.*

17. Christians are to deal radically with sin.

- *Matthew 5:29 And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. 30 And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.*
- *Mark 9:43 And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: 44 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. 45 And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: 46 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. 47 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire:*

18. Christians are to maintain good marriages, and not divorce for a trivial cause.

- *Matthew 5:31 It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: 32 But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.*

19. Christians are not to make frivolous oaths.

- *Matthew 5:33 Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths: 34 But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne: 35 Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King. 36 Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black.*

20. Christians are to speak in a simple and plain manner in order to honor their word.

- *Matthew 5: 37 But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.*

21. Christians are not to engage in personal acts of retaliation.

- *Matthew 5:38 Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: 39 But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.*
- *Luke 6:29 And unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek offer also the other...*

22. Christians are to avoid personal lawsuits, and when sued are to seek to settle along gracious terms.

- *Matthew 5:40 And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloke also. 41 And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.*
- *Luke 6:29 ... and him that taketh away thy cloke forbid not to take thy coat also.*

23. Christians are to be generous with their resources.

- *Matthew 5:42 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.*

24. Christians are to show love towards their enemies.

- *Matthew 5:43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.*

25. Christians are to bless those who curse them, and do good to those who show them hatred in order to be righteous, and not just religious.

- *Matthew 5: 44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; 45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? Do not even the publicans the same?*
- *Luke 6:27 But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, 28 Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.*

26. Christians are to greet their enemies in public places, and show social grace.

- *Matthew 5:47 And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others do? Do not even the publicans so?*

27. Christians are to strive to be perfect, or mature, in order to reflect the character of God the Father.

- *Matthew 5:48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.*

28. Christians must be careful not to do good works only to be seen of men. Good deeds are to be done in secret.

- *Matthew 6:1 Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. 2 Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. 3 But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: 4 That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.*

29. The prayer life of the Christian is to be characterized by privacy and sincerity.

- *Matthew 6:5 And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. 6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.*

30. The Christian is to pray without using empty phrases, or thinking that a special way of praying is pleasing to the Lord.

- *Matthew 6:7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. 8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.*

31. Christians are to model their prayer life according to the pattern given by Christ to His disciples.

- *Matthew 6:9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. 10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.*

32. Christians are to be a forgiving people.

- *Matthew 6:14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: 15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*
- *Mark 11:25 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. 26 But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.*

33. Fasting is to be a normal part of the Christian life but is to be conducted in private.

- *Matthew 6:16 Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. 17 But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; 18 That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.*
- *Mark 2:18 And the disciples of John and of the Pharisees used to fast: and they come and say unto him, Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, but thy disciples fast not? 19 And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bridechamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them? as long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. 20 But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast in those days.*

34. The Christian is not to hoard money, but to lay up treasures in heaven by performing good works.

- *Matthew 6:19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: 20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: 21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.*

35. Christians are to be characterized by light, or righteousness.

- *Matthew 6:22 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. 23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!*

36. The Christian is to be loyal to only one master, Jesus Christ. Money is not to be the master of any man.

- *Matthew 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.*

37. Christians are not to worry about food, clothing or shelter. They are to have faith in God to sustain them by His providence lest they manifest a heart of unbelief like the Gentiles or heathen.

- *Matthew 6:25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? 26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? 27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? 28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: 29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? 31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? Or, What shall we drink? Or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek :) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.*

38. The greatest priority of the Christian's life is to seek first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness.

- *Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

39. Christians are to be careful in the way they judge others (cf. John 7:24).

- *Matthew 7:1 Judge not, that ye be not judged. 2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.*
- *Luke 6:37 Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven:*

40. Christians are not to be hypocritical by practicing what they condemn.

- *Matthew 7:3 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? 4 Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? 5 Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.*
- *Luke 6:41 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye? 42 Either how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye.*

41. Christians are to value the gospel, and be careful to whom the doctrines of grace are offered.

- *Matthew 7:6 Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.*

42. Christians are to be people of prayer, who believe that what is requested will be received.

- *Matthew 7:7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: 8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. 9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? 10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? 11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?*

43. Christians are commanded to treat others, as they would want to be treated.

- *Matthew 7:12 Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.*

44. The Christian is to walk in the narrow way of life that leads to eternal happiness.

- *Matthew 7:13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: 14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.*

45. Christians are to beware of false prophets. The fruit they bear can identify false prophets.

- *Matthew 7:15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. 16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? 17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.*

- *Luke 6:43 For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. 44 For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes. 45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.*

***Special Note***

The false professors of good works will be exposed at the last judgment.

- *Matthew 7:21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*

46. Christians are commanded to keep the words of Christ.

- *Matthew 7:24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: 25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. 26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: 27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.*

47. Christians are to believe in divine healing. One day a man who was in need of healing was commanded to stretch forth his hand for healing, which he did.

- *Matthew 8:1 When he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him. 2 And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. 3 And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.*
- *Mark 1:41 And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean.*

48. Christians are expected to keep the commands of God as they are revealed in each generation. A man whose hand Jesus healed was instructed to keep the requirements of the Law of Moses for healing in such a manner.

- *Matthew 8:4 And Jesus saith unto him, See thou tell no man; but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.*

The faith of the centurion, that Christ could heal his servant from a distance, brought forth the command to go home in faith, his servant was cured.

- *Matthew 8:13 And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.*

49. Christians are commanded to put Christ before family.

- *Matthew 8:21 And another of his disciples said unto him, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. 22 But Jesus said unto him, Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead.*

50. Christians are commanded to be of good cheer, for their sins are forgiven.

- *Matthew 9:2 And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.*
- *Mark 2:5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.*

***Special Note***

Salvation, the forgiveness of sins is for men and women, young and old, rich and poor, educated and uneducated alike. In this sense God is no respecter of persons and will show His mercy and grace to whom He will.

51. When the voice of the Lord comes in healing power, and the Christian is commanded to act healed because he is healed, he should do exactly that.

- *Matthew 9:6 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins,(then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.*
- *Mark 2:11 I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house.*

***Special Note.***

Care must be taken to know that the healing is of the Lord. Many modern day faith healers are charlatans. They command Christians to throw away their crutches, or get out of a wheelchair when no divine healing has taken place. Not everyone is going to be healed. There is a place for pain and suffering in the plan of God, as Paul was reminded (2 Cor. 12:7-9).

52. The Christian is to be sensitive to the small matters of life in the will of the Lord, even to the point of laughing or crying, or the sharing of information as in the case of those who mourned in the house of the ruler, or in the case of two blind men who came to Christ for healing.

- *Matthew 9:24 He said unto them, Give place: for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn.*
- *Matthew 9:30 And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, See that no man know it.*

53. Christians are to pray for soul winners to work in the Lord's vineyard.

- *Matthew 9:37 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; 38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.*

54. Some of the commandments for Christians are to specific individuals, and for a limited time. This concept is reflected in the sending forth of the disciples to minister in Israel during His own days of humiliation, Matthew 10:5-42. Observe the individual points of instruction.

❖ The disciples were initially to go only to the Jews.

- *Matthew 10:5 These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: 6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.*

❖ A specific kingdom message was to be preached.

- *Matthew 10:7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.*

❖ The disciples were given authority to perform great acts of physical healing in confirmation of their divine authority.

- *Matthew 10:8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.*

❖ The disciples were not to depend upon men for their sustenance, but upon the Lord. This dependency was to manifest itself in a visible way.

- *Matthew 10:9 Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses, 10 Nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat.*

❖ The disciples were to stay in homes that were sympathetic to the cause of Christ.

- *Matthew 10:11 And into whatsoever city or town ye shall enter, inquire who in it is worthy; and there abide till ye go thence.*

- *Mark 6:11 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear you, when ye depart thence, shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony against them. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrhah in the Day of Judgment, than for that city.*

❖ Each home that received Christ and His disciples was to be blessed.

- *Matthew 10:12 And when ye come into an house, salute it.*

- ❖ A spirit of discernment was commanded.
  - *Matthew 10:13 And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you.*
- ❖ In a visible manner of judgment, dust was to be shaken off the feet of the disciples if the gospel was not received.
  - *Matthew 10:14 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet. 15 Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrhah in the day of judgment, than for that city.*
  - *Mark 6:11 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear you, when ye depart thence, shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony against them. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrhah in the Day of Judgment, than for that city.*
- ❖ The disciples were commanded to be wise, and harmless which means they were to think in a rational manner.
  - *Matthew 10:16 Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. Matthew 10: 17 But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues;*
  - *Mark 13:9 But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them. 10 And the gospel must first be published among all nations. 11 But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost.*
- ❖ Because the disciples were to depend upon the Holy Spirit, they were not to endeavor to be clever, but to speak what the Spirit gave them to speak.
  - *Matthew 10:18 And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles. 19 But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. 20 For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.*
- ❖ The disciples were commanded to be faithful unto death, even if opposition came from loved ones.
  - *Matthew 10:21 And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death. 22 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.*

- ❖ The disciples were not to invite suicide.
  - *Matthew 10:23 But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come.*
- ❖ The disciples were to anticipate verbal abuse, and be ready to receive it.
  - *Matthew 10:24 The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord. 25 It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household? 26 Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known.*
- ❖ The disciples were to walk openly in the light, and preach boldly.
  - *Matthew 10:27 What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops.*
- ❖ Natural fear of men was to be replaced by fear of God.
  - *Matthew 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. 29 Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? And one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. 30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Matthew 10:31 Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows. 32 Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.*
- ❖ The disciples were to engage on their great gospel mission by a mental and physical resoluteness, that whatever cross or hardship they were called upon to bear, it would be borne.
  - *Matthew 10:33 But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. 34 Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. 35 For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. 36 And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. 37 He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me 38 And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. 39 He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it. 40 He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me. 41 He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.*
- ❖ The disciples were to remember that no one who serves the Lord faithfully will go unrewarded.

- *Matthew 10:42 And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.*
55. Christians are not to doubt Christ, but if, and when they do, then they are to remember what Jesus said to the disciples of John. When John, who was imprisoned for the sake of righteousness, began to have personal doubts concerning the Messiah, Jesus instructed John's disciples to return and remind him of the confirmation of miracles associated with the Messianic message.
- *Matthew 11:5 The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. 6 And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.*
56. Individuals who are burdened with sin, are invited to come to Christ for spiritual rest.
- *Matthew 11:28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*
57. The sinner is invited to learn of Christ, and to bear His yoke, which is much lighter than the heavy burden of sin.
- *Matthew 11:29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*
58. Despite opposition to do good on the Sabbath day, Jesus commanded a man with a shriveled up hand to stretch it forth, and be made whole.
- *Matthew 12:13 Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other.*
59. The Christian is to examine his heart for the root of righteousness, and see that the fruit bears what the root anticipates.
- *Matthew 12:33 Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit.*
60. In the study of the Bible, and in the examination of the parables of Christ in particular, Christians are to read with understanding.
- *Matthew 13:18 Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower.*
  - *Matthew 15:10 And he called the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and understand:*
61. Christians are to feed the hungry. When the hungry came to Christ to be fed, Jesus instructed His disciples not to turn them away, but to feed them.

- *Matthew 14:16 But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat.*
  - *Mark 6:37ff He answered and said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, Shall we go and buy two hundred pennyworth of bread, and give them to eat?*
62. Christians are commanded to be discerning when it comes to false doctrine.
- *Matthew 16:6 Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.*
  - *Mark 8:15 And he charged them, saying, Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, and of the leaven of Herod.*
63. When a Christian begins to act like the Devil himself, he is commanded to depart from the presence of the Lord.
- *Matthew 16:23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.*
  - *Mark 8:33 But when he had turned about and looked on his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men.*
64. During mystical moments of great spirituality the Christian is not to be afraid. When Peter, James, and John were present at the transfiguration, and grew afraid, Jesus calmed their hearts.
- *Matthew 17:7 And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid.*
65. There are some spiritual experiences that are not meant to be widely shared without divine permission. What a Christian says is under the sovereign control of the Lord.
- *Matthew 17:9 And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead.*
66. In the area of personal sanctification, Christ calls His disciples to deal radically with personal sin.
- *Matthew 18:8 Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire. 9 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire. 10 Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.*
67. Christians can pray with confidence for souls in general, and children in particular to be saved, for it is the will of the Father that none of the elect shall be lost.

- *Matthew 18:2 And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them...18:14 Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.*
- *Matthew 19:14 But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.*
- *Mark 10:14-15 But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. 15 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.*

68. In dealing with personal acts of insult, or injury, a specific procedure is to be followed in resolving the conflict.

- The matter is to be discussed in private with the offending person *Matthew 18:15 Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.*
- If the offending person will not listen to reason, and repent, or make restitution, then the second step is to be taken which is to call a witness to the situation. *Matthew 18:16 But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.*
- If there is still unresolved conflict, then the matter can be brought before the local church for an ecclesiastical decision. *Matthew 18:17 And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church:*
- The just judgment of the church is designed to be binding. *18:18 Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.*
- If a person ignores the first three provisions, then the church is to consider the erring person to be outside the sphere of saving grace. *Matthew 18:17b ...but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.*

69. Christians are to pray together, and with confidence that the Father will honor what is requested, provided a righteous prayer is offered.

- *Matthew 18:19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.*

70. Christians are to cultivate a large capacity to forgive, even to the point of forgiving someone four hundred and ninety times for the same offense.

- *Matthew 18:21 Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Till seven times? 22 Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.*

71. Christians are not to engage in frivolous divorces without a just cause that is as serious as adultery.

- *Matthew 19:3 The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? 9 And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.*
- *Mark 10:2-9 And the Pharisees came to him, and asked him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife? Tempting him. 3 And he answered and said unto them, What did Moses command you? 4 And they said, Moses suffered to write a bill of divorcement, and to put her away. 5 And Jesus answered and said unto them, For the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept. 6 But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. 7 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; 8 And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh. 9 What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.*

### ***Special Note***

The person who would enter into heaven on a works-righteousness basis must keep the Moral Law of God perfectly.

- *Matthew 19:16 And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? 17 And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? There is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.*

Not only must there be an outward conformity to the Moral Law, but the heart must be free of all defilement, including such soulish sins as covetousness. To expose the Rich Young Ruler of his self-righteousness, Jesus pointed to the secret sin of covetousness in his heart. It is only speculation, but if Saul of Tarsus was in the crowd the day Jesus spoke these words, or if he heard this story, it is possible that he too was convicted by the commandments of Christ.

- *Romans 7: 9 For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died. 10 And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death. 11 For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me.*
- *Matthew 19:21 Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. 22 But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.*

- *Mark 10:21 Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.*
72. Christians are not to seek to advance themselves, nor to have pre-eminence among men in this world, nor among each other. Rather, Christians are to be like Christ during the days of His own humiliation.
- *Matthew 20:25 But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. 26 But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; 27 And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: 28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.*
73. Christians should expect to be taught how to answer properly in a given situation. In a wonderful display of His omniscience, and omnipresent, Jesus instructed His disciples to go and find a colt in a particular place, on a particular day. Anticipating any objections, the disciples were told precisely how to answer.
- *Matthew 21:2 Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. 3 And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them.*
  - *Mark 11:2 And saith unto them, Go your way into the village over against you: and as soon as ye be entered into it, ye shall find a colt tied, whereon never man sat; loose him, and bring him. 3 And if any man say unto you, Why do ye this? Say ye that the Lord hath need of him; and straightway he will send him hither.*
74. Christians are to pray with great faith.
- *Matthew 21:21 Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done. 22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.*
75. Christians are not to pretend to obey the will of the Lord, and then not obey.
- *Matthew 21:28 But what think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to day in my vineyard. 29 He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went. 30 And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not. 31 Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you.*

32 For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen it, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him. 33 Hear another parable: There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country:

76. Christians are to show respect to divinely established political authority.

- *Matthew 22:18 But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites? 19 Shew me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a penny. 20 And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? 21 They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.*
- *Mark 12:17 And Jesus answering said unto them, Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's. And they marvelled at him.*

77. Christians are to show proper respect for religious authority. The disciples of Christ were instructed to obey the teachings of the Pharisees, but not their self-righteous works for there was a disconnect between the rhetoric, and the reality of their lives. Christ did not, and does not want His followers to become legalistic, and full of pride, and self-centered.

- *Matthew 23:1 Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples, 2 Saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat: 3 All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not.*

78. Only Christ is to be recognized as the master. Not others, and not self.

- *Matthew 23:8 But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren. 9 And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. 10 Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ.*

79. For the darkest days of Hebrew history which began in the summer of AD 66 and lasted unto AD 70, Jesus provided instructions for survival.

- The disciples of Christ were not to be deceived by a false Christ, or by false teaching. *Matthew 24:4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. Mark 13:6 6 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.*
- In time of tribulation, and natural turbulence, the Christian is to be mobile, and ready for flight. *Matthew 24:16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:*
- Prayer is to be part of the tribulation experience. *Matthew 24:20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the Sabbath day:*

- Christians are not to believe that Christ has returned, when He has not, or that He will return when He will not, according to man's calculations. *Matthew 24:23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. ...26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.*
- The early Christians were to learn a lesson from a parable concerning the signs of the times that would affect their generation. *Matthew 24:32-34 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: 33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. 34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.*

80. Christians are to be ready for Christ's coming.

- *Matthew 24:44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.*
- *Luke 12:40 Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.*

81. Because the Christian does not know the day, or hour of the Lord's return, he must be careful to watch.

- *Matthew 25:13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.*
- *Mark 13:33 Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. 34 For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. 35 Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: 36 Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. 37 And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.*

82. Christians are reminded not to call good evil. This truth is remembered in the story of the woman with an alabaster box of very precious ointment which was poured out upon Christ. When the disciples began to criticize her actions, the Lord shamed them into silence.

- *Matthew 26:10 When Jesus understood it, he said unto them, Why trouble ye the woman? For she hath wrought a good work upon me. 11 For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always. 12 For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did it for my burial. 13 Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her. Mark 14:6 And Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me.*

83. In matchless grace, the Lord allows His disciples to serve Him, and speak on His behalf in matters great and small. Sometimes what looks routine, and ordinary, becomes an act that transcends time to cross the centuries. So it was the day the disciples went to make final preparations for the Last Passover.

- *Matthew 26:17 Now the first day of the feast of unleavened bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the Passover? 18 And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at thy house with my disciples. 19 And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready the Passover.*
- *Mark 14:13 And he sendeth forth two of his disciples, and saith unto them, Go ye into the city, and there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water: follow him. 14 And wheresoever he shall go in, say ye to the good man of the house, The Master saith, Where is the guest chamber, where I shall eat the Passover with my disciples? 15 And he will shew you a large upper room furnished and prepared: there make ready for us.*

84. At the First Lord's Supper the elements of bread and wine were to be eaten and drank with the symbolizing being understood.

- *Matthew 26:26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. 27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; 28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. 29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom. 30 And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.*

85. Sometimes Christians are to wait, while the Lord spends time with the Father on their behalf.

- *Matthew 26:36 Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder.*

86. Part of the Christian experience is to watch and pray, in order to avoid temptation.

- *Matthew 26:41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.*
- *Mark 14:38 Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak.*

87. The Lord recognizes the need for physical rest prior to spiritual combat. Christians would do well to get the rest they need before engaging in stressful ministry activities.

- *Matthew 26:45 Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.*

- *Mark 14:41 And he cometh the third time, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: it is enough, the hour is come; behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. 42 Rise up, let us go; lo, he that betrayeth me is at hand.*
  - *Mark 5:30-31 And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes? 31 And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?*
88. The Lord has not called His disciples to armed conflict to defend His honor, nor to promote His kingdom.
- *Matthew 26:52 Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.*
89. Christians are to tell others of the resurrection of Christ. The Lord had a special message for His brethren after His resurrection. He would meet them in Galilee. The ladies of grace who were there at the tomb on the morning of the resurrection were commanded to go and deliver this most gracious of all news.
- *Matthew 28:10 Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.*
90. Every Christian is entrusted with the Great Commission. It is not an option for the local church to reach out beyond itself. It is the expressed will of the Lord.
- *Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*
  - *Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*
91. Christ wants Christians to be soul winners. To this task Christ called His disciples, and to this task the Lord calls every believer.
- *Mark 1:16 Now as he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. 17 And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men. 18 And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed him.*
92. Christians are to recognize their authority in Christ over demons. Christ asserts His sovereignty not only over men, but He commands the demons as well and they obey Him.

- *Mark 1:23 And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, 24 Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? Art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God. 25 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. 26 And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him.*
  - *Mark 5:8 For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit.*
93. The Christian is to follow Christ wherever He may go, as the disciples followed the Lord so long ago.
- *Mark 1:38 And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth. 39 And he preached in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and cast out devils.*
94. Christians are to recognize the Lordship of Christ over the Sabbath.
- *Matthew 12:8 For the Son of man is Lord even of the Sabbath day.*
  - *Mark 2:28 Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath.*
95. Christians must never call good evil, lest they blaspheme the Holy Ghost.
- *Mark 3:28 Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme: 29 But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation:*
  - *Mark 9:38 And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us: and we forbid him, because he followeth not us. 39 But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me. 40 For he that is not against us is on our part. 41 For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward.*
96. Christians are to recognize those within the body of Christ as their true spiritual family members.
- *Matthew 12:48 But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? And who are my brethren? 49 And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! 50 For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.*
  - *Mark 3:31 There came then his brethren and his mother, and, standing without, sent unto him, calling him. 32 And the multitude sat about him, and they said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren without seek for thee. 33 And he answered them, saying, Who is my mother, or my brethren? 34 And he looked round about on them which sat about him, and*

*said, Behold my mother and my brethren! 35 For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother.*

97. Christians are to have spiritual discernment. Christians are to hear with understanding the parables of the Lord.

- *Mark 4: 10 And when he was alone, they that were about him with the twelve asked of him the parable. 11 And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables: 12 That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them. 13 And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? And how then will ye know all parables?*

- *Mark 7:14 And when he had called all the people unto him, he said unto them, Hearken unto me every one of you, and understand:*

98. Christians are to seek to know the geographical will of the Lord. Christ sovereignly commands His disciples where to go geographically.

- *Mark 5:18 And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him. 19 Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.*

99. Fear is not to be a characteristic of the Christian life.

- *Mark 5:36 As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe.*
- *Mark 6:50 For they all saw him, and were troubled. And immediately he talked with them, and saith unto them, Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid.*
- *Mark 13:7 And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled: for such things must needs be; but the end shall not be yet. 8 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles: these are the beginnings of sorrows.*

100. Even in death Christians obey the voice of the Lord. So absolute is the sovereignty of the Lord, that even the dead live again in His presence, and at His command.

- *Mark 5:41 And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise. 42 And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment.*

101. The Christian is to believe. The Lord is pleased with those who are tenacious in their faith, and will not leave unless He blesses them.

- *Mark 7:29 And he said unto her, For this saying go thy way; the devil is gone out of thy daughter.*
  - *Mark 9:23 Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.*
102. Christians are not to make every blessing of the Lord public, apart from divine permission. One day Jesus came to Bethsaida where he healed a blind man.
- *Mark 8:26 And he sent him away to his house, saying, Neither go into the town, nor tell it to any in the town.*
103. Christians are to crucify the flesh. The Christian must know something about dying to self in the service of the Savior.
- *Mark 8:34 And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. 35 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.*
104. Christians are to be humble people. Humility is to characterize the Christian's life.
- *Mark 9:36 And he took a child, and set him in the midst of them: and when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto them, 37 Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me.*
  - *Mark 10:41 And when the ten heard it, they began to be much displeased with James and John. 42 But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them. 43 But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister: 44 And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all. 45 For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.*
105. When permission is given to believe a healing will take place, a Christian must believe. Faith may sometimes be an essential part of physical healing, as in the case of blind Bartimaeus.
- *Mark 10:51 And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. 52 And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.*
106. Christians are to manifest great faith. Great faith pleases the Lord.

- *Mark 11:22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. 23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. 24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.*
107. Christians are to know the summary of the law. There are two great summary commandments for Christians.
- *Mark 12:29 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: 30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. 31 And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.*
108. Christians are to be careful to whom they listen. The Lord commands His disciples to be careful of what doctrine they listen to and believe, and whom they listen to as well. The student will embrace the example of the teacher.
- *Mark 12:38 And he said unto them in his doctrine, Beware of the scribes, which love to go in long clothing, and love salutations in the marketplaces, 39 And the chief seats in the synagogues, and the uppermost rooms at feasts: 40 Which devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayers: these shall receive greater damnation.*
109. Christ warned that there would be many deceivers. Therefore Christians are to be discerning so as not to be troubled during the dark days of personal and national disaster.
- *Mark 13:5 And Jesus answering them began to say, Take heed lest any man deceive you: 6 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. 7 And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled: for such things must needs be; but the end shall not be yet.*
110. Christians should prepare themselves mentally, and emotionally, for every form of abuse for the sake of Christ, and as a testimony against those who hurt them.
- *Mark 13: But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them.*
111. In the hour of greatest spiritual pressure the Christian is to avoid worry and not try to prepare an elaborate defense. The believer is to remember to speak what is given in that hour, if anything is given at all. Sometimes the Holy Spirit wants a holy hush to fall on the Lord's people.. Confidence is to rest in the Person and work of the Holy Spirit and not in the flesh.

- *Mark 13:11 But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost.*

112. For those Christians who were to be caught up in the turmoil of the Great Tribulation period of the first century AD, specific commandments were to be followed. A principle of biblical interpretation is noted. Passages have an interpretation, and they have an application. By way of interpretation, the events of Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21 have primary reference to the believers of the first century. By way of application, spiritual principles and precepts are derived.

- When the abomination of desolation spoken of by Daniel the prophet was witnessed the believers were to flee to the mountains if they lived in Judea. *Mark 13:14 But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains:*
- The Christian that was going about daily business on the housetop was to flee without returning inside the home. *Mark 13:15 And let him that is on the housetop not go down into the house, neither enter therein, to take any thing out of his house:*
- The Christian that was laboring in the field was to flee at once. There was to be a sense of urgency. *Mark 13:16 And let him that is in the field not turn back again for to take up his garment.*

### ***Special Note***

While waiting for the coming Abomination of Desolation, the Christian community was to pray that the flight not take place in winter. This prayer was answered. The revolt broke out in the summer of AD 70. The Roman legions marched against the city. When the idolatrous standards of the Romans were set up in the holy ground and extended several furlongs outside the city walls, the followers of Christ fled to safety. Not one Christian perished in the destruction of Jerusalem.

- The Christians were not to believe rumors of a secret silent coming of Christ to deliver His church from the trials of the tribulation period. *Mark 13:21-23 And then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here is Christ; or, lo, he is there; believe him not: 22 For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect. 23 But take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you all things.*
- The Christians were to listen carefully, believe, and act upon all that Jesus taught. *Mark 13:23 But take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you all things.*

113. Giving an illustration from a fig tree, Jesus commanded His disciples to consider the parable with spiritual understanding.

- *Mark 13:28 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is near: 29 So ye in like manner, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, even at the doors.*

114. As Christians are to listen, believe, and act upon what Jesus taught, so they are to bring these spiritual characteristics to a worldview of being watchful of prophetic events, and prayer.

- *Mark 13:33 Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. 34 For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. 35 Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: 36 Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. 37 And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.*

115. The Lord forbids His followers to call acts of love and kindness foolish and wasteful.

- *Mark 14:6 And Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? She hath wrought a good work on me. 7 For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always. 8 She hath done what she could: she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying. 9 Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.*

116. As the Lord God omnipotent incarnate Jesus did not hesitate to give His disciples specific instructions as to what they should do and say in a given situation. The heart of a Christian must be ready to obey every command of the Lord in deed and word.

- *Mark 14:13 And he sendeth forth two of his disciples, and saith unto them, Go ye into the city, and there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water: follow him. 14 And wheresoever he shall go in, say ye to the goodman of the house, The Master saith, Where is the guest chamber, where I shall eat the Passover with my disciples? 15 And he will shew you a large upper room furnished and prepared: there make ready for us.*

117. In the hour of His greatest agony the Lord only asked His disciples to sit while He prayed. Sometimes all the Lord wants is the knowledge of our presence.

- *Mark 14:32 And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and he saith to his disciples, Sit ye here, while I shall pray.*
- *Mark 14:34 And saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch.*

118. The Christian is commanded to be on spiritual guard, and pray, lest temptation ensnare the soul.

- *Mark 14:38 Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak.*

119. In tender kindness the Lord encourages His servants to rest. Strength is needed for the journey of grace.

- *Mark 14:41 And he cometh the third time, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: it is enough, the hour is come; behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.*
120. While rest is needed, so is action. The Christian soldier finds strength to fight spiritual battles.
- *Mark 14:42 Rise up, let us go; lo, he that betrayeth me is at hand.*
121. The heartbeat of the Christian must be to see souls brought to the Savior. The gospel must be preached to the entire world.
- *Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*
122. Commands for Christians sometimes come from angels. When the angel is an elect and holy angel, the commandment is binding upon the believer, as when the angel Gabriel told Zacharias to call the son of promise, John.
- *Luke 1:13 But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.*
  - *Luke 1:59 And it came to pass, that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they called him Zacharias, after the name of his father. 60 And his mother answered and said, Not so; but he shall be called John. 61 And they said unto her, There is none of thy kindred that is called by this name. 62 And they made signs to his father, how he would have him called. 63 And he asked for a writing table, and wrote, saying, His name is John. And they marvelled all.*
123. On the night of the birth of Christ holy angels appeared to the shepherds abiding the field keeping watch over their flock by night. The shepherds were told to fear not but to go and find the baby Jesus wrapped in swaddling clothes, placed in a manger.
- *Luke 2:10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. 12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.*
124. As the Father gives commands to Christians, God the Son gives commands to Christians, as the holy angels give commands to Christians, so does God the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit who leads the life of the yielded saint, reflected in the life of Simeon, who was led by the Spirit to go into the Temple of Jerusalem at a particular time in order to hold the Messiah.

- *Luke 2:25 And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. 26 And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27 And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, 28 Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said,*
125. When gospel truth is communicated through prophets, and faithful ministers, the commandments given are binding on believers. When asked what they could do to show repentance, John the Baptist gave instruction to the people of his day.
- Commandments for common people. Be generous with clothing and food. *Luke 3:11 He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise.*
  - Commandments for religious leaders. Do not become self-righteous, and add legalistic rules and regulations that are not valid. *Luke 3:12-13 Then came also publicans to be baptized, and said unto him, Master, what shall we do? 13 And he said unto them, Exact no more than that which is appointed you.*
  - Commandments for military personnel. Do not engage in violent acts, accuse another person falsely, or be discontent with salary. *Luke 3:14 And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely; and be content with your wages.*
126. One reason why Christ had the moral authority to command others is because, during the days of His humiliation He was under authority, manifested in His great temptation. When Jesus was tempted to do something wrong, He cited the *Scriptures* as the basis for His righteous actions of non-compliance with evil.
- When commanded to turn stone into bread, Jesus refused. *Luke 4:4 And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.*
  - When tempted to worship Satan for the toys of time, Jesus refused. *Luke 4:8 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.*
  - When tempted to provoke the providential care of God the Father, Jesus refused. *Luke 4:12 And Jesus answering said unto him, It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.*
127. The sovereign power of Jesus Christ to command the demons of darkness is revealed throughout *Scripture*. When the Lord spoke to the demons of darkness there was obedience.
- *Luke 4:33 And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice, 34 Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? Art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God. 35 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the devil had thrown him in the midst, he came out of him, and hurt him not.*

128. The authority of Christ extends over the practical details of life. When the voice of the Lord is obeyed, there is a blessing.

- *Luke 5:3 And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship. 4 Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.*

129. It is not the will of the Lord for His disciples to fear anyone, or anything, but God. In the matter of winning souls, the Lord has promised souls for the labor.

- *Luke 5:10 And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men. 11 And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.*

130. One of the most dreaded diseases of the ancient world was leprosy. Yet, Jesus was sovereign over that sickness as well.

- *Luke 5:12-14 And it came to pass, when he was in a certain city, behold a man full of leprosy: who seeing Jesus fell on his face, and besought him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. 13 And he put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will: be thou clean. And immediately the leprosy departed from him. 14 And he charged him to tell no man: but go, and shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing, according as Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.*

#### ***Special Note***

Spiritually, leprosy is symbolic of sin the most dreaded of all spiritual diseases. The heart can take hope in the ability of Christ to cure this affliction.

131. Following his physical cleansing, the Lord instructed the healed leper to go and fulfill the requirements of the law. It was never the Lord's intention to break the law, or to encourage others to break the law. Whatever commandments are binding upon a believer in any given age must be honored.

- *Luke 5:14 And he charged him to tell no man: but go, and shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing, according as Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.*

132. By demonstrating physical healing, the Lord confirmed the spiritual authority to forgive men of their sins. One day the Lord commanded a lame man to walk, but only after he declared his sins forgiven. The heart of every Christian longs to hear Christ say, "Man, thy sins are forgiven thee."

- *Luke 5:21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone? 22 But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answering said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts? 23 Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk?*

*24 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house. 25 And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his own house, glorifying God. 26 And they were all amazed, and they glorified God, and were filled with fear, saying, We have seen strange things to day.*

133. The command of Christ comes to every believer to follow Him, first to Calvary for salvation, and then beyond the cross for sanctification, and the winning of souls. The educated and the wealthy are to submit to Jesus, as well as the poor, and the uneducated.

- *Luke 5:27 And after these things he went forth, and saw a publican, named Levi, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he said unto him, Follow me.*

134. Fasting is to be part of the Christian's religious experience.

- *Luke 5:33 And they said unto him, Why do the disciples of John fast often, and make prayers, and likewise the disciples of the Pharisees; but thine eat and drink? 34 And he said unto them, Can ye make the children of the bridechamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them? 35 But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast in those days.*

135. To establish His sovereignty over the Sabbath, the Lord allowed the disciples to do something which was unlawful, and that was to engage in what was considered a harvesting act. The larger principle is that Christians are free in Christ to do good works, and not to neglect the providential care of God.

- *Luke 6:1 And it came to pass on the second sabbath after the first, that he went through the corn fields; and his disciples plucked the ears of corn, and did eat, rubbing them in their hands. 2 And certain of the Pharisees said unto them, Why do ye that which is not lawful to do on the sabbath days? 3 And Jesus answering them said, Have ye not read so much as this, what David did, when himself was an hungred, and they which were with him; 4 How he went into the house of God, and did take and eat the shewbread, and gave also to them that were with him; which it is not lawful to eat but for the priests alone? 5 And he said unto them, That the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.*

136. Many of the great spiritual lessons Jesus wanted to teach were communicated through acts of physical healing. When the Lord commanded a man with a withered hand to "Rise up and stand forth in the midst" of a group of Pharisees, the man obeyed. The Lord was then asked a question that could not be answered. The hostile crowd was silent while the man was healed. When the Lord is pleased to heal us, it may be that He is going to teach others a spiritual truth.

- *Luke 6:6 And it came to pass also on another Sabbath, that he entered into the synagogue and taught: and there was a man whose right hand was withered. 7 And the scribes and Pharisees watched him, whether he would heal on the sabbath day; that they might find an accusation against him. 8 But he knew their thoughts, and said to the man which had the withered hand, Rise up, and stand forth in the midst. And he arose and stood forth.*

*9 Then said Jesus unto them, I will ask you one thing; Is it lawful on the sabbath days to do good, or to do evil? to save life, or to destroy it? 10 And looking round about upon them all, he said unto the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he did so: and his hand was restored whole as the other.*

137. Christians are not to speak well of prophets known to be false.

- *Luke 6:26 Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets.*

138. Christians are to give of their resources without expectation of return. It is wise not to make loans of any sort, but simply to give.

- *Luke 6:30 Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask them not again.*
- *Luke 6:34 And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again.*

139. Christians are to treat others as they would want to be treated. This is the Golden Rule of Love.

- *Luke 6:31 And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.*

140. The Christian is to love the unlovely, including their enemies.

- *Luke 6:32 For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? For sinners also love those that love them. 33 And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? For sinners also do even the same. 34 And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? For sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again. 35 But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.*

141. A guiding principle of showing mercy is to permeate the Christian's life.

- *Luke 6:36 Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.*

142. Christians are not only to give, but they are to give generously of their time and talents. The more that is given, the more there is to give. It is a mystery of the divine economy.

- *Luke 6:38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.*

143. No one should call Jesus “Lord” who is not committed to gospel obedience.

- *Luke 6:46 And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? 47 Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: 48 He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. 49 But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.*

144. D. L. Moody once went to the Bible to discover how Jesus conducted a funeral. He found that Jesus never conducted a funeral; He simply performed a resurrection. In time of death the Christian is not to weep, as others who have no hope. They are to remember that Christ has power to bring people back from the dead, and one-day He will.

- *Luke 7:12 Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her. 13 And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. 14 And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. 15 And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother. 16 And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people.*

145. When there is doubt about the person of Jesus Christ, the Christian can point to His many mighty works as confirmation that He is indeed the Messiah that should come.

- *Luke 7:22 Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached. 23 And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.*

146. When Jesus forgives sin, the heart is commanded to go in peace.

- *Luke 7:48 And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven. 49 And they that sat at meat with him began to say within themselves, Who is this that forgiveth sins also? 50 And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.*

147. Hearing the teachings of Christ with a view to understanding is obligatory.

- *Luke 8:8 ...And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.*

148. The believer is to live a transparent life in the light.

- *Luke 8:17 For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither any thing hid, that shall not be known and come abroad.*

149. The believer is to be careful what doctrine is embraced. Sound doctrine can be added to, but it can also be taken away.

- *Luke 8:18 Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have.*

150. Christians are to consider individuals their true spiritual family who hear and keep the *Word of God*.

- *Luke 8:19 Then came to him his mother and his brethren, and could not come at him for the press. 20 And it was told him by certain which said, Thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to see thee. 21 And he answered and said unto them, My mother and my brethren are these which hear the word of God, and do it.*

151. The Lordship of Christ is very practical. The small details of the day are under His sovereign control and direction. To live in the consciousness of this concept is to be consumed with the resurrected Christ.

- *Luke 8:22 Now it came to pass on a certain day, that he went into a ship with his disciples: and he said unto them, Let us go over unto the other side of the lake. And they launched forth.*

152. The Christian must never surrender faith to the storms of life. Christ may seem to be sleeping, but omniscience is always watchful, omnipresence is constant, and omnipotence sustains the moment.

- *Luke 8:23 But as they sailed he fell asleep: and there came down a storm of wind on the lake; and they were filled with water, and were in jeopardy. 24 And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, Master, master, we perish. Then he arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm. 25 And he said unto them, Where is your faith? And they being afraid wondered, saying one to another, What manner of man is this! For he commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him.*

153. The consistent prohibition of Christ to allow the demons of darkness free reign over a soul under His care is a source of encouragement to the believer. Christians should not believe they can be inhabited by demons. The Lord will send the demons away to hurt themselves. In the region of the Gadarenes, a man was brought to Christ. The Lord drove out the demons and sent them into a herd of swine.

- *Luke 8:33 Then went the devils out of the man, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the lake, and were choked.*

154. Every believe is to do the work of evangelism by proclaiming what God has done in their own life. It is possible that a personal word of testimony will lead many souls to Christ.

- *Luke 8:38 Now the man out of whom the devils were departed besought him that he might be with him: but Jesus sent him away, saying, 39 Return to thine own house, and shew how great things God hath done unto thee. And he went his way, and published throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done unto him. 40 And it came to pass, that, when Jesus was returned, the people gladly received him: for they were all waiting for him.*

155. Divine healing and spiritual healing come by faith. The soul can depart in peace.

- *Luke 8:46 And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that virtue is gone out of me. 47 And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before him, she declared unto him before all the people for what cause she had touched him and how she was healed immediately. 48 And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.*

156. When divine permission is given to believe that physical healing should take place the heart should embrace that truth by faith, and not laugh, or mock.

- *Luke 8:49 While he yet spake, there cometh one from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, Thy daughter is dead; trouble not the Master. 50 But when Jesus heard it, he answered him, saying, Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole. 51 And when he came into the house, he suffered no man to go in, save Peter, and James, and John, and the father and the mother of the maiden. 52 And all wept, and bewailed her: but he said, Weep not; she is not dead, but sleepeth. 53 And they laughed him to scorn, knowing that she was dead.*

157. Even the dead must obey the voice of Jesus.

- *Luke 8:54 And he put them all out, and took her by the hand, and called, saying, Maid, arise. 55 And her spirit came again, and she arose straightway: and he commanded to give her meat.*

158. In going forth to minister, Jesus gave specific commandments to His disciples. A principle is established: what the Lord instructs individuals to do on one occasion, may or may not be the pattern to follow on all occasions. The heart sensitive to the Holy Spirit will find the proper application. The disciples were to dress humbly, accept hospitality, and mark those places for judgment that did not accept the gospel.

- *Luke 9:1 Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. 2 And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick. 3 And he said unto them, Take nothing for your journey, neither staves, nor scrip, neither bread, neither money; neither have two coats apiece. 4 And whatsoever house ye enter into, there abide, and thence depart. 5 And whosoever will not receive you, when ye go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet for a testimony against them.*

159. Sometimes, when the Lord will perform a miracle, He will give an instruction that seems to be impossible. The Christian should not argue, but believe that a great work of grace is about to be accomplished.

- *Luke 9:12 And when the day began to wear away, then came the twelve, and said unto him, Send the multitude away, that they may go into the towns and country round about, and lodge, and get victuals: for we are here in a desert place. 13 But he said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they said, We have no more but five loaves and two fishes; except we should go and buy meat for all this people.*

160. Christians are to be organized, and wise in ministering to others. Jesus commanded the five thousand to sit down by fifties in a company in order to manage the food distribution.

- *Luke 9:14 For they were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, Make them sit down by fifties in a company. 15 And they did so, and made them all sit down.*

161. In presenting the plan of salvation there is a final point that must not be neglected, and that is to tell people to count the cost of discipleship.

- *Luke 9:23 And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. 24 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it. 25 For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away? 26 For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels.*

162. Despite spiritual immaturity in the hearts of others, the Christian should show mercy, and move to help, as Jesus healed a child despite lingering unbelief in the heart of the parents seeking help.

- *Luke 9:38-41 And, behold, a man of the company cried out, saying, Master, I beseech thee, look upon my son: for he is mine only child. 39 And, lo, a spirit taketh him, and he suddenly crieth out; and it teareth him that he foameth again, and bruising him hardly departeth from him. 40 And I besought thy disciples to cast him out; and they could not. 41 And Jesus answering said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you, and suffer you? Bring thy son hither.*

163. Bible doctrine and truth is designed to “sink down” into the ears of the Christian with understanding.

- *Luke 9:44 Let these sayings sink down into your ears: for the Son of man shall be delivered into the hands of men.*

164. Christians are commanded to be humble servants in the kingdom of Christ.

- *Luke 9:46 Then there arose a reasoning among them, which of them should be greatest. 47 And Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a child, and set him by him, 48 And said unto them, Whosoever shall receive this child in my name receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me receiveth him that sent me: for he that is least among you all, the same shall be great.*
165. Christians are not to prohibit anyone from serving the Lord simply because they are not of a particular group.
- *Luke 9:49 And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbid him, because he followeth not with us. 50 And Jesus said unto him, Forbid him not: for he that is not against us is for us.*
166. A spirit of anger that seeks to condemn, and destroy someone else, is not pleasing to the Lord. It does not reflect the spirit of Christ.
- *Luke 9:52 And sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him. 53 And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem. 54 And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did? 55 But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. 56 For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village.*
167. The principle of being a Pilgrim in this world was in the hearts of the saints of old, and in the heart of Christ. The Christian must expect hardships like the Master.
- *Luke 9:57 And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain man said unto him, Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest. 58 And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.*
168. Christ has called some to follow, only to have them make pious excuses for gospel disobedience.
- *Luke 9:59 And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. 60 Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.*
169. Some individuals pretend to want to be engaged in full time ministry, and gospel obedience but there is always some “first” to do, that distracts them from the great work of following Christ.
- *Luke 9: 61 And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house. 62 And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.*

170. Christians are to pray for more laborers.

- *Luke 10:2 Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.*

171. Christians are to view themselves as lambs among wolves. By nature, believers are different from those who would destroy them.

- *Luke 10:3 Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves.*

172. Day by day Christians are to be dependent on no man but the Lord for provisions in life.

- *Luke 10:4 Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes: and salute no man by the way.*

173. Christians are to presume the Son of Peace has come to a household, until it is evident that such is not the case.

- *Luke 10:5 And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house. 6 And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again.*

174. The Lord has made provisions for the care of those who serve Him in the work of the ministry.

- *Luke 10:7 And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house. 8 And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you:*

175. While the apostles were given the gift of healing, every Christian can tell others that the kingdom of God has drawn near to them. Certainly there is spiritual healing to ever soul that calls upon the name of the Lord for salvation.

- *Luke 10:9 And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.*

176. The message of the gospel must never be changed, compromised, or abandoned, despite opposition, and rejection.

- *Luke 10:10 But into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you not, go your ways out into the streets of the same, and say, 11 Even the very dust of your city, which cleaveth on us, we do wipe off against you: notwithstanding be ye sure of this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. 12 But I say unto you, that it shall be more tolerable in that day for Sodom, than for that city.*

177. As Christians minister the gospel in various places such as Chorazin, Bethsaida, Capernaum, and elsewhere, they must remember that those who reject the gospel message do so because they reject Christ. Therefore the work must continue elsewhere, for many will come to faith.

- *Luke 10:13 Woe unto thee, Chorazin! Woe unto thee, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon, which have been done in you, they had a great while ago repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. 14 But it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment, than for you. 15 And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted to heaven, shalt be thrust down to hell. 16 He that heareth you heareth me; and he that despiseth you despiseth me; and he that despiseth me despiseth him that sent me.*

178. Christ has power, or authority over Satan, and forces of evil, which He can entrust to others. The Christian is to remember that ultimately the Enemy cannot harm him.

- *Luke 10:18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. 19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.*

179. The Christian is not to be unduly impressed with the working of signs, and wonders, but in the matchless grace of God in writing their names in the Book of Life in heaven.

- *Luke 10:20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.*

180. The prayer life of Christ is a pattern for the Christian to emulate. In the act of praying the Christian must remember that salvation is of the Lord. It is Christ who reveals the Father to those of His own choosing.

- *Luke 10:21 In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight. 22 All things are delivered to me of my Father: and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal him.*

181. There is to be joy in the heart of the Christian that understands spiritual truth, for the promises of old have become a present reality.

- *Luke 10:23 And he turned him unto his disciples, and said privately, Blessed are the eyes which see the things that ye see: 24 For I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.*

182. It is possible for the unbeliever to perceive many truths to their own shame. The Christian must be careful to be a doer of the Word, and not a hearer only lest there is religious instruction, but no true righteousness in the sight of God. Biblical knowledge has not been given in order to use it to hurt others with clever questions in a spirit of intellectual superiority.

- *Luke 10:25 And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? 26 He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou? 27 And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. 28 And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.*

183. Every Christian is commanded to have mercy on others. The story of the Good Samaritan illustrates true mercy and grace.

- *Luke 10:29 But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour? 30 And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. 31 And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32 And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. 33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, 34 And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. 36 Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? 37 And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.*

184. The Christian must never feel guilty for choosing fellowship with the Lord, over performing menial tasks.

- *Luke 10:40 But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? Bid her therefore that she help me. 41 And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: 42 But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.*

185. The Christian is to observe principles of prayer according to the model the Lord gave.

- *Luke 11:1 And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples. 2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. 3 Give us day by day our daily bread. 4 And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.*

- ❖ Prayer is to be directed to God the Father, in the name of Jesus, in the power of the Holy Spirit. “*When ye pray, say, Our Father.*”
- ❖ In prayer the transcendence of God is to be recognized. “*Our Father which art in heaven,*”
- ❖ The name of God, which speaks of His integrity, is to be honored as holy. “*Hallowed be thy name.*”
- ❖ The rule and reign of God in His sovereignty is to be longed for, and submitted to. “*Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.*”
- ❖ Personal petitions for legitimate provisions are to be offered. “*Give us day by day our daily bread.*”
- ❖ Spiritual forgiveness of sins is to be requested. “*And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us.*”
- ❖ Divine guidance is to be sought in all areas of life so that sin can be avoided. “*And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.*”

186. Christians are to pray with fervent persistency, and with faith that prayers will be answered.

- *Luke 11:5 And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves; 6 For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? 7 And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee. 8 I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth. 9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. 10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.*

187. Jesus wants Christians to remember, that as a father delights in giving gifts to his children, so the fullness of the power of the Holy Spirit will be given to those who ask, but the believer must ask.

- *Luke 11:11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? 12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?*

188. The Christian must not attribute more power to the Enemy than the Scriptures warrant. Satan is a defeated Enemy. A Strong Man, even Jesus Christ the Mighty One has entered into his home, overtaken him, and has divided his spoils.

- *Luke 11:14-22 And he was casting out a devil, and it was dumb. And it came to pass, when the devil was gone out, the dumb spake; and the people wondered. 15 But some of them said, He casteth out devils through Beelzebub the chief of the devils. 16 And others, tempting him, sought of him a sign from heaven. 17 But he, knowing their thoughts, said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and a house divided against a house falleth. 18 If Satan also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? Because ye say that I cast out devils through Beelzebub. 19 And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore shall they be your judges. 20 But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you. 21 When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace: 22 But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils.*

### ***Special Note***

The Christian is responsible for telling others that neutrality is the one position about Christ that cannot be maintained. In his famous book *Mere Christianity*, Lewis makes this statement, "A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic - on the level with a man who says he is a poached egg - or he would be the devil of hell. You must take your choice. Either this was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us."

189. The Christian must believe in unclean spirits called demons, teach about them because the Bible reveals they do exist, and they seek to inhabit the hearts of some. The Christian must also teach that moral reformation is not enough. The Holy Spirit must come to reside in a heart that has been swept clean through acts of self-righteousness.
- *Luke 11:23 He that is not with me is against me: and he that gathereth not with me scattereth. 24 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out. 25 And when he cometh, he findeth it swept and garnished. 26 Then goeth he, and taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first.*
190. As wonderful as it is to be associated with the person of Jesus Christ, the Lord diverted attention from Himself to gospel obedience by hearing the Word of God, and doing it. The Christian must remember where the Lord placed the sphere of blessing, and that is in doing the will of the Father.
- *Luke 11:27 And it came to pass, as he spake these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto him, Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked. 28 But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.*

191. Christians are not to be seeking after signs of the times, for it is an evil generation that does so.

- *Luke 11:29 And when the people were gathered thick together, he began to say, This is an evil generation: they seek a sign; and there shall no sign be given it, but the sign of Jonas the prophet. 30 For as Jonas was a sign unto the Ninevites, so shall also the Son of man be to this generation.*

192. One day the Gentile Queen of Sheba, and the Assyrians from the city of Nineveh, will unite with the men of the first century, to condemn that generation for their rejection of the gospel.

- *Luke 11:31 The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation, and condemn them: for she came from the utmost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here. 32 The men of Nineveh shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here.*

193. The Christian is never to be ashamed to bear witness to Christ.

- *Luke 11:33 No man, when he hath lighted a candle, putteth it in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a candlestick, that they which come in may see the light.*

194. The Christian is to be focused on the Lord and His will.

- *Luke 11:34 The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when thine eye is evil, thy body also is full of darkness.*

195. The Christian is to take precaution so that the spiritual light, which is in the heart, is not a black light of spiritual darkness. What captures the eye, permeates the body.

- *Luke 11:35-36 Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness. 36 If thy whole body therefore be full of light, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light, as when the bright shining of a candle doth give thee light.*

196. The Christian is free to condemn self-righteousness in self, and in others. However, in the process of condemnation, and rendering a righteous judgment on a matter, care should be taken not to condone what is condemned, or to condemn what is condoned.

- *Luke 11:37 And as he spake, a certain Pharisee besought him to dine with him: and he went in, and sat down to meat. 38 And when the Pharisee saw it, he marvelled that he had not first washed before dinner. 39 And the Lord said unto him, Now do ye Pharisees make clean the outside of the cup and the platter; but your inward part is full of ravening and wickedness.*

197. The Christian is to remember that religion can become very foolish. God desires the giving of alms, and acts of mercy.

- *Luke 11: 40 Ye fools, did not he that made that which is without make that which is within also? 41 But rather give alms of such things as ye have; and, behold, all things are clean unto you.*
198. The principles of love and grace are superior to the Law of Moses, though the letter of the law should be honored.
- *Luke 11:42 But woe unto you, Pharisees! For ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.*
199. Humility, and not self-promotion is to characterize the Christian.
- *Luke 11:43 Woe unto you, Pharisees! For ye love the uppermost seats in the synagogues, and greetings in the markets.*
200. It is possible to be religious, but not regenerate. The Christian must look to the root of righteousness to see if there is spiritual life.
- *Luke 11:44 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye are as graves which appear not, and the men that walk over them are not aware of them.*
201. Christians in all walks of life are not to use their position and power to impose legalistic standards on others.
- *Luke 11:45 Then answered one of the lawyers, and said unto him, Master, thus saying thou reproachest us also. 46 And he said, Woe unto you also, ye lawyers! For ye lade men with burdens grievous to be borne, and ye yourselves touch not the burdens with one of your fingers.*
202. Christians are not to unite with those who hurt others by being passive.
- *Luke 11:47 Woe unto you! For ye build the sepulchres of the prophets, and your fathers killed them. 48 Truly ye bear witness that ye allow the deeds of your fathers: for they indeed killed them, and ye build their sepulchres.*
203. From the foundation of the world it was ordained that some prophets would die in order to condemn the evil that men do. Christians need to develop, and embrace a theology that includes pain and suffering within the sovereignty of God, and His decretive will.
- *Luke 11:49 Therefore also said the wisdom of God, I will send them prophets and apostles, and so me of them they shall slay and persecute: 50 That the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation; 51 From the blood of Abel unto the blood of Zacharias, which perished between the altar and the temple: verily I say unto you, It shall be required of this generation.*

204. Christians need to be careful to guard their hearts against the specific activities of the Pharisees, which is condemned by Christ, such as deliberately hiding the truth, refusing gospel terms, and making efforts to hinder others from entering into the kingdom.

- *Luke 11:52 Woe unto you, lawyers! For ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.*

205. Christians are to be careful of embracing any teaching that results in hypocrisy.

- *Luke 12:2 For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known.*

206. The Christian is to live a transparent life, knowing that what is whispered in secret will be shouted from the rooftop.

- *Luke 12:3 Therefore whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the housetops.*

207. The Christian is to cultivate a mind that is not afraid of men, but of God.

- *Luke 12:4 And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. 5 But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.*

208. The believer is to consider himself of importance to God the Father who is concerned about the smallest details of the life.

- *Luke 12:6 Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God? 7 But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows.*

209. The Christian is to be willing to confess Christ before others.

- *Luke 12:8 Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God: 9 But he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God.*

210. There is a sin against the Holy Spirit, which shall never be forgiven, and that is the sin of blasphemy, or ascribing to Satan the works of God. This sin in particular the Christian must be careful not to commit.

- *Luke 12:10 And whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but unto him that blasphemeth against the Holy Ghost it shall not be forgiven.*

211. The Christian is to consciously rely upon God the Holy Spirit for wisdom to answer critics in the hour of ultimate confrontation.

- *Luke 12:11 And when they bring you unto the synagogues, and unto magistrates, and powers, take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say: 12 For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say.*

212. Christians are to guard their hearts against covetousness.

- *Luke 12:14 And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you? 15 And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.*

213. Christians are to be rich towards God through acts of gospel obedience, and a life of integrity.

- *Luke 12:16 And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: 17 And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? 18 And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. 20 But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? 21 So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.*

214. Christians are commanded not to worry about food or clothing, but to rely upon God's provisions for these matters. Undue worry changes nothing.

- *Luke 12:22 And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on. 23 The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment.*

215. Christians are commanded to consider the birds of nature in order to learn the futility of worry.

- *Luke 12:24 Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls? 25 And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit? 26 If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest?*

216. Christians are commanded to consider the flowers of nature in order to remember how graciously God provides for things that are of infinite less value than the needs of those made in His own likeness.

- *Luke 12:27 Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 28 If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith?*

217. The worldview of the Christian is to be different than the mindset of those outside the community of faith. It is the nature of the unbeliever to worry about the details of life. It is the nature of Christians to trust in God.

- *Luke 12:29 And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. 30 For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things.*

218. The Christian is to establish as the highest priority in life the advancement of the kingdom of God, knowing that all other details of life shall be provided if that is done.

- *Luke 12:31 But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

219. The Christian is to be assured that salvation is secure. There is a place in the kingdom for all that believe.

- *Luke 12:32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.*

220. The Christian should never be afraid to be generous. The Father knows where the heart is by the attachment that is held for the toys of time.

- *Luke 12:33 Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. 34 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.*

221. The Christian should always be ready for service or sacrifice.

- *Luke 12:35 Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning.*

222. A blessed hope of the return of Christ should always be on the Christian's heart.

- *Luke 12:36 And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately. 37 Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. 38 And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. 39 And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through. 40 Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not. 41 Then Peter said unto him, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all?*

223. Every faithful Christian can anticipate ruling and reigning with Christ in the kingdom of heaven during the present age, and in the ages to come.

- *Luke 12:42 And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season? 43 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. 44 Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath. 45 But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken; 46 The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers. 47 And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. 48 But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.*

224. The Christian should expect the gospel to bring division, and disruption to society and to all associations.

- *Luke 12:49 I am come to send fire on the earth; and what will I if it be already kindled? 50 But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished! 51 Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division: 52 For from henceforth there shall be five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three. 53 The father shall be divided against the son, and the son against the father; the mother against the daughter, and the daughter against the mother; the mother in law against her daughter in law, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.*

225. The Christian should know that it is easier to judge the weather than it is to render a just verdict on matters of righteousness.

- *Luke 12:54-57 And he said also to the people, When ye see a cloud rise out of the west, straightway ye say, There cometh a shower; and so it is. 55 And when ye see the south wind blow, ye say, There will be heat; and it cometh to pass. 56 Ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky and of the earth; but how is it that ye do not discern this time? 57 Yea, and why even of yourselves judge ye not what is right?*

226. The believer is to be as agreeable as possible with those who oppose them, and as soon as possible, lest injustice be added to insult and injury. The punishment that is inflicted upon the Christian tends to be disproportionate to the transgression. There is nothing logical about sin, or its unjust expression.

- *Luke 12:58-59 When thou goest with thine adversary to the magistrate, as thou art in the way, give diligence that thou mayest be delivered from him; lest he hale thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and the officer cast thee into prison. 59 I tell thee, thou shalt not depart thence, till thou hast paid the very last mite.*

227. Christ commands all men to repent, and not to engage in thoughts of relative righteousness.

- *Luke 13:1-5 There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 2 And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things? 3 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. 4 Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? 5 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.*

228. The Christian is expected to yield spiritual fruit for the Lord.

- *Luke 13:6-9 He spake also this parable; A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none. 7 Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground? 8 And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it: 9 And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down.*

229. As no sin is too great for the grace of God, so no sickness is beyond the redemptive healing power of Christ. Christians must come to Christ for healing.

- *Luke 13:10 And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. 11 And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself. 12 And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. 13 And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.*

230. The Christian must always remember to do good when possible, under any circumstance. Also, the believer must be willing to rebuke those who would oppose good works.

- *Luke 13:14 And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day. 15 The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering? 16 And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day? 17 And when he had said these things, all his adversaries were ashamed: and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.*

231. The Christian must not be discouraged at the slow progress of advancing the Kingdom of God. There will be growth in due time.

- *Luke 13:18 Then said he, Unto what is the kingdom of God like? And whereunto shall I resemble it? 19 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and cast into his garden; and it grew, and waxed a great tree; and the fowls of the air lodged in the branches of it.*

- *Luke 13:20 And again he said, Whereunto shall I liken the kingdom of God? 21 It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.*
232. The growth of the kingdom of God is a source of great hope for the Christian. The work of Jesus, which began in victory, shall not end in defeat. However, the grace of God is not to be assumed as a basis for careless living. The Christian is commanded to labor in life for salvation is rare, and difficult. Those who are saved are of one heart and mind, reflected in the fact that the New Testament saints join the Old Testament saints in the kingdom.
- *Luke 13:22 And he went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem. 23 Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them, 24 Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. 25 When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are: 26 Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets. 27 But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity. 28 There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out. 29 And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God. 30 And, behold, there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last.*
233. The heart of the Christian is not to be intimidated by religious, or political threats. A Christian is indestructible until God is through with the life.
- *Luke 13:31 The same day there came certain of the Pharisees, saying unto him, Get thee out, and depart hence: for Herod will kill thee. 32 And he said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures to day and to morrow, and the third day I shall be perfected. 33 Nevertheless I must walk to day, and to morrow, and the day following: for it cannot be that a prophet perish out of Jerusalem.*
234. Compassion is to characterize the heart of the Christian. As Jesus wept over Jerusalem, so the believer should ask God for tears of love to shed over the community they live in, and the nation of their birth.
- *Luke 13:34 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not! 35 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate: and verily I say unto you, Ye shall not see me, until the time come when ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.*
235. The Christian can use questions effective to silence religious criticism of acts of charity.

- *Luke 14:1 And it came to pass, as he went into the house of one of the chief Pharisees to eat bread on the sabbath day, that they watched him. 2 And, behold, there was a certain man before him which had the dropsy. 3 And Jesus answering spake unto the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath day? 4 And they held their peace. And he took him, and healed him, and let him go; 5 And answered them, saying, Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fallen into a pit, and will not straightway pull him out on the Sabbath day? 6 And they could not answer him again to these things.*

236. The Christian is not to seek self-exaltation in social settings, or in life, less the judgment of God is forced to be administered in order to promote humility.

- *Luke 14:7 And he put forth a parable to those which were bidden, when he marked how they chose out the chief rooms; saying unto them, 8 When thou art bidden of any man to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room; lest a more honourable man than thou be bidden of him; 9 And he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room. 10 But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee. 11 For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.*

237. The Lord taught His disciples to seek to do good to those individuals in whom they had no vested interest, and whom could not repay in like manner.

- *Luke 14:12 Then said he also to him that bade him, When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made thee. 13 But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: 14 And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.*

238. The Christian is to labor without excuse to fellowship with Christ and to win converts to the Lord in order that His house [kingdom] might be filled. In the laboring process the Christian is to remember that religious efforts even in good works is not enough if the heart is not right with God.

- *Luke 14:15 And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God. 16 Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many: 17 And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready. 18 And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused. 19 And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused. 20 And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. 21 So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind. 22 And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room.*

*23 And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. 24 For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.*

239. The Christian must not think that great crowds mean the Lord has a great following. When the crowds grew large during His earthly ministry, Jesus taught the high cost of discipleship with the desired effect. Many of His disciples turned, and walked no more with Him.

- *Luke 14:25 And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them, 26 If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. 27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.*

240. To illustrate the concept of counting the cost of being a disciple of Christ, Jesus told His disciples to consider two examples in the building of a structure, and the waging of war.

- The building of a tower. *Luke 14:28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? 29 Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, 30 Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish.*
- The waging of war. *Luke 14:31 Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand? 32 Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace. 33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.*

241. The Christian is instructed to hear, and remember with understanding, that like salt, their effectiveness as a spiritual and moral preserver in life is only effective if not diluted or tainted by foreign elements. Once salt is compromised, it has lost its purpose for existence.

- *Luke 14:34 Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned? 35 It is neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill; but men cast it out. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.*

242. When the Christian is condemned for seeking the souls of others, the heart can remember three illustrations of Christ in response to those who accused Him of fellowshiping with sinners.

- The lost sheep. *Luke 15:1 Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him. 2 And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them. 3 And he spake this parable unto them, saying, 4 What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? 5 And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing.*

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6 And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost. 7 I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

- The lost coin. *Luke 15:8* Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it? 9 And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost. 10 Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.
- The lost son. *Luke 15:11* And he said, A certain man had two sons: 12 And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living. 13 And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living. 14 And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. 15 And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. 16 And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him. 17 And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! 18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, 19 And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.

20 And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. 21 And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. 22 But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: 23 And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: 24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry. 25 Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard musick and dancing. 26 And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant. 27 And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound. 28 And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and intreated him. 29 And he answering said to his father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends: 30 But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf. 31 And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine. 32 It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.

243. The Christian is to be faithful in small matters, in order to be entrusted with larger spheres of influence, and matters involving true spirituality.

- *Luke 16:1 And he said also unto his disciples, There was a certain rich man, which had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods. 2 And he called him, and said unto him, How is it that I hear this of thee? Give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward. 3 Then the steward said within himself, What shall I do? For my lord taketh away from me the stewardship: I cannot dig; to beg I am ashamed. 4 I am resolved what to do, that, when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses. 5 So he called every one of his lord's debtors unto him, and said unto the first, How much owest thou unto my lord? 6 And he said, An hundred measures of oil. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and sit down quickly, and write fifty. 7 Then said he to another, And how much owest thou? And he said, An hundred measures of wheat. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and write fourscore. 8 And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light. 9 And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations. 10 He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. 11 If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? 12 And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?*

244. The Christian cannot, and so must not labor for both God, and money. The heart cannot be divided. When a lifestyle leads away from the performing of gospel duties, it is precisely at that point an assessment has to be made of life's priorities.

- *Luke 16:13 No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.*

245. The Christian is to be careful not to offer a false justification of attitude and actions before men, for God knows the true status of the heart.

- *Luke 16:14 And the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things: and they derided him. 15 And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.*

246. There is timing in the divine economy. The Christian must understand the great transition that took place in the kingdom of God, beginning with John the Baptist.

- *Luke 16:16 The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it.*

### ***Special Note***

“Those that would go to heaven must take pains, must strive against the stream, must press against the crowd that are going the contrary way” (Matthew Henry).

247. The place of the Law in the life of the believer is to be one of honor, and respect, and for good reason. The smallest provisions of the Law will be honored.

- *Luke 16:17 And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail.*

248. The Christian is to be committed to the divine institution of marriage.

- *Luke 16:18 Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery.*

***Special Note***

“Christ will not allow divorces, for his gospel is intended to strike at the bitter root of men's corrupt appetites and passions, to kill them, and pluck them up; and therefore they must not be so far indulged as that permission did indulge them, for the more they are indulged the more impetuous and headstrong they grow” (Matthew Henry).

249. The Christian must believe in hell, because the *Bible* teaches it.

- *Luke 16:19 There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: 20 And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, 21 And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. 22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; 23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. 24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. 25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. 26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. 27 Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: 28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. 29 Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. 30 And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. 31 And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.*

***Special Note***

- ❖ Hell is a fixed geographical location. *Luke 16: 22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; 23 And in hell he lift up his eyes,*
- ❖ Hell is a place of consciousness. *Luke 16: 23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. 24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.*
- ❖ Hell is a place of endless torment. “*I am tormented in this flame.*”

- ❖ Hell is a sphere of existence without mercy. *Luke 16: 23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. 24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. 25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.*
- ❖ Hell is a place of eternal separation. *Luke 16: 26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.*
- ❖ Hell is a place of gospel concern. *Luke 16: 27 Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: 28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. 29 Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. 30 And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. 31 And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.*

250. The Christian must not be surprised by others being offended by the gospel message.

- *Luke 17:1-2 Then said he unto the disciples, It is impossible but that offences will come: but woe unto him, through whom they come! 2 It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones.*

251. The Christian must realize that if the Lord gives a command, He will also give a test to see if the command is complied with. Because the command to forgive is so important, it shall be tested often.

- *Luke 17:3 Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. 4 And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him.*

252. Christians are commanded to have faith. Great faith will produce great results.

- *Luke 17:5 And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith. 6 And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.*

253. Christians must not expect undue recognition or reward for normal service to the Savior.

- *Luke 17:7-10 But which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, Go and sit down to meat? 8 And will not rather say unto him, Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward thou shalt eat and drink? 9 Doth he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I trow not.*

*10 So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.*

254. Gospel obedience leads to the receiving of personal petitions to Christ.

- *Luke 17:11 And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. 12 And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off: 13 And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. 14 And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.*

255. Jesus wants His disciples to be a thankful people. In a rude and fallen world, gratitude is a great virtue.

- *Luke 17:15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, 16 And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. 17 And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? 18 There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. 19 And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.*

256. The Christian must by faith, believe they are citizens of another nation, even the kingdom of God, though this kingdom does not come with observation.

- *Luke 17:20 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: 21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! Or, lo there! For, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.*

257. Christians are forbidden to believe in a secret silent coming of Christ. The coming of Christ will be visible, but sudden, much like lightening flashing in the heavens, accompanied by noise and thunder.

- *Luke 17:22 And he said unto the disciples, The days will come, when ye shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and ye shall not see it. 23 And they shall say to you, See here; or, see there: go not after them, nor follow them. 24 For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one part under heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be in his day. 25 But first must he suffer many things, and be rejected of this generation.*

258. When Christ comes in judgment it is a great surprise, as the judgement upon Noah's generation, and the judgment upon Sodom came suddenly. But the Christian must not be taken by surprise.

- *Luke 17:26 And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. 27 They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. 28 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;*

*29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. 30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.*

259. In the Day of Judgment the Lord shall decide who shall live, and who shall die.

- *Luke 17:31 In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back. 32 Remember Lot's wife. 33 Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it. 34 I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. 35 Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left. 36 Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.*

260. By remembering the words of the Lord, which they were instructed to do, the disciples could help others understand the social situation of their day. Judgment did come to Israel in AD 70. The Roman banners unfurled to reveal the symbol of an eagle. The eagles had gathered to devour the carcass of the city of Jerusalem.

- *Luke 17:37 And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Wheresoever the body is, thither will the eagles be gathered together.*

261. It is the will of the Lord that Christians pray often, and without growing discouraged.

- *Luke 18:1 And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; 2 Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man: 3 And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary. 4 And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man; 5 Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me. 6 And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith. 7 And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?*  
*8 I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?*

262. Christians are not to engage in acts, or thoughts, of relative righteousness.

- *Luke 18:9 And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: 10 Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. 11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. 12 I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. 13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.*

263. There is a place for children in the kingdom of God. God will have mercy upon the little ones who die in infancy, or whose lives are taken by acts of cruelty. The gospel is to be given to children from the earliest age.

- *Luke 18:15-17 And they brought unto him also infants, that he would touch them: but when his disciples saw it, they rebuked them. 16 But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer [permit] little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. 17 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein.*

264. The heart must be examined closely, and tested often for the purpose of approval, or disapproval. The heart is deceitful, and desperately wicked. It is possible to have a religious heart that has never been converted. The Christian is to examine the root of righteousness, and not call Jesus “good”, unless His lordship is surrendered to.

- *Luke 18:18 And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? 19 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? None is good, save one, that is, God. 20 Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother. 21 And he said, All these have I kept from my youth up. 22 Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me. 23 And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich.*

265. The Christian must remember, and teach others that it is with difficulty the rich are converted.

- *Luke 18:24 And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! 25 For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. 26 And they that heard it said, Who then can be saved? 27 And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.*

- ❖ Riches can cause individuals to forsake Christ in time, and damn their soul for eternity.

- ❖ Riches can lead to an emotional attachment to wealth.

- ❖ Those who are rich can be saved, but salvation of the same is rare, and difficult.

266. Jesus encourages Christians to believe God shall properly reward them for their faithfulness in honoring the gospel.

- *Luke 18:28 Then Peter said, Lo, we have left all, and followed thee. 29 And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake, 30 Who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting.*

267. Understanding spiritual truth is a challenge. No matter how many times a topic is taught, God the Holy Spirit must illuminate the heart and mind. The Christian must learn to seek diligently spiritual insight into the words of Christ, and Holy Scripture.

- *Luke 18:31 Then he took unto him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished. 32 For he shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and spitefully entreated, and spitted on: 33 And they shall scourge him, and put him to death: and the third day he shall rise again. 34 And they understood none of these things: and this saying was hid from them, neither knew they the things which were spoken.*

268. The faith that seeks Christ for physical healing is the type of faith that is honored with saving faith.

- *Luke 18:35 And it came to pass, that as he was come nigh unto Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the way side begging: 36 And hearing the multitude pass by, he asked what it meant. 37 And they told him, that Jesus of Nazareth passeth by. 38 And he cried, saying, Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me. 39 And they which went before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cried so much the more, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me. 40 And Jesus stood, and commanded him to be brought unto him: and when he was come near, he asked him, 41 Saying, What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee? And he said, Lord, that I may receive my sight. 42 And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee. 43 And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God: and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God.*

- ❖ The faith of this man was sincere, but not presumptuous.
- ❖ The object of this man's faith was Christ, not faith in faith.
- ❖ The faith of this man was grounded in mercy, not spiritual laws of divine manipulation.
- ❖ The need of the man was so desperate that human obstacles could not silence him.
- ❖ The prayer of the man was focused, and specific. He did not ask for riches or personal gain, only that he might be like others in creation, and see. I tell you a true story. For three years a mother prayed for her blind little boy. Each night before putting him into his crib the mother cried out, "Lord, my child is going to be a blind Bartimaeus unless you heal him. Oh Lord, You must heal him." And He did. One day the child woke up and could see. Such is the great mercy of our Almighty God.

269. The Christian must believe that Jesus is divine, or be charged with idolatry. The deity of Christ flashes forth in the Lord's encounter with Zaccheus.

- *Luke 19:1 And Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. 2 And, behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich. 3 And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature.*

4 And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way. 5 And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house. 6 And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully. 7 And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner. 8 And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold. 9 And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

### ***Special Note***

Four thoughts might have come to Zacchaeus on this occasion.

- ❖ Jesus sees me.
- ❖ Jesus knows me.
- ❖ Jesus wants me.
- ❖ Jesus forgives me.

270. While the Christian believes in the present reality of the kingdom of God, there will yet be a greater manifestation of the kingdom on earth when Jesus comes the second time for all that believe.

- *Luke 19:11 And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear. 12 He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. 13 And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come. 14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us. 15 And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. 16 Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds. 17 And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities. 18 And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds. 19 And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities. 20 And another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin: 21 For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow. 22 And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow: 23 Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury? 24 And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds. 25 (And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds.) 26 For I say unto you, That unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him.*

*27 But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me. 28 And when he had thus spoken, he went before, ascending up to Jerusalem.*

271. Christians should always defend the deity of Christ, for the attributes of divinity are manifested by the Lord's intimate knowledge, and His sovereignty over every situation.

- *Luke 19:30 Saying, Go ye into the village over against you; in the which at your entering ye shall find a colt tied, whereon yet never man sat: loose him, and bring him hither. 31 And if any man ask you, Why do ye loose him? Thus shall ye say unto him, Because the Lord hath need of him.*

272. Christians should believe in Christ as divine, for the accuracy of His predictive utterances. In particular, the Lord prophesied the destruction of Jerusalem.

- *Luke 19:41 And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, 42 Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes. 43 For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, 44 And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation. 45 And he went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold therein, and them that bought; 46 Saying unto them, It is written, My house is the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves.*

273. Christians should defend the divinity of Christ, because the Lord's deity was displayed not only by His omniscience, the authority He displayed over animal and man, and His predictive powers, but also by His infinite wisdom.

- *Luke 20:1 And it came to pass, that on one of those days, as he taught the people in the temple, and preached the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes came upon him with the elders, 2 And spake unto him, saying, Tell us, by what authority doest thou these things? or who is he that gave thee this authority? 3 And he answered and said unto them, I will also ask you one thing; and answer me: 4 The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or of men? 5 And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say, Why then believed ye him not? 6 But and if we say, Of men; all the people will stone us: for they be persuaded that John was a prophet. 7 And they answered, that they could not tell whence it was. 8 And Jesus said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things.*

274. Christians are responsible to warn others that a rejection of Christ as Lord and Savior has serious consequences.

- *Luke 20:9 Then began he to speak to the people this parable; A certain man planted a vineyard, and let it forth to husbandmen, and went into a far country for a long time. 10 And at the season he sent a servant to the husbandmen, that they should give him of the fruit of the vineyard: but the husbandmen beat him, and sent him away empty.*

*11 And again he sent another servant: and they beat him also, and entreated him shamefully, and sent him away empty. 12 And again he sent a third: and they wounded him also, and cast him out. 13 Then said the lord of the vineyard, What shall I do? I will send my beloved son: it may be they will reverence him when they see him. 14 But when the husbandmen saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, This is the heir: come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours. 15 So they cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What therefore shall the lord of the vineyard do unto them? 16 He shall come and destroy these husbandmen, and shall give the vineyard to others. And when they heard it, they said, God forbid. 17 And he beheld them, and said, What is this then that is written, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner? 18 Whosoever shall fall upon that stone shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.*

275. Christians are not to tempt the Lord to sin, like the Pharisees.

- *Luke 20:21 And they asked him, saying, Master, we know that thou sayest and teachest rightly, neither acceptest thou the person of any, but teachest the way of God truly: 22 Is it lawful for us to give tribute unto Caesar, or no? 23 But he perceived their craftiness, and said unto them, Why tempt ye me? 24 Shew me a penny. Whose image and superscription hath it? They answered and said, Caesar's. 25 And he said unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's. 26 And they could not take hold of his words before the people: and they marvelled at his answer, and held their peace.*

276. Jesus believed in the immortality of the soul, and the resurrection from among the dead. So should every Christian.

- *Luke 20:34 And Jesus answering said unto them, The children of this world marry, and are given in marriage: 35 But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage: 36 Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection. 37 Now that the dead are raised, even Moses shewed at the bush, when he calleth the Lord the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. 38 For he is not a God of the dead, but of the living: for all live unto him.*

277. Every Christian should embrace the deity of Christ, because Jesus showed His eternal existence in His teaching.

- *Luke 20:41 And he said unto them, How say they that Christ is David's son? 42 And David himself saith in the book of Psalms, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, 43 Till I make thine enemies thy footstool. 44 David therefore calleth him Lord, how is he then his son?*

278. The Christian is to beware of any doctrinal teaching that will produce legalism, self-promotion, and insensitivity.

- *Luke 20:46 Beware of the scribes, which desire to walk in long robes, and love greetings in the markets, and the highest seats in the synagogues, and the chief rooms at feasts; 47 Which devour widows' houses, and for a shew make long prayers: the same shall receive greater damnation.*
279. Christians are to give on the principle of grace. God is not impressed with the amount of money given, but the heart in which it is given.
- *Luke 21:1 And he looked up, and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury. 2 And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites. 3 And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all: 4 For all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God: but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had.*
280. Christians are not to become unduly impressed with buildings and budgets, for these are temporary items.
- *Luke 21:5 And as some spake of the temple, how it was adorned with goodly stones and gifts, he said, 6 As for these things which ye behold, the days will come, in the which there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.*
281. Christians are not to embrace sensational prophetic schemes that predict the return of Christ, or declare He has returned.
- *Luke 21:8 And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them.*
282. The heart of the Christian is not to become terrified at the news of national pressures, or global conflicts, for these things must first come to pass before the end.
- *Luke 21:9 But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the end is not by and by. 10 Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom:*
283. Christians should anticipate unnatural events in nature.
- *Luke 21:11 And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.*
284. Christians should not be surprised at periods of persecution suffering for the sake of the gospel.
- *Luke 21:12 But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake. 13 And it shall turn to you for a testimony.*

285. Christians should determine to not plan a vigorous defense, apart from dependence upon and the leading of the Holy Spirit.

- *Luke 21:14 Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer: 15 For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.*

286. While being hated is a difficult emotion to endure, it should not be a surprise to the believer when self is the object of irrational hatred.

- *Luke 21:16 And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death. 17 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake.*

287. The believer is to remember that in the presence of persecution, quiet patience and trusting in the Lord will lead to a divine deliverance. God will preserve both body and soul. In the ultimate day of glorification it will be proven that not a hair of the head perished.

- *Luke 21:18-19 But there shall not an hair of your head perish. 19 In your patience possess ye your souls.*

288. The student of the *Scripture* has a responsibility to study those events related to the fall of Jerusalem, in AD 70, by way of interpretation, and those same events that have a spiritual application that transcends time.

- *Luke 21:20-28 And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. 21 Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto. 22 For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. 23 But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! For there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people. 24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. 25 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; 26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. 27 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.*

289. With divine permission, Christians are responsible to discern the signs of the time.

- *Luke 21:29 And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees; 30 When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. 31 So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. 32 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled. 33 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.*

290. Christians must take seriously the warning of Christ to guard their behavior, and to live in such a prayerful manner as to be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. The believer is to be careful not to be charged with surfeiting, or over indulgence, drunkenness, or worry.

- *Luke 21: 34 And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. 35 For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. 36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.*

291. The Christian must not think that any command Christ gives is too menial a task to be performed.

- *Luke 22:7 Then came the day of unleavened bread, when the Passover must be killed. 8 And he sent Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare us the Passover, that we may eat.*

292. When a Christian is unclear as to the will of the Lord, He must ask to clarify what He wants done.

- *Luke 22:9 And they said unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare? 10 And he said unto them, Behold, when ye are entered into the city, there shall a man meet you, bearing a pitcher of water; follow him into the house where he entereth in. 11 And ye shall say unto the goodman of the house, The Master saith unto thee, Where is the guest chamber, where I shall eat the Passover with my disciples? 12 And he shall shew you a large upper room furnished: there make ready. 13 And they went, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the Passover.*

293. The Christian should remember that the Lord Jesus desires to have communion with them.

- *Luke 22:14 And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him. 15 And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer: 16 For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God. 17 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves: 18 For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come.*

294. Knowing how easily it is for the heart to forget, the Christian is commanded to remember the Lord's death according to divine decree.

- *Luke 22:19 And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. 20 Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is shed for you. 21 But, behold, the hand of him that betrayeth me is with me on the table. 22 And truly the Son of man goeth, as it was determined: but woe unto that man by whom he is betrayed!*

295. The Christian is not to seek pre-eminence, but is to cultivate a mindset of humility, and lowliness.

- *Luke 22:24 And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest. 25 And he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors. 26 But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve. 27 For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? But I am among you as he that serveth.*

296. The Lord Jesus rewards faithfulness and loyalty, which are to characterize the believer.

- *Luke 22:27 For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? But I am among you as he that serveth. 28 Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations. 29 And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me; 30 That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.*

297. The Christian must find great comfort that Christ prays and intercedes for His own that the Evil One does not dominate their lives.

- *Luke 22:31 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: 32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.*

298. The Christian must believe the Lord when He warns of what is to come. There is to be no confidence in the flesh.

- *Luke 22:31 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: 32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. 33 And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death. 34 And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me.*

299. Without contradiction, the conduct of the Christian can, and does change according to the will of the Lord. What is appropriate at one time, may be inappropriate at another.

- *Luke 22:35 And he said unto them, When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye any thing? And they said, Nothing. 36 Then said he unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one. 37 For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, And he was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things concerning me have an end. 38 And they said, Lord, behold, here are two swords. And he said unto them, It is enough.*

300. The Christian is commanded to pray and ask the Father to keep them from entering into temptation.
- *Luke 22:40 And when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation.*
301. Like Christ the Christian is always to submit to the will of the Father.
- *Luke 22:41 And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed, 42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.*
302. The Christian must not sleep when it is time to pray.
- *Luke 22:45 And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow, 46 And said unto them, Why sleep ye? rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation.*
303. Unlike Judas the Christian must not betray Christ with outward expressions of tender affection while harboring secret harm.
- *Luke 22:47 And while he yet spake, behold a multitude, and he that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them, and drew near unto Jesus to kiss him. 48 But Jesus said unto him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?*
304. The Christian must not do harm to their personal enemies no matter how much evil they will perform even when acts of mercy are shown.
- *Luke 22:49 When they which were about him saw what would follow, they said unto him, Lord, shall we smite with the sword? 50 And one of them smote the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear. 51 And Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye thus far. And he touched his ear, and healed him.*
305. The believer is to understand there are certain hours in time that have been allotted to the "power of darkness."
- *Luke 22:52 Then Jesus said unto the chief priests, and captains of the temple, and the elders, which were come to him, Be ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and staves? 53 When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched forth no hands against me: but this is your hour, and the power of darkness.*
306. Christians are to remember that personal moments of evil, as well as the moments of good, have been foreordained by God.

- *Luke 22:55 And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the hall, and were set down together, Peter sat down among them. 56 But a certain maid beheld him as he sat by the fire, and earnestly looked upon him, and said, This man was also with him. 57 And he denied him, saying, Woman, I know him not. 58 And after a little while another saw him, and said, Thou art also of them. And Peter said, Man, I am not. 59 And about the space of one hour after another confidently affirmed, saying, Of a truth this fellow also was with him: for he is a Galilaean. 60 And Peter said, Man, I know not what thou sayest. And immediately, while he yet spake, the cock crew. 61 And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. 62 And Peter went out, and wept bitterly.*

307. In the hour of persecution it is not inappropriate to give a reasonable answer to questions posed, though the Christian must understand those who are present do not want to hear, nor will they understand spiritual realities.

- *Luke 22:66 And as soon as it was day, the elders of the people and the chief priests and the scribes came together, and led him into their council, saying, 67 Art thou the Christ? tell us. And he said unto them, If I tell you, ye will not believe: 68 And if I also ask you, ye will not answer me, nor let me go. 69 Hereafter shall the Son of man sit on the right hand of the power of God. 70 Then said they all, Art thou then the Son of God? And he said unto them, Ye say that I am. 71 And they said, What need we any further witness? For we ourselves have heard of his own mouth.*

308. Sometimes the unbelieving community will be more fair, and just in its verdict, than the religious community.

- *Luke 23:1 And the whole multitude of them arose, and led him unto Pilate. 2 And they began to accuse him, saying, We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, saying that he himself is Christ a King. 3 And Pilate asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answered him and said, Thou sayest it. 4 Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, I find no fault in this man.*

309. Jesus warned of days of persecution. Many Christians hope to escape tribulation, but that is not the known will of the Lord. Only through pain and suffering can some lessons of life be learned.

- *Luke 23:27 And there followed him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented him. 28 But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children. 29 For, behold, the days are coming, in the which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck. 30 Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us. 31 For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?*

310. Jesus prayed not only for those whom He loved, but also for those who hurt Him. The Christian must do the same.

- *Luke 23:32 And there were also two other, malefactors, led with him to be put to death. 33 And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left. 34 Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.*
311. There is no sin too great for the grace of God to forgive. There is no sinner so desperate that he cannot be redeemed, and have the hope of heaven placed in his heart.
- *Luke 23:39 And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. 40 But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? 41 And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. 42 And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. 43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.*
312. In the hour of death the soul of the believer can be commended to the care of God the Father, knowing that He will do what is right.
- *Luke 23:46 And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.*
313. It is possible to be in the presence of Jesus, and not recognize Him. The Christian must seek for much spiritual understanding.
- *Luke 24:13 And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs. 14 And they talked together of all these things which had happened. 15 And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. 16 But their eyes were holden that they should not know him. 17 And he said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad? 18 And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass therein these days? 19 And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people: 20 And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him. 21 But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done. 22 Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre; 23 And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive. 24 And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not. 25 Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: 26 Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? 27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.*

314. Christ instills into His people a spirit of peace.

- *Luke 24:33 And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them, 34 Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon. 35 And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread. 36 And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.*

315. Christians are to defend the gospel, not only by faith, but also on empirical evidence.

- *Luke 24:38 And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? And why do thoughts arise in your hearts? 39 Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.*

316. Christians are to have hope in the resurrection of the body that will be much like the present body, but glorified.

- *Luke 24:40 And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet. 41 And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat? 42 And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. 43 And he took it, and did eat before them.*

317. Christ will personally teach His word to those whose hearts are in fellowship with Him.

- *Luke 24:44 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. 45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, 46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: 47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 And ye are witnesses of these things.*

318. The believer must not try to do any work for the Lord apart from the filling of the Holy Spirit.

- *Luke 24:49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.*

319. The true disciple of Christ will dwell with the Master as they hear Him say, "Come and see."

- *John 1:38 Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" 39 "Come," he replied, "and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and spent that day with him. It was about the tenth hour.*

320. The command to follow Christ is a royal summons to discipleship.

- *John 1:43 The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me.*

321. The person who obeys the imperatives of Christ might be present to witness a miracle.

- *John 2:7-11 Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. 8 And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it. 9 When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, 10 And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now. 11 This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.*

322. Christians are not to make the Lord's house a house of merchandise.

- *John 2:13 And the Jews' Passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem, 14 And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting: 15 And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables; 16 And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise.*

323. Every professing Christian must make sure God the Holy Spirit has regenerated them.

- *John 3:1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: 2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. 3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. 4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? 5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. 8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.*

324. Evidence of the new birth is made manifest by faith in Christ. The Christian must believe in Jesus Christ in order to have eternal life.

- *John 3:14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: 15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.*

325. Christians must love the light, and hate moral darkness, and the deeds that are committed in moral darkness.

- *John 3:18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd. 21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.*

326. A spiritual encounter with Christ must not be turned into a religious argument.

- *John 4:7 There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink 8 (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.) 9 Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.*

327. Every professing Christian must drink spiritually from the well of living water. This means asking God the Father for the gift of eternal life.

- *John 4:10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. 11 The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water? 12 Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle? 13 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: 14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.*

328. The Christian must expect Christ to probe into the personal life to expose sin, so the heart can live in the light.

- *John 4:16 Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither. 17 The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband: 18 For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.*
- *John 4:28 The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, 29 Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?*

329. The Christian is to worship God in spirit and in truth.

- *John 4:21 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. 22 Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. 23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.*
330. The Christian is to labor hard, while looking on the fields that are ready for harvest, with a view to rejoicing in the salvation of souls.
- *John 4:34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. 35 Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. 36 And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. 37 And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. 38 I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.*
331. The heart of the Christian must not expect to see signs and wonders before it will believe in the power of Christ to do good. Faith is in Jesus, not in miracles. Healing is to be found in the touch of the Master.
- *John 4:46 So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum. 47 When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judaea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death. 48 Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe. 49 The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die. 50 Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way.*
332. Christians must believe in the healing power of Christ, leading to gospel obedience. When the impotent man by the pool was told to rise up and walk, he believed, and then moved to obey.
- *John 5:8 Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. 9 And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the Sabbath.*
333. The Christian must understand that one of the reasons for sickness is due to sinful behavior.
- *John 5:13 And he that was healed wist [knew] not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in that place. 14 Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.*
334. The Christian is to be committed to Christ, and to the teachings of the Master. In John 5:17-47 Jesus taught about a variety of issues that must be understood and embraced.

- Jesus taught the doctrine of the trinity. By declaring that He must engage in the great work of redemption, Christ taught His own equality with the Father. Even if many today do not understand, that Jesus was claiming divinity for Himself, the Jews of His day did understand for they took up stone to kill Him. *John 5:17 But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. 18 Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the Sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.*
- Jesus taught the love of the Father for the Son. *John 5:20 For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, [for the very purpose] that ye may marvel.*
- Jesus taught the physical resurrection of the dead. *John 5:21 For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.*
- Jesus taught the doctrine of selective spiritual election, resulting in regeneration. *John 5:21 For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.*
- Jesus taught the doctrine of the judgment. *John 5:22 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: 23 [in order] that all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him... 26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; 27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.*
- Jesus taught the doctrine of salvation by grace, through faith alone. *John 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.*
- Jesus taught the doctrine of everlasting life. *John 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.*
- Jesus taught the first resurrection is a spiritual resurrection. *John 5:25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.*
- Jesus taught a singular general resurrection of the dead. *John 5:28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, 29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.*

- Jesus taught His own subordination to the Father. *John 5:30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me. 31 If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true.*
  - Jesus taught He was approved of God and superior to John. *John 5:32 There is another that beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true. 33 Ye sent unto John, and he bare witness unto the truth. 34 But I receive not testimony from man: but these things I say, that ye might be saved. 35 He was a burning and a shining light: and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light. 36 But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.*
  - Jesus taught the Father is inscrutable. *John 5:37 And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.*
  - Jesus taught that not all people have the Word of God abiding in their hearts, nor will all men come to Him for salvation. The doctrine of universalism is in error. *John 5:38-40 And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not. 39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. 40 And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.*
  - Jesus taught it is possible to know if people have not the love of God in their hearts. *John 5:42 But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you.*
  - Jesus taught that the *Old Testament* Scriptures spoke of Him. *John 5:45 Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust. 46 For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. 47 But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?*
335. Christians must know they will be put into pressure situations in daily life in order to test their faith, and teach them to rely upon the power of God.
- *John 6:5 When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat? 6 And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do.*
336. Christians are to waste no divine resources that have been provided in grace.
- *John 6:12 When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.*
337. Christians must never be afraid of the presence, power, or person of Jesus.
- *John 6:20 But he saith unto them, It is I; be not afraid.*

338. Christians are not to seek Christ for the sensation or self interest. Rather, they are to labor in spiritual matters for spiritual fruit which will last.

- *John 6:26 Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled. 27 Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.*

339. The most important spiritual work any professing Christian, or any seeking sinner can do is to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.

- *John 6:29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.*

340. The Christian must see Christ in all the Scriptures, by type and by anti-type.

- *John 6:32 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.*

341. By faith, the Christian is to find spiritual nourishment in the Bread of Life, Jesus Christ.

- *John 6:35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.*

342. Physical sight of Christ is not enough; there must be spiritual sight as well. True faith in the Christian cries out, *“I believe thou art the Christ the Son of the Living God.”*

- *John 6:36 But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not.*

343. The Christian is to believe in the wide mercy of the grace of God. All that come to Christ will never be cast out. The mercy of God is reflected in the covenant of grace, by which the Father has given to the Son a certain number of souls. All that have been given to the Son shall come to Him. There is divine certainty.

- *John 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.*

344. The Christian must believe in the doctrine of eternal assurance, for such faith reflects the great work of Christ at Calvary, and places confidence not in self, or good works, but in the Lord.

- *John 6:38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. 39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. 40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.*

345. Christians are not to mummer, or complain among themselves.

- *John 6:43 Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves.*

346. The Christian is to comprehend the desperate condition of the heart prior to salvation, in order to magnify the grace of the Lord in salvation.

- *John 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.*

347. In the matter of salvation, the Christian must examine the heart to see if it has been taught by God to rely upon Christ alone for salvation, and not its own free will, good works, water baptism, or church membership.

- *John 6:45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me. 46 Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father.*

348. The Christian must believe in both the deity and humanity of Christ. Both are brought together in John 6:46.

- *John 6:46 Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he [Christ who is true humanity] which is of God, he hath seen the Father.*

349. The Christian must believe in the doctrine of eternal security, for everlasting life becomes meaningless, if once given, it can be lost.

- *John 6:47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.*

350. The Christian can. and must find Christ in all the Old Testament stories, and types.

- *John 6:50 This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. 51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. 52 The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat? 53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. 54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. 55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. 56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. 57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me. 58 This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever. 59 These things said he in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum.*

351. The world teaches a hierarchy of needs illustrated by Abraham Maslow's model emphasizing first physiological needs (such as air, water, food, sleep, sex, etc.), then safety needs, love needs, followed by the need for self-esteem (results from either competence or mastery of a task. or the attention and recognition that comes from others, and finally self-actualization, which is defined as the *"the desire to become more and more what one is, to become everything that one is capable of becoming."* It is believed that people who have everything can maximize their potential. They can seek knowledge, peace, esthetic experiences, self-fulfillment, and oneness with God. Biblically this order of needs is reversed. Jesus said, *"It is the spirit that gives life."*

- *John 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.*

352. The Christian must believe in the bondage of the will, not its freedom. The natural man has no will to come to Christ. When confronted with the truth of divine election, many disciples will no more walk with Jesus.

- *John 6:64 But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him. 65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father. 66 From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. 67 Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? 68 Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life. 69 And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God. 70 Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil? 71 He spake of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve.*

353. When Christ told the world of its sins, it hated him. When, like Christ, the Christian tells the world of its sins the believer will be hated. The world cannot and will not hate the Church if it does not protest evil.

- *John 7:7 The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil.*

354. The Christian is not to preach his own thoughts, but the doctrine which he has received from Christ, who in turn received it from the Father.

- *John 7:17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. 18 He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.*

355. The believer is commanded to judge every situation with a righteous judgment.

- *John 7:24 Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.*

356. The church must tell sinners who are spiritually hungry, and thirsty to come to Christ. They are not to seek salvation in baptism, church membership, good deeds, acts of dedication, or by making decisions. They are to come to Christ.

- *John 7:37-38 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. 38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.*

357. The Christian is to examine his own heart before unjustly, and without mercy condemning another.

- *John 8:7 So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.*

358. Salvation does not mean the soul can go and sin again. The Lord's grace and love leads to a departure from evil. This truth the Christian must firmly embrace.

- *John 8:10 When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? Hath no man condemned thee? 11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.*

359. Christians must believe that Christ alone is the Light of the world, and follow Him.

- *John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.*

360. Christians are to judge no man after the flesh but in truth and righteousness.

- *John 8:14 Jesus answered and said unto them, Though I bear record of myself, yet my record is true: for I know whence I came, and whither I go; but ye cannot tell whence I come, and whither I go. 15 Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man. 16 And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me. 17 It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true. 18 I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me.*

361. Those who know the Son will know the Father. Those who know not the Son do not know the Father. An individual must ask, "Do I know the Son? Do I know the Father?"

- *John 8:19 John 8:19 Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also.*

362. As the righteous Judge of the universe, Jesus told some people about their eternal damnation. It is possible to seek after Christ, and yet die in sin.

- *John 8:21 Then said Jesus again unto them, I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come...23 And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world.*

363. A sight of the crucified Christ can lead to spiritual understanding.

- *John 8:28 When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things. 29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.*

364. Those who believe in Christ must continue in His word if they are to be His disciples indeed, or with certainty, and set free from the power (addiction) and pollution of sin.

- *John 8:31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; 32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*

365. Those who practice sin are the servants of sin. Only the Savior can set a person free with finality.

- *John 8:34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. 35 And the servant abideth not in the house forever: but the Son abideth ever. 36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.*

366. Not every descendant of Abraham has a share in the gospel privileges promised to Abraham. There is a natural hatred in the heart against Christ.

- *John 8:37 I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you. 38 I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father.*

367. Those who are truly of Abraham's seed spiritually, love the Lord Jesus.

- *John 8:39 They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham. 40 But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham...42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.*

368. It is important to know that not everyone is born of God. Some are born of their father the devil, and will practice the lust patterns of the flesh.

- *John 8:43 Why do ye not understand my speech? Even because ye cannot hear my word. 44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. 45 And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.*

369. If Jesus is not a liar, and not a lunatic, He must be Lord. The heart must believe in Him, and will believe, unless a person is not of the elect.

- *John 8:46 Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? 47 He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.*

370. The Christian is to keep the sayings of Christ in order to have the hope of never seeing spiritual death.

- *John 8:51 Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.*

371. Christians are to believe in the impeccability of Christ. Not only did Jesus not sin, He was not able to sin. Christians also must believe in His eternity. He is very God of very God, possessing all the attributes of divinity, such as eternal existence. The fourth century heretic, Arius, was wrong when he taught, “*There was a time when He was not.*”

- *John 8:54 Jesus answered, If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: it is my Father that honoureth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God: 55 Yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying. 56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad. ... 58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.*

372. Christians are to be immediately obedient to the known will of the Lord as soon as they are instructed. This principle is illustrated by the blind man made to see by the Lord’s application of spittle and clay to his eyes.

- *John 9:7 And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.*

373. Every person who would be a Christian must come to salvation by faith in Christ alone.

- *John 10:9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.*

374. Those who are sheep, because they have been given to Christ by the Father, will hear the voice of their Shepherd, and will follow Him. Christians are to follow no other religious voice.

- *John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:*

375. All men in general should believe, but Christians in particular must believe in the works of Christ in order to know Him, and be confident that the Father is in Jesus, and He is in the Father.

- *John 10:38 But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him.*

376. Christians are to be in the geographical will of the Lord, which means that the presence of the Lord is discernable in a given place. Danger is not to be used as an excuse for being outside the geographical will of the Lord. Like Thomas, be willing to die for Jesus.

- *John 11:7 Then after that saith he to his disciples, Let us go into Judaea again. 8 His disciples say unto him, Master, the Jews of late sought to stone thee; and goest thou thither again? 9 Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world. 10 But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him....16 Then said Thomas, which is called Didymus, unto his fellow disciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him.*

377. Christians are to have an unshakeable belief in the bodily resurrection of the dead.

- *John 11:25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: 26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?*

378. Despite odious and difficult tasks, when the Lord gives instruction in a matter, He is to be obeyed.

- *John 11:39 Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days. 40 Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God? 41 Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.*

379. The heart of the Christian will rejoice when the mighty power of God is witnessed based upon gospel obedience.

- *John 11:43 And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. 44 And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave clothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.*

380. Christians are not to be self-righteous, and critical of others who want to do something good for the Lord.

- *John 12:4 Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him, 5 Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor? 6 This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein. 7 Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this. 8 For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always.*

381. If any Christian would serve the Lord and be honored, Jesus must be followed in life, and in death.

- *John 12:26 If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.*

382. Christians are to walk in the light of the gospel truth they have received and believed.

- *John 12:35 Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. 36 While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them.*

**Special Note.**

The promise is given that if Christians walk in the light, the blood of Christ will cleans from all sin. *1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*

383. Christians are to believe in God the Son, and in God the Father, who has sent the Son into the world.

- *John 12:44 Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. 45 And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me.*

384. Christians are to engage in acts of humility with a joyful spirit.

- *John 13:12 So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? 13 Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. 14 If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. 16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. 17 If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.*

385. Christians are to love one another.

- *John 13:34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. 35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.*

386. The heart of the Christian is not to fear the future but to believe in God and in Jesus Christ.

- *John 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.*

387. Christians are to believe that Christ is in the Father, and the Father is in Christ, because of either the testimony of Jesus, or because of the miraculous works He performed.

- *John 14:11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.*

388. Christians are to believe they shall perform greater works than what Jesus did.

- *John 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.*

389. Christians are to pray in faith in the name of Jesus.

- *John 14:14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.*

390. Christians are to believe in, receive, and be blessed by the work of the Comforter.

- *John 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; ... 26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.*

***Special Note.***

Jesus is the initial, and original Paraclete (1 John 2:1). The Holy Spirit is “another” Paraclete. A Paraclete in the ancient world was primarily a defense attorney who would comfort a person in legal trouble, but also was there to defend the individual. While the Christian is comforted by the work of the Holy Spirit, His primary work is to defend the Christian against the world, and the devil, and to instruct them.

391. Christians are to abide in Christ in order to produce spiritual fruit.

- *John 15:4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.*

392. Christians are to remember the words of the Lord Jesus concerning persecution.

- *John 15:20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.*

393. Christians are not to be offended because of their relationship to Christ, and will not be offended when the words of Jesus are remembered.

- *John 16:1 These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended....4 But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them. And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, because I was with you.*

394. The Christian is commanded to be of good cheer, because Christ has overcome the world.

- *John 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.*

395. Christians are not to engage in violent acts of personal retaliation, even to protect Jesus, when the will of the Father is known.

- *John 18:11 Then said Jesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath: the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?*

396. The disciples of Jesus are to look after one another, especially the widows.

- *John 19:26 When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! 27 Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.*

397. Christians must be careful with what spirit, and in what manner they come to Christ.

- *John 20:17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.*

***Special Note.***

“This passage has given rise to a variety of interpretations. Jesus required Thomas to touch him (John 20:27), and it has been difficult to ascertain why he forbade this now to Mary. The reason why he directed Thomas to do this was, that he doubted whether he had been restored to life. Mary did not doubt that. The reason why he forbade her to touch him now is to be sought in the circumstances of the case. Mary, filled with joy and gratitude, was about to prostrate herself at his feet, disposed to remain with him, and offer him there her homage as her risen Lord. This is probably included in the word touch in this place; and the language of Jesus may mean this: "Do not approach me now for this purpose. Do not delay here. Other opportunities will yet be afforded to see me. I have not yet ascended—that is, I am not about to ascend immediately, but shall remain yet on earth to afford opportunity to my disciples to enjoy my presence." From Matt 28:9, it appears that the women, when they met Jesus, held him by the feet and worshipped him. This species of adoration was probably the intention of Mary to offer, and this, at that time, Jesus forbade, and directed her to go at once and give his disciples notice that he had risen” (Barnes' Notes).

398. Christians are to receive the Holy Ghost.

- *John 20:22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:*

399. Christians are to remit sins, and they are to retain sins.

- *John 20:23 Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.*

***Special Note.***

Only God can forgive sins. However, Christians can declare the will of God, and on what terms God will extend forgiveness of sins. Christian can tell others that sins will be forgiven based upon gospel repentance, and sins will be retained when a person does not comply with the gospel.

400. Christians can, and must, touch Christ by faith as surely as Thomas touched Jesus in the flesh.

- *John 20:27 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. 28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. 29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.*

401. In difficult and barren situations in life, the Christian must hear the voice of the Lord, and follow His counsel.

- *John 21:5 Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No. 6 And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.*

402. Christians must bring to Christ the fruits of their labor.

- *John 21:10 Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught.*

403. Christians are to enjoy, not only formal times of worship, but informal fellowship with Jesus.

- *John 21:12 Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? Knowing that it was the Lord.*

“Jesus has a table spread  
Where the saints of God are fed,  
He invites His chosen people, ‘Come and dine’;  
With His manna He doth feed  
And supplies our every need:  
Oh, ’tis sweet to sup with Jesus all the time!

‘Come and dine,’ the Master calleth, ‘Come and dine’;  
You may feast at Jesus’ table all the time;  
He Who fed the multitude, turned the water into wine,  
To the hungry calleth now,  
‘Come and dine.’”

C. B. Widmeyer, 1907

404. Christians in general, and church shepherds in particular, are to feed the flock of God.

- *John 21:15 So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. 16 He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.*

*17 He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.*

405. Christians are not to be concerned what Christ has in store for others, but are to concentrate on personally following the Lord.

- *John 21:20 Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee? 21 Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do? 22 Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? Follow thou me.*

## ELEVEN

### COMMANDMENTS FOR CHRISTIANS

#### ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

406. Christians should wait for the promise of the Father prior to engaging in formal ministry efforts.

- *Acts 1:4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.*

407. Christians are to engage in worldwide evangelism.

- *Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

408. Christians are to be a repenting people.

The gospel calls upon every person to repent. Repentance implies sorrow for sin as committed against God, and a heartfelt desire to forsake it. A Christian is a person who has responded to the divine command to repent. Those who heard Peter preach were to be baptized “*for the remission of sins*”, not merely the sin of crucifying of the Messiah, but of all sins which caused His death.

- *Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.*
409. Every Christian is to be baptized as a sign of salvation. Christ has directed that all should be baptized who believe.
- *Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.*
410. Every Christian is to be a person who has been converted, not in a passive sense, but in the fact they have turned, or better, they have returned to a path from which one has gone astray. A Christian is a person who has turned away from sins, and forsakes them. To be converted is to denote the whole turning of the heart to God.
- *Acts 3:19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;*
411. A Christian is to be a person who is aware of the promises and punishments spoken of by the prophets.
- *Acts 13:40 Beware therefore, lest that come upon you, which is spoken of in the prophets;:41 Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish: for I work a work in your days, a work which ye shall in no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you.*
412. Christians are not to worship idols.
- *Acts 15:20 But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood.*
413. Christians are not to engage in acts of fornication.
- *Acts 15:20 But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood.*
414. Christians are not to eat strangled meats.
- *Acts 15:20 But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood.*
415. Christians are not to eat blood.
- *Acts 15:20 But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood.*
416. Christians are to take heed for themselves, and if they are overseers for the flock of God, to feed the church of God with spiritual food.

- *Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.*

## FIFTY

### COMMANDMENTS FOR CHRISTIANS

#### ROMANS

417. Christians are to consider themselves to be dead unto sin.
- *Romans 6:11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.*
418. Christians are to consider themselves to be alive unto God.
- *Romans 6:11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.*
419. Christians are not to live after the flesh.
- *Romans 8:12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.*
420. Christians are to put to death the deeds of the body.
- *Romans 8:13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.*
421. The body of every Christian is to be presented to the Lord as a living sacrifice.
- *Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.*
422. No Christian should be conformed this world but is to be transformed by the renewing of the mind.
- *Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*
423. A Christian is not to have an exalted opinion of himself.
- *Romans 12:3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.*

424. Every Christian is to use their spiritual gift for the good of the church, and for the glory of God.

- *Romans 12:6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;*

425. A Christian is to love without dissimulation, or deceit.

- *Romans 12:9 Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.*

426. A Christian is to emotionally hate that which is evil, while embracing that which is good.

- *Romans 12:9 Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.*

427. Christians are to be kindly affectionate one to another.

- *Romans 12:10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;*

428. Christians are to prefer others before themselves.

- *Romans 12:10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;*

429. A Christian must be diligent in business.

- *Romans 12:11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;*

430. A Christian must be fervent in spiritual matters.

- *Romans 12:11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;*

431. A Christian must be engaged in serving the Lord.

- *Romans 12:11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;*

432. A Christian is to rejoice in hope, while being patient in tribulation.

- *Romans 12:12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;*

433. Every Christian, every born again believer must be engaged in prayer.

- *Romans 12:12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;*

434. Christians are to be charitable and hospitable.

- *Romans 12:13 Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.*

435. Christians are to pronounce a blessing on those who persecute them.

- *Romans 12:14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.*

436. Christians must not only sympathize with others, they must empathize as well.

- *Romans 12:15 Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.*

437. Every Christian is to strive to be of the same mind, one toward another, in order to promote a bond of unity.

- *Romans 12:16 Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.*

438. A Christian is not to hold others in contempt because of their low economic, or social status in life.

- *Romans 12:16 Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.*

439. A Christian is not to repay evil for evil, but is to do that which is honest before God.

- *Romans 12:17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.*

440. In as far as is possible, a Christian is to live in a peaceful manner with others.

- *Romans 12:18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.*

441. Christians are not to seek revenge for personal acts of transgression. God has promised to take vengeance on those who hurt His people.

- *Romans 12:19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.*

442. Christians are to show great kindness and mercy to their enemies.

- *Romans 12:20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.*

443. Christians are to overcome evil with good.

- *Romans 12:21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.*
444. Christians are to respect divinely established institutions of authority.
- *Romans 13:1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. :3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same:*
445. Christians should be afraid, if lawless. Fear is one of God's ways to deter crime, and promote righteousness.
- *Romans 13:4 For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.*
446. Christians are to pay to the government what is due.
- *Romans 13:6 For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing.*
447. Christians are to repay all legitimate bills.
- *Romans 13:7 Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.*
448. Christians are to live debt free.
- *Romans 13:8 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.*
449. Christians are to honor the Ten Commandments, which summarizes the Moral Law of God.
- *Romans 13:9 For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.*
450. Christians are to cast off all works of darkness.
- *Romans 13:12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.*
451. Christians are not to engage in acts of rioting and drunkenness, chambering and wantonness, strife and envying.

- *Romans 13:13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.*

***Special Note.***

**Six Activities Christians Are Not to Engage In**

- ❖ rioting (komois); a carousal (as in letting loose)
- ❖ drunkenness (methais); to be intoxicated
- ❖ chambering (koitais); a couch; by extension cohabitation; by implication, the male sperm.
- ❖ wantonness (aselgeias); licentiousness
- ❖ strife (eridi); a quarrel
- ❖ envying (zelo); zeal in an unfavorable one such as jealousy, or malice towards an enemy

452. Christians are not to make provision to fulfil the lusts of the flesh.

- *Romans 13:14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.*

453. Christians are to receive a person who is weak in the faith as a believer with being censorious.

- *Romans 14:1 Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations.*

454. Christians are not to stand in judgment on one another on noncritical issues.

- *Romans 14:3 Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him.*

455. Christians are to allow freedom of conscience in esteeming days.

- *Romans 14:5 One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind.*

456. Food is to be received with thanksgiving.

- *Romans 14:6 He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it. He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks.*

457. Christians are not to live, or die for selfish reasons.

- *Romans 14:7 For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.*

458. Christians are not to put legalistic stumbling blocks before another Christian.

- *Romans 14:13 Let us not therefore judge one another anymore: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.*
459. Christians are not to destroy one another with arbitrary and grievous burdens.
- *Romans 14:15 But if thy brother be grieved with thy meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died.*
460. Christians are to live in such a way that their good cannot be evil spoken of.
- *Romans 14:16 Let not then your good be evil spoken of:*
461. Christians are to engage in proper attitudes and actions that promote peace.
- *Romans 14:19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.*
462. Faith is to be personal, and directed towards God.
- *Romans 14:22 Hast thou faith? Have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth.*
463. Christians are to live moment by moment by faith, for what is not of faith is sin.
- *Romans 14:23 And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.*
464. Christians are to live as a good neighbor with a view towards spiritual edification, and in so doing be like Christ.
- *Romans 15:2 Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification. 3 For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me.*
465. Christians are to receive one another in grace and glory after the manner of Christ.
- *Romans 15:7 Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God.*
466. Christians are to rejoice at the conversion of the lost, and praise the Lord.
- *Romans 15:10 And again he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people. 11 And again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud him, all ye people.*
467. Christians are to avoid troublemakers.

- *Romans 16:17 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.*

## FORTYSIX

### COMMANDMENTS FOR CHRISTIANS

#### 1 CORINTHIANS

468. Every Christian is to consider how he is to build the foundation of his spiritual life.
- *1 Corinthians 3:10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.*
469. A Christian is not to engage in self-deception.
- *1 Corinthians 3:18 Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise.*
470. Christian are to purge out the old leaven, a reference to putting away, and freeing oneself from vice and sin.
- *1 Corinthians 5:7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: 8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.*
471. There are specific types of individuals Christians are not to keep company with.
- *1 Corinthians 5:11 But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.*

#### ***Special Note.***

There is a “lost” Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians. Paul makes a distinction between the Epistle which he was writing and the former one. In the providence of God, this former letter has been lost, though a partial content of that letter is preserved. Paul wanted the Christians in Corinth to be careful with whom they associated. They were to avoid specific types of individuals who called themselves a brother, but acted in manner inconsistent with the moral teachings of Christ.

- ❖ a fornicator ( pornos ); a male prostitute, i.e. (by analogy) a debauchee (libertine)
- ❖ the covetous ( pleonektes ); holding (desiring) more, i.e. eager for gain (avaricious, hence a defrauder)
- ❖ an idolater ( eidololatres ); an image worshipper (literally or figuratively)

- ❖ a railer (loidoros); abusive
- ❖ a drunkard (methusos); tipsy, a sot
- ❖ an extortioners (harpax); rapacious

472. Christians are to judge those who are within the professing body of Christ, and excommunicate the wicked.

- *1 Corinthians 5:13 But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person.*

473. Christians are to be aware of God's list of the damned, or those who will not inherit the kingdom of God.

- *1 Corinthians 6:9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, 10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.*

***Special Note.***

**Ten Types of People Who Will Not  
Inherit the Kingdom of God**

- ❖ fornicators ( pornos ); a (male) prostitute, i.e. (by analogy) a debauchee (libertine)
- ❖ idolaters (eidololates); an image servant, or worshipper (literally or figuratively)
- ❖ adulterers (moichos); a paramour
- ❖ effeminate (malakoi); soft, i.e. fine (clothing); figuratively, a catamite (or pedophile)
- ❖ abusers of themselves with mankind (arsenokoites); a sodomite
- ❖ thieves (kleptes); a stealer
- ❖ covetous (pleonektes); holding (desire) more, i.e. eager for gain
- ❖ drunkards (methusos); tipsy, i.e. a sot
- ❖ revilers (loidoros); abusive
- ❖ extortioners (harpax); rapacious

474. Christians are to flee fornication because it is a sin against one's own body.

- *1 Corinthians 6:18 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.*

475. Christians are to seek marriage in order to avoid the sexual sin of fornication.

- *1 Corinthians 7:2 Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.*

476. Christians who are married are not to use sex as a means of punishing, or controlling their spouse.

- *1 Corinthians 7:4 The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife. 5 Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.*
477. Christians are not to burn with sensual passions, but should seek marriage as a proper release for these natural desires.
- *1 Corinthians 7:9 But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn.*
478. Christians who are married should seek to stay in that union if at all possible.
- *1 Corinthians 7:10 And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband:*
479. Christians in a difficult relationship, who separate, should seek reconciliation, not divorce.
- *1 Corinthians 7:11 But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife. 12 But to the rest speak I, not the Lord: If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away. 13 And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him.*
480. When a marriage relationship is dissolved, peace is to be sought despite a divorce. Christianity is a religion of peace. It is not designed to promote bloodshed, violence, contentions, and strife.
- *1 Corinthians 7:15 But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace.*
481. Christians are not to seek to change their condition or calling in life, but should remain in that situation in which they became a Christian until the Lord is pleased to produce a change.
- *1 Corinthians 7:17 But as God hath distributed to every man, as the Lord hath called every one, so let him walk. And so ordain I in all churches.*
482. Christians are not to deny, or embrace as obligatory Jewish rites.
- *1 Corinthians 7:18 Is any man called being circumcised? Let him not become uncircumcised. Is any called in uncircumcision? Let him not be circumcised.*
483. Christians are to understand that rituals are meaningless. True merit is in keeping the commandments of God.

- *1 Corinthians 7:19 Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but the keeping of the commandments of God.*
484. Christians should be careful not to allow liberty of conscience to become a stumbling block to those who are weak in the faith.
- *1 Corinthians 8:9 But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumbling-block to them that are weak.*
485. Christians are not to be idolaters. Hedonism is a form of idolatry, for fleshly appetites, and passions, are honored above all else.
- *1 Corinthians 10:7 Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.*
486. Christians are not to tempt the Lord.
- *1 Corinthians 10:9 Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents.*
487. Christians are not to murmur or complain.
- *1 Corinthians 10:10 Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.*
488. Christians are to be on guard concerning their spiritual status.
- *1 Corinthians 10:12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.*
489. Christians are to judge, or evaluate what they hear.
- *1 Corinthians 10:15 I speak as to wise men; judge ye what I say.*
490. Christians are to consider others before themselves.
- *1 Corinthians 10:24 Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth.*
491. Christians are not to create unnecessary issues within the body of Christ that lead to conflict.
- *1 Corinthians 10:25 Whatsoever is sold in the shambles, that eat, asking no question for conscience sake:*
492. Christians are not to make a false distinction between the sacred and the secular. Every facet of life is to be lived *coram deo*, before the face of God.

- *1 Corinthians 10:31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.*
493. Christians are not to give offense to the various categories of society, Jew, Gentiles, or the church.
- *1 Corinthians 10:32 Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God:*
494. A Christian is to follow the man who follows Christ.
- *1 Corinthians 11:1 Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.*
495. Christians are to take communion often, in order to remember the Lord's death.
- *1 Corinthians 11:24 And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. 25 After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. 26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.*
496. Christians should engage in self-examination, prior to taking communion.
- *1 Corinthians 11:28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.*
497. Christians are to be patient, and wait to include one another in the act of communion.
- *1 Corinthians 11:33 Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another.*
498. Communion, when celebrated as part of a love feast, is to be an act of worship, and not used as a time to satisfy one's appetite.
- *1 Corinthians 11:34 And if any man hunger, let him eat at home; that ye come not together unto condemnation. And the rest will I set in order when I come.*
499. Christians are to earnestly pray for the best spiritual gifts to be manifested in their lives.
- *1 Corinthians 12:31 But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.*
500. Christians are to pursue acts of love.
- *1 Corinthians 14:1 Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy.*

501. Christians are to seek to edify the church. Spiritual gifts were never intended to be used in a selfish way.
- *1 Corinthians 14:12 Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.*
502. Christians are to make sure there is a proper response when a legitimate spiritual gift is exercised.
- *1 Corinthians 14:13 Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret.*
503. Christians are to be mature in spiritual understanding.
- *1 Corinthians 14:20 Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men.*
504. A Christian is to be childlike in malice.
- *1 Corinthians 14:20 Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men.*
505. Christians have a responsibility to regulate the spiritual gifts of tongues.
- *1 Corinthians 14:27 If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret. 28 But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God. 29 Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge. 30 If any thing be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace. ...34 Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. 35 And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.*

### **7 Regulatory Principles for Speaking in Tongues**

- ❖ Regulatory Principle One. God the Holy Spirit assigns His gifts to believers. 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 teaches the Holy Spirit sovereignly bestows upon individuals different gifts.
- ❖ Regulatory Principle Two. Christians are to seek the best of spiritual gifts and the gift of prophecy in particular. No Christian will have all the gifts of the Holy Spirit for He dispenses them according to His own sovereign will. 1 Corinthians 12:28-31
- ❖ Regulatory Principle Three. Those who speak in a tongue or foreign language are to pray for an interpretation. 1 Corinthians 14:13-14

❖ Regulatory Principle Four. No tongues or foreign languages are to be used in the assembly except when people present understand what is said. 1 Corinthians 14:27-28. The widespread practice of people speaking in tongues in a church service at random, and all at once, without interpretation, is prohibited.

❖ Regulatory Principle Five. During any given service only two or at the most three people can speak in tongues and then in a decent order. 1 Corinthians 14:27-28.

❖ Regulatory Principle Six. Women are to keep silent in services where foreign languages or tongues, are spoken. 1 Corinthians 14:34-35

❖ Regulatory Principle Seven. Speaking in tongues is not to be forbidden. 1 Corinthians 14:39-40.

506. Christians are to honor apostolic authority.

- *1 Corinthians 14:37 If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.*

507. There are times when Christians must let others be ignorant of doctrinal truth.

- *1 Corinthians 14:38 But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.*

508. Christians are not to prohibit the proper exercising of any spiritual gift.

- *1 Corinthians 14:39 Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues.*

509. A Christian is to be mature in understanding the Word of God.

- *1 Corinthians 14:20 Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men.*

510. A Christian is to be aware that bad company corrupts good character.

- *1 Corinthians 15:33 Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.*

511. A Christian is to be steadfast in the work of the Lord.

- *1 Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.*

512. The concept of grace giving allows freedom of conscience in the matter of support for the work of the Lord.

- *1 Corinthians 16:2 Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.*

513. A Christian is to always be watching, or standing guard over their life.

- *1 Corinthians 16:13 Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.*

514. Love is to be the guiding principle in all that a Christian says and does.

- *1 Corinthians 16:14 Let all your things be done with charity.*

## SEVEN

### COMMANDMENTS FOR CHRISTIANS

#### 2 CORINTHIANS

515. Christians are to live a life of separation from the world.

- *2 Corinthians 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? 15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? 17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,*

516. Christians are to engage in acts of self-sanctification.

- *2 Corinthians 7:1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.*

517. Christians are to give to the work of the ministry with a cheerful heart.

- *2 Corinthians 9:7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.*

518. Christians are to engage in self-examination for the purpose of approving authentic faith. A person knows if they are sincere in their faith, or just pretending.

- *2 Corinthians 13:5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?*

519. Christians are to be mature, or perfect.

- *2 Corinthians 13:11 Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.*

520. Christian are to be of good comfort.

- *2 Corinthians 13:11 Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.*

521. Christians are to seek to be of one mind.

- *2 Corinthians 13:11 Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.*

522. Christians is to strive to live in peace.

- *2 Corinthians 13:11 Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.*

## FOURTEEN

### COMMANDMENTS FOR CHRISIANS

#### GALATIANS

523. Christians are to view as accursed anyone who preaches any other gospel than what the church has received from Jesus Christ.

- *Galatians 1:9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.*

524. Christians are to stand firm in Christian liberty, and not be enslaved again to any form of Law works. The Messianic Movement is a form of modern day Judaism, which seeks to enslave Christians, and bring them back under the yoke of bondage.

- *Galatians 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.*

525. Christian liberty of conscience is not to be used as a religious covering for selfish interests.

- *Galatians 5:13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.*

526. Christians are to love one another, and so fulfil the Law.

- *Galatians 5:14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.*

527. Christians are to be aware of the fact that attacking one another is counterproductive, and will lead to self-destruction.

- *Galatians 5:15 But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.*

528. Every Christian is to walk in the Spirit.

- *Galatians 5:25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*

529. Christians are not to spend their lives seeking to promote themselves.

- *Galatians 5:26 Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.*

530. Christians are not to provoke one another to anger.

- *Galatians 5:26 Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.*

531. Christians are not to envy the success, or gifts of another person.

- *Galatians 5:26 Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.*

532. Christians are to be gentle with those who have sinned, and consider their own proclivities to failure. The objective of church discipline is restoration to fellowship.

- *Galatians 6:1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.*

533. Christians are to bear the burdens of one another.

- *Galatians 6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.*

534. Christians are to evaluate their own spiritual labors.

- *Galatians 6:4 But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.*

535. Christians have a responsibility to financially support those who minister the Word of God.

- *Galatians 6:6 Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.*

536. The principle of sowing and reaping has many practical applications, one of which is associated with the Christian responsible to honor those who labor in the Word.

- *Galatians 6:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. 8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. 9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.*

537. Christians are to do good to others, and especially those who are within the church.

- *Galatians 6:10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.*

## THIRTY-NINE

### COMMANDMENTS FOR CHRISTIANS

#### EPHESIANS

538. Christians must never forget the unconverted state they once occupied. Every Christian was once without Christ, without hope, and without eternal life.

- *Ephesians 2:11 Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; 12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:*

539. Christians are not to walk like other people, having minds filled with meaningless thoughts.

- *Ephesians 4:17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,*

540. Christians are to put off the Old Man, a reference to the Old Sin Nature.

- *Ephesians 4:22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;*

541. Christians are to put on the New Man, which is characterized by righteousness.

- *Ephesians 4:24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.*

542. Christians are to put away lying, in order to speak the truth.

- *Ephesians 4:25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.*

543. Christians are to be righteously angry.

- *Ephesians 4:26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:*

544. Christians who steal are to make restitution by honest labour with a view to helping others.

- *Ephesians 4:28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.*

545. Christians are to engage in conversation that is good, and edifying to others.

- *Ephesians 4:29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.*

546. Christians are not to grieve the Holy Spirit.

- *Ephesians 4:30 And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.*

547. Christians are to cease from committing the following seven prohibitions.

- *Ephesians 4:31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:*

#### **Seven Prohibitions**

- ❖ bitterness (pikria); acidity
- ❖ wrath (thumos); sudden angry passion
- ❖ anger (orge); violent settled passion
- ❖ clamour (krauge); an outcry
- ❖ evil speaking (blasphemia); vilification
- ❖ malice (kakia); malignity

548. Christians are to be kind to one another, manifested in a tender and forgiving heart.

- *Ephesians 4:32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.*

549. Every Christian is to be a follower of God.

- *Ephesians 5:1 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;*

550. Christians are to walk in love because of Christ.

- *Ephesians 5:2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour.*

551. Christians are never, not even once, to be associated with six specific transgressions.

- *Ephesians 5:3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; 4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.*

### **Six Specific Transgressions**

- ❖ fornication (porneia); harlotry (including adultery and incest)
- ❖ uncleanness (akatharsia); moral impurity
- ❖ covetousness (pleonexia); avarice
- ❖ filthiness (aischrotes); shamefulness; i.e. obscenity
- ❖ foolish talking (morologia); silly talk
- ❖ jesting which is inappropriate (eutrapelia); vulgar witticism

552. Christians are not to be deceived concerning the wrath of God coming on those who disobey.

- *Ephesians 5:6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.*

553. Christians are not only to walk in the light, they are to walk as children of light.

- *Ephesians 5:8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: 9 (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth ;)*

554. Christians are to find out what is acceptable to God.

- *Ephesians 5:10 Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.*

555. Christians are not to fellowship with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but expose them.

- *Ephesians 5:11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.*

556. Christians are to wake up, and rise from the dead.

- *Ephesians 5:14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.*

557. Christians are to be careful how they walk. They are not to be unwise, but wise.

- *Ephesians 5:15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,*

558. Christians are to redeem, or buy back time, by making the most of every opportunity.

- *Ephesians 5:16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.*

559. Christians are to know the will of the Lord.

- *Ephesians 5:17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.*

560. Christians are to speak to themselves in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs.

- *Ephesians 5:19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;*

561. Christians are to give thanks to God the Father for all things, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- *Ephesians 5:20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;*

562. Christians are to submit to one another.

- *Ephesians 5:21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.*

563. Christian women are to submit to their own husbands.

- *Ephesians 5:22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.*
- *Ephesians 5:24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.*

564. Christian husbands are to love their wives in the same manner as Christ loved the church.

- *Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;*

565. Christian husbands are to love their wives as much as they love themselves.

- *Ephesians 5:28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.*

566. Christian women are to respect their husbands.

- *Ephesians 5:33 Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.*

567. Christian children are to obey their parents.

- *Ephesians 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. 2 Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise ;)*

568. Christian fathers are not to exasperate their children.

- *Ephesians 6:4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.*

569. Christians are to obey their employers with respect.

- *Ephesians 6:5 Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ;*

570. Christians are to engage in honest labor as unto the Lord.

- *Ephesians 6:6 Not with eyes-service, as men-pleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; 7 With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men: 8 Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.*

571. Christians are to find strength in the power of the Lord.

- *Ephesians 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.*

572. Christians are to put on the whole armour of God.

- *Ephesians 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*

573. Christians are to put on the belt of truth buckled around their waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place.

- *Ephesians 6:14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;*

574. Christians are to have their feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

- *Ephesians 6:15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;*

575. Christians are to protect themselves with the shield of faith.

- *Ephesians 6:16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.*

576. Christians are to wear the helmet of salvation, and wield the sword of the Spirit.

- *Ephesians 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:*

577. Christians are to pray on all occasions, with all types of prayers, and requests.

- *Ephesians 6:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;*

## **EIGHTEEN**

### **COMMANDMENTS FOR CHRISTIANS**

#### **PHILIPPIANS**

578. Christians are to conduct themselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

- *Philippians 1:27 Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;*

579. Christians are to be like-minded, by having the same love, and being united in spirit and purpose.

- *Philippians 2:2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.*

580. Christians are to esteem others better than themselves.

- *Philippians 2:3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.*

581. Christians are to seek to have others on their hearts.

*Philippians 2:4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.*

582. Christians are to have the mind of Christ.

- *Philippians 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:*

583. Christians are to work out their salvation with fear and trembling.

- *Philippians 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.*

584. Christians are to do all things without complaining or arguing.

- *Philippians 2:14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings:*

585. Christians are to hold out the word of life.

- *Philippians 2:16 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.*

586. Christians are to embrace one another with joy.

- *Philippians 2:29 Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness; and hold such in reputation:*

587. Christians are to rejoice in the Lord.

- *Philippians 3:1 Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous, but for you it is safe.*

588. Christians are to beware of false teachers, and people who do not have the best interest of Christians in their hearts.

- *Philippians 3:2 Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision.*

589. Christians are to live a consistent life.

- *Philippians 3:16 Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.*

590. Christians are to be followers of the apostle Paul.

- *Philippians 3:17 Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.*

591. Christians are to stand fast in the Lord.

- *Philippians 4:1 Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved.*

592. Christians are to rejoice in the Lord always.

- *Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.*

593. Christians are to let their gentleness be evident to all.

- *Philippians 4:5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.*

594. Christians are not to be unduly anxious about anything, but to engage in prayer.

- *Philippians 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.*

595. Christians are to think on positive and uplifting things.

- *Philippians 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.*

596. Christians are to do what they have learned, and received in Christ, through His apostles.

- *Philippians 4:9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.*

## **TWENTY-THREE**

### **COMMANDMENTS FOR CHRISTIANS**

#### **COLOSSIANS**

597. Christians are to let the peace of God rule their hearts.

- *Colossians 2:6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:*

598. Christians are to be built up in Christ.

- *Colossians 2:7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.*

599. Christians are not to be taken captive by deceptive philosophies.

- *Colossians 2:8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.*

600. Christians are not to judge one another regarding what they eat or drink, or in respect of a New Moon celebration, or a Sabbath day.

- *Colossians 2:16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:*

601. Christians are to let those who engage in the worship of angels, disqualify them.

- *Colossians 2:18 Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,*

602. Christians are to see after spiritual matters.

- *Colossians 3:1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. 2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.*

603. Christians are to mortify, or put to death five earthly behaviors.

- *Colossians 3:5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:*

#### **Five Earthly Behaviors**

- ❖ fornication (porneia); harlotry (including adultery and incest)
- ❖ uncleanness (akatharsia); impurity
- ❖ inordinate affection (pathos); suffering, i.e. a passion
- ❖ evil concupiscence (epithumia); a longing (especially for what is forbidden)
- ❖ covetousness (pleonexia); avarice, i.e. fraudulency, extortion

604. Christians are to put off the following five human responses.

- *Colossians 3:8 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.*

#### **Five Things to Put Off**

- ❖ anger (orge); violent passion
- ❖ wrath (thumos); passion (as if breathing hard)
- ❖ malice (kakia); badness, depravity
- ❖ blasphemy (blasphemia); vilification
- ❖ filthy communication (aischrologian); vile conversation

605. Christians are to put off the Old Man with his deeds.

- *Colossians 3:9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;*

606. Christians are to put on the New Man.

- *Colossians 3:10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:*

607. Christians are to put on the following eight virtues.

- *Colossians 3:12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; 13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. 14 And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.*

### **Eight Christian Virtues**

- ❖ bowels of mercies (oiktirmos); intense feelings of pity or sympathy
- ❖ kindness (chrestotes); usefulness
- ❖ humbleness of mind (tapeinophrosune); humiliation of mind, i.e. modesty
- ❖ meekness (praiotes); gentleness
- ❖ longsuffering (makrothumia); forbearance
- ❖ forbearing one another (anechomai); to hold oneself up against, i.e. (figuratively) to put up with
- ❖ forgiving one another (charizonmai); to grant as a favor, i.e. gratuitously, in kindness, pardon or rescue
- ❖ charity (agape); love, i.e. affection or benevolence

608. A Christian is to be thankful.

- *Colossians 3:15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.*

609. Christians are to let the Word of Christ dwell richly in their hearts in all wisdom.

- *Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*

610. Christians are to do all things in the name of the Lord Jesus, while giving thanks to God.

- *Colossians 3:17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.*

611. Christian wives are to be submissive unto their own husbands, because it is proper to do so in the Lord.

- *Colossians 3:18 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.*

612. Christian husbands are to love their wives without bitterness.

- *Colossians 3:19 Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.*

613. Christian children are to be obedient to their parents in all things.

- *Colossians 3:20 Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.*

614. Christian fathers are not to provoke their children to anger.

- *Colossians 3:21 Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.*

615. Christian servants are to obey those who have authority over them.

- *Colossians 3:22 Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eye service, as men pleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God: 23 And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; 24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.*

616. Christian employers are to give a just and equal payment to workers for their labor.

- *Colossians 4:1 Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven.*

617. Christians are to engage in constant prayer with thanksgiving.

- *Colossians 4:2 Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;*

618. Christians are to walk in wisdom before the world.

- *Colossians 4:5 Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.*

619. The speech of a Christian is always to be gracious.

- *Colossians 4:6 Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.*

620. Every Christian is to be careful, and guard the ministry they have been entrusted with.

- *Colossians 4:17 And say to Archippus, Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it.*

## EIGHTEEN

### COMMANDMENTS FOR CHRISTIANS

#### 1 THESSALONIANS

621. It is the will of God that every Christian be sanctified, and abstains from acts of fornication.

- *1 Thessalonians 4:2 For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus. 3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:*

622. It is the will of God that every Christian knows how to live with honor.

- *1 Thessalonians 4:4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;*

623. Christians are not to live in passionate lusts.

- *1 Thessalonians 4:5 Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:*

624. Christians are not to defraud other Christians in any manner.

- *1 Thessalonians 4:6 That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.*

625. Christians are to be studious, and do their own business.

- *1 Thessalonians 4:11 And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;*

626. Christians are to live an honest life before unbelievers.

- *1 Thessalonians 4:12 That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing.*

627. Christians are to comfort one another with Biblical exhortations, and by remembering the commandments given to them.

- *1 Thessalonians 4:18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.*

628. Christians are to have a sense of urgency about life.

- *1 Thessalonians 5:6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.*

629. Christians are to put on the breastplate of faith and love, and the helmet of salvation. In Ephesians 6:14, the breastplate is referred to as the “breastplate of righteousness.”

- *1 Thessalonians 5:8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.*

630. Christians are to find ways to comfort one another, and to edify one another.

- *1 Thessalonians 5:11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.*

631. Christians are to esteem others in love for the spiritual work they do, and be at peace.

- *1 Thessalonians 5:13 And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.*

632. Christians are to engage in four gospel duties.

- *1 Thessalonians 5:14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.*

#### **Four Gospel Duties**

- ❖ warn them that are unruly
- ❖ comfort the feebleminded
- ❖ support the weak
- ❖ be patient to all men

633. Christians are not to return evil for evil.

- *1 Thessalonians 5:15 See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.*

634. Christians are to always rejoice.

- *1 Thessalonians 5:16 Rejoice evermore.*

635. It is the will of God that Christians give thanks in all things.

- *1 Thessalonians 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.*

636. Christians are not to quench the Holy Spirit.

- *1 Thessalonians 5:19 Quench not the Spirit.*
637. Christians are not to despise prophesying.
- *1 Thessalonians 5:20 Despise not prophesyings.*
638. Christians are to prove all things, and hold fast to that which is good.
- *1 Thessalonians 5:21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.*
639. Christians are to abstain from every appearance of evil.
- *1 Thessalonians 5:22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.*

## FOUR

### COMMANDMENTS FOR CHRISTIANS

#### 2 THESSALONIANS

640. A Christian that does not work should not eat.
- *2 Thessalonians 3:10 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. 11 For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies.*
641. Christians are to work in order to be self-sufficient.
- *2 Thessalonians 3:12 Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.*
642. A Christian must not grow weary of doing good to others.
- *2 Thessalonians 3:13 But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing.*
643. Christians are to exercise church discipline by acts of excommunication, shunning, and exhortation.
- *2 Thessalonians 3:14 And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed. 15 Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.*

## COMMANDMENTS FOR CHRISTIANS

### 1 TIMOTHY

644. Christians are to insist that no other doctrine be taught than what is in the apostolic tradition.
- *1 Timothy 1:3 As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine,*
645. Christians are not to engage in controversial subjects that raise unnecessary questions.
- *1 Timothy 1:4 Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do.*
646. Christians are to hold firm to the faith, and to a good conscience.
- *1 Timothy 1:19 Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:*
647. Christian women are to adorn themselves in modest apparel.
- *1 Timothy 2:9 In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; 10 But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.*
648. Christian women are instructed to learn in silence, with all subjection.
- *1 Timothy 2:11 Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.*
649. Christians must set forth church elders (pastors, or bishops) that meet at least sixteen specific qualifications.
- *1 Timothy 3:2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; 3 Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; 4 One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; 5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) 6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. 7 Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.*

## 16 Qualifications for an Elder

- ❖ blameless
- ❖ the husband of one wife
- ❖ vigilant
- ❖ sober
- ❖ of good behaviour
- ❖ given to hospitality
- ❖ apt to teach
- ❖ not given to wine
- ❖ no striker
- ❖ not greedy of filthy lucre
- ❖ patient
- ❖ not a brawler
- ❖ not covetous
- ❖ one that ruleth well his own house
- ❖ not a novice
- ❖ he must have a good report of them which are without

650. Christians must set forth deacons in the church that meet at least seven specific qualifications

- *1 Timothy 3:8 Likewise must the deacons be grave, not double tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; 9 Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. 10 And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless.*

## 7 Qualifications for a Deacon

- ❖ grave
- ❖ not double tongued
- ❖ not given to much wine
- ❖ not greedy of filthy lucre
- ❖ holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience
- ❖ proven
- ❖ blameless

651. Christians must be careful that the wives of deacons meet specific qualifications.

- *1 Timothy 3:11 Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things.*

## 4 Qualifications of a Deacon's Wife

- ❖ grave
- ❖ not a slanderer
- ❖ sober
- ❖ faithful in all things

652. Christians are free to enjoy any food that does not violate their own conscience, if it is received with thanksgiving.

- *1 Timothy 4:4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:*

653. Christians are to avoid godless myths and old wives' tales, and train themselves to be godly.

- *1 Timothy 4:7 But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness.*

654. Christians are to command, and teach apostolic doctrine.

- *1 Timothy 4:11 These things command and teach.*

655. Young Christians are not to allow others to look down on them because they are young, but are to be an example of the believer.

- *1 Timothy 4:12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.*

656. Christians are to give themselves to the reading of Scripture, to practical duties, and to apostolic teaching.

- *1 Timothy 4:13 Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.*

657. Christians who are qualified for the work of the ministry are not to neglect that gift.

- *1 Timothy 4:14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.*

658. Christians are to remember all the events by which they have been led into the ministry.

- *1 Timothy 4:15 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.*

659. Christians are to continue in the doctrine they have received.

- *1 Timothy 4:16 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.*

660. Christians are not to rebuke an elder, but to show respect, familial respect.

- *1 Timothy 5:1 Rebuke not an elder, but intreat him as a father; and the younger men as brethren;*

661. Christians are to honor elderly women as mothers.

- *1 Timothy 5:2 The elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity.*

662. Christians are to honor widows.

- *1 Timothy 5:3 Honour widows that are widows indeed.*

663. Christians are to instruct others so that they may be blameless.

- *1 Timothy 5:7 And these things give in charge, that they may be blameless.*

664. Christians must be discriminatory in how they distribute the benevolent resources.

- *1 Timothy 5:9 Let not a widow be taken into the number under threescore years old, having been the wife of one man, 10 Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work.*

### **Eight Qualifications a Widow Must Meet to Receive Church Benevolent Resources**

- ❖ Must be at least 60 years old
- ❖ Must have been the wife of one man
- ❖ Must be well reported of for good works
- ❖ Must have brought up her children well
- ❖ Must have lodged strangers
- ❖ Must have washed the saints' feet
- ❖ Must have relieved the afflicted
- ❖ Must have diligently followed every good work

One example of a lady of grace who would qualify for financial relief from the church was Anna.

*Luke 2:36 And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity; 37 And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day.*

665. Christians are to be more careful about supporting a young widow.

- *1 Timothy 5:11 But the younger widows refuse: for when they have begun to wax wanton against Christ, they will marry; 12 Having damnation, because they have cast off their first faith. 13 And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not.*

666. It is proper that Christian young ladies seek to marry, and have a family.

- *1 Timothy 5:14 I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully. 15 For some are already turned aside after Satan.*

667. Christians are to take care of their own family members.

- *1 Timothy 5:16 If any man or woman that believeth have widows, let them relieve them, and let not the church be charged; that it may relieve them that are widows indeed.*

668. Christians are to show the double honor of respect, and financial remuneration, to elders that rule well.

- *1 Timothy 5:17 Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine. 18 For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward.*

669. Christians are not to listen to an accusation against an elder unless there are two, or three, witnesses present. The common practice of having “Roast Preacher” for Sunday’s dinner is a violation of the double honor a good pastor deserves.

- *1 Timothy 5:19 Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses.*

670. Christians are to practice church discipline, that others may fear.

- *1 Timothy 5:20 Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.*

671. Christians are not to show partiality to one another.

- *1 Timothy 5:21 I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality.*

672. Christians are not to lay hands suddenly on any man for the purpose of ordination.

- *1 Timothy 5:22 Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure.*

673. Christians are to keep themselves pure.

- *1 Timothy 5:22 Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure.*

674. Christian laborers are to show an attitude of honor to their Christian masters, and not despise them.

- *1 Timothy 6:1 Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed. 2 And they that have believing masters, let them not despise them, because they are brethren; but rather do them service, because they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit. These things teach and exhort.*

675. Christians are to be content with what they have.

- *1 Timothy 6:8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.*

676. Christians are to pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

- *1 Timothy 6:11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.*

### **Six Godly Virtues to Pursue**

- ❖ righteousness
- ❖ godliness
- ❖ faith
- ❖ love
- ❖ patience
- ❖ meekness

677. Christians are to fight the good fight of faith.

- *1 Timothy 6:12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.*

678. Christians are to keep the commandment to fight for the faith.

- *1 Timothy 6:13 I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession; 14 That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:*

679. Christians are to charge the wealthy not to trust in their riches, but to do good to others.

- *1 Timothy 6:17 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; 18 That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;*
- *1 Timothy 6:19 Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.*

680. Christians are to avoid those who are profane.

- *1 Timothy 6:20 O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:*

681. Christians are to avoid false science.

- *1 Timothy 6:20 O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:*

## **EIGHTEEN**

### **COMMANDMENTS FOR CHRISTIANS**

#### **2 TIMOTHY**

682. Christians are to stir up the gift of God given to them.

- *2 Timothy 1:6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.*

683. Christians are not to be ashamed of the gospel nor of other Christians who suffer for righteousness sake.

- *2 Timothy 1:8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;*

684. Christians are to keep as a pattern, the words they have heard.

- *2 Timothy 1:13 Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. 14 That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.*

685. A Christian is to find strength in the grace that Christ gives to the soul.

- *2 Timothy 2:1 Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.*

686. Christians are to entrust what they know to other reliable individuals, who will be able to teach.

- *2 Timothy 2:2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.*

687. Christians are to endure hardness, just like a good soldier must endure harsh conditions.

- *2 Timothy 2:3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.*

688. Christians are to reflect on apostolic doctrine, and pray for spiritual insight.

- *2 Timothy 2:7 Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.*

689. Christians are to keep reminding others of what has been learned and warn against quarreling about words that are of no value, and only ruins those who listen.

- *2 Timothy 2:14 Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers.*

690. Christians are to study to show themselves approved unto God.

- *2 Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

691. Christians are to avoid godless chatter.

- *2 Timothy 2:16 But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.*

692. Christians are to turn away from wickedness.

- *2 Timothy 2:19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.*

693. Christian are to flee evil desires, and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace.

- *2 Timothy 2:22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.*

694. Christians are to avoid stupid and foolish arguments.

- *2 Timothy 2:23 But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes.*

695. Christians are not to strive, or argue with one another, but they are to be gentle with all.

- *2 Timothy 2:24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,*

696. Christians are to gently instruct those who oppose themselves.

- *2 Timothy 2:25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;*

697. Christians are to know that in the last days, perilous times shall come.

- *2 Timothy 3:1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.*

### **19 Signs of the Last Days**

- ❖ men shall be lovers of their own selves
- ❖ covetous
- ❖ boasters
- ❖ proud
- ❖ blasphemers
- ❖ disobedient to parents
- ❖ unthankful
- ❖ unholy
- ❖ without natural affection
- ❖ trucebreakers
- ❖ false accusers
- ❖ incontinent
- ❖ fierce, despisers of those that are good
- ❖ traitors
- ❖ heady
- ❖ high-minded
- ❖ lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God
- ❖ having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof
- ❖ ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth

698. Christians are to continue in what they have learned and become convinced of.

- *2 Timothy 3:14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;*

699. Christians are to faithfully proclaim the Word of God.

- *2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.*

700. Christians are to do the work of an evangelist.

- *2 Timothy 4:5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.*

## TWENTY

### COMMANDMENTS FOR CHRISTIANS

#### TITUS

701. Christians are to find leaders who meet specific qualifications for church leadership.

- *Titus 1:5 For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee: 6 If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly. 7 For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not self-willed, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; 8 But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; 9 Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.*

#### 19 Qualifications for Being an Elder

- ❖ blameless
- ❖ the husband of but one wife
- ❖ having faithful, or believing children
- ❖ whose children are not accused of riot, or being wild and unruly or disobedient
- ❖ blameless as the steward of God
- ❖ not self-willed, or overbearing,
- ❖ not soon angry, or quick tempered
- ❖ not given to wine, not given to drunkenness
- ❖ no striker, not violent
- ❖ not given to filthy lucre, or pursuing dishonest gain
- ❖ a lover of hospitality
- ❖ a lover of good men
- ❖ sober, or self-controlled
- ❖ just, upright
- ❖ holy
- ❖ temperate, or disciplined
- ❖ holding fast the faithful word as it has been taught
- ❖ able to exhort, or encourage others
- ❖ able to convince by sound doctrine, or refute the gainsayers, a reference to those who oppose sound doctrine

702. Christians are to rebuke sharply those who deserve being rebuked.

- *Titus 1:13 This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith;*

703. Christians are to pay no attention to Jewish myths or to the commands of those who have rejected the truth of the gospel.

- *Titus 1:14 Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth.*

704. Christians are to teach what is in accord, or harmony with sound doctrine.

- *Titus 2:1 But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:*

705. Mature Christian men are to be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, charitable, and patient.

- *Titus 2:2 That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.*

706. Mature Christian women are to behave in a godly manner, by not accusing others falsely, by not becoming drunk, and by being a teacher of good things.

- *Titus 2:3 The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;*

707. Mature Christian women are to teach the young women about family love.

- *Titus 2:4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,*

708. Mature Christian women are to teach younger women to be personally discreet, chaste, and homemakers.

- *Titus 2:5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.*

709. Young Christian men are to be sober minded.

- *Titus 2:6 Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded.*

710. Christians are to show themselves to be an example, by doing what is good.

- *Titus 2:7 In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,*

711. Christians are to engage in speech that cannot be condemned.

- *Titus 2:8 Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.*

712. Christian laborers are to be obedient to their masters in everything, without being argumentative.

- *Titus 2:9 Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things; not answering again;*

713. Christians are not to steal, but to show they can be fully trusted.

- *Titus 2:10 Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.*

714. Christians are to teach, encourage, and rebuke with authority.

- *Titus 2:15 These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.*

715. Christians are to be submissive to rulers, and obedient to legitimate authorities.

- *Titus 3:1 Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work,*

716. Christians are not to engage in slander, but are to be peaceable and considerate, while showing humility and grace to all.

- *Titus 3:2 To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.*

717. Christians are to stress apostolic teachings.

- *Titus 3:8 This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.*

718. Christians are to avoid debates about genealogies.

- *Titus 3:9 But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain.*

719. Christians are to avoid arguments about the Law.

- *Titus 3:9 But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain.*

720. Christians are to warn a divisive person at least twice before being formally disciplined.

- *Titus 3:10 A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject;*

721. Christians must learn to devote themselves to doing what is good.

- *Titus 3:14 And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful.*

## FOUR

### COMMANDMENTS FOR CHRISTIANS

#### PHILEMON

722. Christians are to intercede on behalf of others Christians.

- *Philemon 10 I beseech thee for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my bonds:*

723. For loves sake, Christians are to forgive those who have hurt them, based upon gospel repentance.

- *Philemon 17 If thou count me therefore a partner, receive him as myself.*

724. When appropriate, Christians can help bear the penalty of sin of others.

- *Philemon 18 If he hath wronged thee, or oweth thee ought, put that on mine account;*

725. Christians are to prepare to be hospitable to the saints.

- *Philemon 22 But withal prepare me also a lodging: for I trust that through your prayers I shall be given unto you.*

## THIRTY ONE

### COMMANDMENTS FOR CHRISTIANS

#### HEBREWS

726. Christians are not to harden their hearts against the Lord.

- *Hebrews 3:8 Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness:*

727. Christians are to guard their hearts against unbelief.

- *Hebrews 3:12 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.*

728. Christians are to exhort one another daily.

- *Hebrews 3:13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.*

729. Christians are to fear not entering into God's rest.

- *Hebrews 4:1 Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. 2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.*

730. Christians are to labor to enter into the rest that faith offers in Christ.

- *Hebrews 4:11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.*

731. Christians are to pray boldly before the throne of grace.

- *Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.*

732. Christians are to move on to maturity in their journey into grace.

- *Hebrews 6:1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, 2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. 3 And this will we do, if God permit.*

### **Six Foundational Doctrines**

- ❖ repentance from dead works
- ❖ faith toward God
- ❖ doctrine of baptisms
- ❖ laying on of hands, or doctrine of authority
- ❖ resurrection of the dead
- ❖ eternal judgment

733. Every Christian is to emulate those who have been faithful to Christ, and not be slothful.

- *Hebrews 6:12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.*

734. Christians are to draw near to God with a true heart in full assurance of faith.

- *Hebrews 10:22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.*

735. Christians are to hold fast to the faith without wavering.

- *Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised ;)*

736. Christians are to give consideration as to how to spur one another to love, and perform good deeds.

- *Hebrews 10:24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:*

737. Christians are not to forsake gathering for worship.

- *Hebrews 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*

738. Christians must not throw away their confidence in Christ. Such confidence will be richly rewarded.

- *Hebrews 10:35 Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.*

739. Christians must believe that God exists.

- *Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*

740. Christians must throw off every sin that hinders progress in the Christian life.

- *Hebrews 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,*

741. Christians are to fix their eyes on Jesus, and consider Him.

- *Hebrews 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.*

742. Christians are to strengthen feeble arms, and weak knees, and make a level path to walk on.

- *Hebrews 12:12 Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; 13 And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.*

743. Christians are to make every effort to live in peace with all men, and to be holy.

- *Hebrews 12:14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:*

744. Christians are not to miss out on the grace of God, nor are they to allow any bitter root to grow in the heart.

- *Hebrews 12:15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;*

745. Christians are not to be sexually immoral, or godless, like Esau.

- *Hebrews 12:16 Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. 17 For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.*

746. Christians are to be grateful, in order to worship God in an acceptable manner with reverence and awe.

- *Hebrews 12:28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:*

747. Christians are to keep on loving one another.

- *Hebrews 13:1 Let brotherly love continue.*

748. Christians are not to forget to entertain strangers. Some have entertained angels without knowing it.

- *Hebrews 13:2 Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.*

749. Christians are to remember those who are in prison for the sake of the gospel.

- *Hebrews 13:3 Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body.*

750. Christians are to live free from the love of money, and be content.

- *Hebrews 13:5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*

751. Christians are to have respect for their leaders.

- *Hebrews 13:7 Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.*

752. Christians are not to be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings.

- *Hebrews 13:9 Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.*

753. Christians should be willing to bear disgrace like Christ bore it outside Jerusalem.

- *Hebrews 13:13 Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach.*

754. Christians are to continuously offer to God sacrifices of praise.

- *Hebrews 13:15 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.*

755. Christians are to remember to do good, and to share with others.

- *Hebrews 13:16 But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.*

755. Christians are to obey their leaders, and submit to them.

- *Hebrews 13:17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.*

756. Christians are to greet all their leaders and all God's people.

- *Hebrews 13:24 Salute all them that have the rule over you, and all the saints. They of Italy salute you.*

## **TWENTY FOUR**

### **COMMANDMENTS FOR CHRISTIANS**

#### **JAMES**

758. Christians are to consider it pure joy when they face trials of many kinds.

- *James 1:2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;*

759. Christians are to persevere in order to be mature and complete.

- *James 1:4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.*

760. Christians are to ask God for wisdom.

- *James 1:5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.*

761. Christians are to pray in faith.

- *James 1:6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.*

762. Christians who are rich should take pride in their low position in Christ.

- *James 1:10 But the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away.*

763. Christians are not to say, "God is tempting me."

- *James 1:13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:*

764. Christians are not to be deceived.

- *James 1:16 Do not err, my beloved brethren.*

765. Christians should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry.

- *James 1:19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:*

766. Christians are to get rid of all moral filth, and the evil that is so prevalent.

- *James 1:21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.*

767. Christians are to obey the Word of God and just hear it.

- *James 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.*

768. Christians are not to show partiality in the local assembly.

- *James 2:1 My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons. 2 For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment; 3 And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool: 4 Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts? 5 Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him? 6 But ye have despised the poor. Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before the judgment seats? 7 Do not they blaspheme that worthy name by the which ye are called? 8 If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well: 9 But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors. 10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.*

769. Christians are to honor the Moral Law of God.

- *James 2:11 For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law.*

770. Christians are to speak, and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom.

- *James 2:12 So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.*

771. Christians are not to presume to be teachers.

- *James 3:1 My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.*

772. Christians should not have praise and cursing coming out of their mouths.

- *James 3:10 Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.*

770. Christians are to show wisdom and understanding by a good life.

- *James 3:13 Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? Let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.*

773. Christians are to submit themselves to God, and resist the devil.

- *James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

772. Christians are to come near to God.

- *James 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.*

773. Christians are to grieve, mourn, and wail over sin.

- *James 4:9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness.*

774. Christians are to humble themselves before God.

- *James 4:10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.*

775. Christians are not to slander one another.

- *James 4:11 Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge.*

776. Christians are to be patient in waiting for the return of the Lord.

- *James 5:7 Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. 8 Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.*

777. Christians are not to grumble against one another.

- *James 5:9 Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door.*

778. Christians are not to swear.

- *James 5:12 But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation.*

779. Christians who are in trouble should pray.

- *James 5:13 Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.*

780. Christians should call the elders of the church to pray over them when they are sick.

- *James 5:14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:*

781. Christians are to confess their sins to each other, and pray for each other.

- *James 5:16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.*

## **THIRTY SIX**

### **COMMANDMENTS FOR CHRISTIANS**

#### **1 PETER**

782. Christians are to prepare their minds for action by being self-controlled and hopeful.

- *1 Peter 1:13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;*

783. Christians are not to conform their lives to the evil desires they had prior to being converted to Christ.

- *1 Peter 1:14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:*

784. Christians are to be holy in all they do.

- *1 Peter 1:15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; 16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.*

785. Christians are to live in godly fear in the world as strangers.

- *1 Peter 1:17 And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:*

786. Christians are to rid themselves of all malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy and slander.

- *1 Peter 2:1 Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,*

### Five Sins to Forsake

- ❖ malice
- ❖ deceit
- ❖ hypocrisy
- ❖ envy
- ❖ slander

787. Christians are to crave spiritual milk.

- *1 Peter 2:2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:*

788. Christians are to live in such a way, that, if accused of wrong doing, good deeds will be seen.

- *1 Peter 2:12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.*

789. Christians are to abstain from fleshly lusts.

- *1 Peter 2:11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;*

790. Christians are to submit themselves to every divinely ordained authority.

- *1 Peter 2:13 Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; 14 Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.*

791. Christians are to show respect to all men, love other Christians, fear God, and honor authority.

- *1 Peter 2:17 Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.*

792. Christian laborers are to submit themselves to their masters.

- *1 Peter 2:18 Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward.*

793. Christian wives are to be submissive to their own husbands.

- *1 Peter 3:1 Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; 2 While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.*

794. Christian women should have beauty that comes from their inner self.

- *1 Peter 3:3 Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; 4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. 5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: 6 Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.*

795. Christian men are to be considerate towards their wives, and treat them with respect.

- *1 Peter 3:7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.*

796. Christians are to live in harmony with one another, by being sympathetic, loving, compassionate, and humble.

- *1 Peter 3:8 Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:*

797. Christians are not to repay evil with evil, or insult with insult, but with blessing.

- *1 Peter 3:9 Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.*

798. Christians must keep their tongues from evil if they would love life, and see good days.

- *1 Peter 3:10 For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:*

799. Christians must turn from evil, and do good, seek peace, and pursue it.

- *1 Peter 3:11 Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it.*

800. Christians who suffer for righteousness sake must not fear, or be frightened.

- *1 Peter 3:14 But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;*

801. A Christian is to sanctify the Lord God in their heart.

- *1 Peter 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:*

802. A Christian must be able to give an answer for the hope that is in the heart.

- *1 Peter 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:*

803. Christians are to keep a clear conscience.

- *1 Peter 3:16 Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.*

804. Christians are to cultivate the same attitude Christ had regarding suffering, which is to submit to the sovereign will of God.

- *1 Peter 4:1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; 2 That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.*

805. Christians are to be sober, and pray.

- *1 Peter 4:7 But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.*

806. Christians are to love one another deeply.

- *1 Peter 4:8 And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.*

807. Christians are to offer hospitality without grumbling.

- *1 Peter 4:9 Use hospitality one to another without grudging.*

808. Christians are to use their spiritual gift to serve others, and so faithfully administer the grace of God.

- *1 Peter 4:10 As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.*

809. Christians should do all they do for the glory of God.

- *1 Peter 4:11 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.*

810. Christian are not to murder, steal, or be accused of any other kind of criminal offense, or even as a meddler.

- *1 Peter 4:15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters.*

811. Christians who suffer are to praise God that they bear His name.

- *1 Peter 4:16 Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.*
- *1 Peter 4:19 Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.*

812. Christian shepherds are to feed the flock of God.

- *1 Peter 5:2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;*

813. Christian shepherds are not to lord it over God's people, but are to be an example.

- *1 Peter 5:3 Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.*

814. Christian young men are to be submissive to those who are older.

- *1 Peter 5:5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.*

815. Christians are to humble themselves before God.

- *1 Peter 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:*

816. Christians are to cast all their cares upon God.

- *1 Peter 5:7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.*

817. Christians are to be self-controlled, and alert.

- *1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:*

818. Christians are to resist the devil, while remembering that other Christians throughout the world have to endure suffering.

- *1 Peter 5:9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.*

## SEVEN

### COMMANDMENTS FOR CHRISTIANS

#### 2 PETER

819. Christians are to add to their faith goodness, and to goodness, knowledge.

- *2 Peter 1:5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;*

820. Christians are to add to the knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness.

- *2 Peter 1:6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;*

821. Christians are to add to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brother kindness, love.

- *2 Peter 1:7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.*

822. Christians are not to be ignorant of divine time.

- *2 Peter 3:8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.*

823. Christians are to make every effort to be found spotless, blameless, and at peace with the Lord.

- *2 Peter 3:14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.*

824. Christians are to always be on their guard.

- *2 Peter 3:17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness.*

825. Christians are to grow in grace, and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

- *2 Peter 3:18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.*

## ELEVEN

### COMMANDMENTS FOR CHRISTIANS

#### 1 JOHN

826. Christians are not to love the world.

- *1 John 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.*

827. Christians are to let the truth of the gospel abide, or remain in them.

- *1 John 2:24 Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.*

828. Christians are not to be deceived concerning righteousness.

- *1 John 3:7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.*

829. Christians are not to be amazed that the world hates them.

- *1 John 3:13 Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.*

830. Christians are to love in truth.

- *1 John 3:18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.*

831. Christians are to believe in Jesus Christ, and love one another.

- *1 John 3:23 And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.*

832. Christians are to test the spirits whether they are of God.

- *1 John 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.*

833. Christians are to love one another because love is of God, as a sign of being born of God, and as evidence of knowing God.

- *1 John 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.*

834. Christians are to love one another.

- *1 John 4:11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.*

835. Christians are to ask life for those who have sinned.

- *1 John 5:16 If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it.*

836. Christians are to keep themselves from idols.

- *1 John 5:21 I Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.*

## TWO

### COMMANDMENTS FOR CHRISTIANS

#### 2 JOHN

837. Christians are to look to themselves in order not to lose out on spiritual blessings.

- *2 John 8 Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.*

838. Christians are not to receive those who do not embrace apostolic doctrine.

- *2 John 10 If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: 11 For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.*

## TWO

### COMMANDMENTS FOR CHRISTIANS

#### 3 JOHN

839. Christians are to receive those who walk in the truth.

- *3 John 8 We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellow-helpers to the truth.*

839. Christians are not to follow after that which is evil, but that which is good.

- *3 John 11 Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God.*

## SEVEN

### COMMANDMENTS FOR CHRISTIANS

#### JUDE

840. Christians are to contend for the faith once delivered to the saints.

- *Jude 3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.*

841. Christians are to remember the words of the apostles.

- *Jude 17 But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ;*

842. Christians are to build themselves up in the faith, while praying in the Holy Spirit.

- *Jude 20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,*

843. Christians are to keep themselves in the love of God, and look for the mercy of Christ.

- *Jude 21 Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.*

844. Christians are to have compassion on others.

- *Jude 22 And of some have compassion, making a difference:*

845. Christians are to present the gospel to some with appeals adapted to produce fear. It is far better to scare people into going to heaven. than to laugh a person into hell.

- *Jude 23 And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.*

## TEN

### COMMANDMENTS FOR CHRISTIANS

#### REVELATION

846. Christians are to remember.

- *Revelation 2:5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.*

847. Christians are not to fear sufferings.

- *Revelation 2:10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. 11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.*

848. Christians are to repent.

- *Revelation 2:16 Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth. 17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.*

849. Christians are to hold fast.

- *Revelation 2:25 But that which ye have already hold fast till I come.*

850. Christians are to hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

- *Revelation 2:29 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.*

851. Christians are to be watchful.

- *Revelation 3:2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.*

852. Christians are to remember what they have received and heard.

- *Revelation 3:3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.*

853. Christians are to be careful not to lose their spiritual reward.

- *Revelation 3:11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.*

854. Christians are to be zealous.

- *Revelation 3:19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.*

855. Christians are to fear God, and give Him the glory.

- *Revelation 14:7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.*