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My commandments*

Jn 14:15



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Generally used to show relationship between love and obedience

A launching point for arguing obedience to Apostolic teaching...

- The Spirit empowered them to teach Jesus' commands (**Jn 14:26; 16:13**)
- *“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”* (**Mt 28:18-20**)
- *“If anyone thinks that he is a prophet, or spiritual, he should acknowledge that the things I am writing to you are a command of the Lord.”* (**1 Cor 14:37**)

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What about the specific, personal commands of Jesus?

Not just “the greatest commandment”

- *“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”* (Mt 22:37-39)

Not only “the golden rule”

- *“So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them.”* (Mt 7:12)

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"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth" (Mt. 6:19)

- You know they are fleeting and temporary
- We know that we are fleeting and temporary
- Instead... treasure the things that will not decay **(20)**

"an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you" **(1 Pet. 1:4)**

- We aren't banking heavenly credits
- We are proving the focus of our hearts **(21)**

By This We Know

"... do not be anxious about your life" (Mt. 6:25)

- Do not become overwhelmed by day-to-day life
- Don't let the pursuit of physical necessities consume you **(24)**
- That is not what life is about! **(25b)**
- Our Heavenly Father will provide for our temporary needs **(26)**
- You are made in His image
- He values you

By This We Know

Put God First (Mt. 6:33)

- **33 *But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.***
- Pursue heavenly citizenship above all other things
- Get right with God (**Rom. 1:17**) and live righteously (**Eph. 5:8**)
- Do this and the necessities of life will be provided for you

"I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his children begging for bread." (**Ps. 37:25**)

By This We Know

"... do not be anxious about tomorrow" (Mt. 6:34)

- There's no need to be - if we put God first
- Each new day comes with its own challenges
- Worry is time wasted anticipating things that may not happen and things that we cannot control
- Walk with God today
- Trust God with tomorrow

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***we have an advocate
with the Father, Jesus
Christ the righteous.***

***He is the propitiation
for our sins, and not
for ours only but also
for the sins of the
whole world.***

- 1 John 2:1-2



