

John 14:15,23 “If you [really] love Me, you will keep (obey) My commands (keep My word [obey My teaching]); and My Father will love you, and We will come to you and make Our home (abode, special dwelling place) with you.”

John 15:9,10 “I have loved you, [just] as the Father has loved Me; abide in My love [continue in His love with Me]. If you keep My commandments [if you continue to obey My instructions], you will abide in My love and live on in it, just as I have obeyed My Father's commandments and live on in His love.”

John 15:14,17 “You are My friends if you keep on doing the things which I command you to do ... (and) this is what I command you: that you love one another.”

Jesus' Commandments

IN THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW, CHAPTERS ONE THROUGH FIVE

- Matthew 4:4 **Live on every Word that comes from the mouth of God.** “But He replied, ‘It has been written, Man shall not live and be upheld and sustained by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.’ [Deut. 8:3.]”
- Matthew 4:7 **Do not test the Lord.** “Jesus said to him ... ‘You shall not tempt, test thoroughly, or try exceedingly the Lord your God.’ [Deut. 6:16]”
- Matthew 4:10 **Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only.** “Then Jesus said to him ... ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him alone shall you serve.’ [Deut. 6:13]”
- Matthew 4:17 **Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is near.** “Jesus began to preach, crying out, ‘Repent (change your mind for the better, heartily amend your ways, with abhorrence of your past sins), for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’”
- Matthew 4:19 **Follow Jesus.** “He said to them, ‘Come after Me [as disciples -- letting Me be your Guide], follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men!’”
- Matthew 5:3 **Be spiritually humble, recognizing your need for and dependence upon the Lord (for the kingdom of heaven will be given to you!).** “Blessed (happy, to be envied, and spiritually prosperous--with life-joy and satisfaction in God's favor and salvation, regardless of their outward conditions) are the poor in spirit (the humble, who rate themselves insignificant), for theirs is the kingdom of heaven!”
- Matthew 5:4 **Know that the Lord will comfort you in your mourning and grief.** “Blessed and enviably happy [with a happiness produced by the experience of God's favor and especially conditioned by the revelation of His matchless grace] are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted! [Isa. 61:2.]”
- Matthew 5:5 **Be humble and meek before God (for only then will you inherit the earth).** “Blessed (happy, blithesome, joyous, spiritually prosperous -- with life-joy and satisfaction in God's favor and salvation, regardless of their outward conditions) are the meek (the mild, patient, long-suffering), for they shall inherit the earth! [Ps. 37:11.]”
- Matthew 5:6 **Hunger and thirst for righteousness (for you WILL be filled!).** “Blessed and fortunate and happy and spiritually prosperous (in that state in which the born-again child of God enjoys His favor and salvation) are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness (uprightness and right standing with God), for they shall be completely satisfied! [Isa. 55:1, 2.]”

- Matthew 5:7 **Be merciful.** “Blessed (happy, to be envied, and spiritually prosperous--with life-joy and satisfaction in God's favor and salvation, regardless of their outward conditions) are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy!”
- Matthew 5:8 **Be pure in heart.** “Blessed (happy, enviably fortunate, and spiritually prosperous--possessing the happiness produced by the experience of God's favor and especially conditioned by the revelation of His grace, regardless of their outward conditions) are the pure in heart, for they shall see God! [Ps. 24:3, 4.]”
- Matthew 5:9 **Be a peacemaker.** “Blessed (enjoying enviable happiness, spiritually prosperous--with life-joy and satisfaction in God's favor and salvation, regardless of their outward conditions) are the makers and maintainers of peace, for they shall be called the sons of God!”
- Matthew 5:10 **Rejoice – be glad when you are persecuted because of righteousness.** “Blessed and happy and enviably fortunate and spiritually prosperous (in the state in which the born-again child of God enjoys and finds satisfaction in God's favor and salvation, regardless of his outward conditions) are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake (for being and doing right), for theirs is the kingdom of heaven!”
- Matthew 5:11 **Rejoice and be glad when people persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because you belong to Jesus.** “Blessed (happy, to be envied, and spiritually prosperous--with life-joy and satisfaction in God's favor and salvation, regardless of your outward conditions) are you when people revile you and persecute you and say all kinds of evil things against you falsely on My account.”
- Matthew 5:13 **Guard, nurture, replenish and cultivate your saltiness.** “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste (its strength, its quality), how can its saltiness be restored? It is not good for anything any longer but to be thrown out and trodden underfoot by men.”
- Matthew 5:14 **Keep your lamp—the light of God’s presence and truth and glory dwelling in you—visible for all to see, so that people may see your good deeds done through God’s Spirit and thereby praise Him.** “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a peck measure, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your moral excellence and your praiseworthy, noble, and good deeds and recognize and honor and praise and glorify your Father Who is in heaven.” (Matthew 14-16 Amplified)
- Matthew 5:19 **Practice and teach these commandments of Jesus. Do all you can to not break even the “least” of His commandments and especially do not teach others to break them.** “Whoever then breaks or does away with or relaxes one of the least [important] of these commandments and teaches men so shall be called least [important] in the kingdom of heaven, but he who practices them and teaches others to do so shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”
- Matthew 5:22 **Do not harbor anger toward your brother, and do not call him a fool or an “empty-head.”** “I say to you that everyone who continues to be angry with his brother or harbors malice (enmity of heart) against him shall be liable to and unable to escape the punishment imposed by the court; and whoever speaks contemptuously and insultingly to his brother shall be liable to and unable to escape the punishment imposed by the Sanhedrin, and whoever says, You cursed fool! [You empty-headed idiot!] shall be liable to and unable to escape the hell (Gehenna) of fire.”
- Matt. 5:23-24 **Reconciliation matters more to the Lord than your sacrifices or offerings. Humbly initiate reconciliation with any brother or sister you’ve grieved, before coming before the Lord in worship.** “So if when you are offering your gift at the

altar you there remember that your brother has any [grievance] against you, leave your gift at the altar and go. First make peace with your brother, and then come back and present your gift.”

Matt. 5:25-26 **Again, in humility, institute reconciliation and restitution. Do whatever you can to reconcile *outside* of the courts, for Christians must live by laws of grace and humility and love — not in pride like heathen who “fight it out” in the courts. Christians in courts do not bring glory or honor to the Lord, unless they are being accused for their faith, in which case the Lord *will* advance His agenda, as He gives you what to say.** “Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way traveling with him, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. Truly I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last fraction of a penny.”

Matt. 5:27-28 **Do not objectify others in your heart. Instead, strive to see them through the Lord’s eyes, as He sees them.** “You have heard that it was said, You shall not commit adultery. [Exod. 20:14; Deut. 5:18.] But I say to you that everyone who so much as looks at a woman with evil desire for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”

Matt. 5:29-30 **Do not provide yourself opportunities to sin. Remove from your life all which you know causes you to stumble.** “If your right eye serves as a trap to ensnare you or is an occasion for you to stumble and sin, pluck it out and throw it away. It is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be cast into hell (Gehenna). And if your right hand serves as a trap to ensnare you or is an occasion for you to stumble and sin, cut it off and cast it from you. It is better that you lose one of your members than that your entire body should be cast into hell (Gehenna).”

Matt. 5:31-32 **God is faithful to us, even when we’re adulterous (unfaithful to Him). As His sons, we’re to exhibit and grow into our Father’s character. Therefore, like Him, we must never, never, *never* give up on our wives. We are to love them as He loves us — hope all things, bear all things, believe all things. Actively extend her grace and support and faithfulness that the Father loves you with.** “It has also been said, Whoever divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce. But I tell you, Whoever dismisses and repudiates and divorces his wife, except on the grounds of unfaithfulness (sexual immorality), causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a woman who has been divorced commits adultery. [Deut. 24:1-4.]

Matt. 5:33-37 “Again, you have heard that it was said to the men of old, You shall not swear falsely, but you shall perform your oaths to the Lord [as a religious duty]. But I tell you, Do not bind yourselves by an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is the throne of God; Or by the earth, for it is the footstool of His feet; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. [Ps. 48:2; Isa. 66:1.] And do not swear by your head, for you are not able to make a single hair white or black. Let your Yes be simply Yes, and your No be simply No; anything more than that comes from the evil one. [Lev. 19:12; Num. 30:2; Deut. 23:21.]

Matt. 5:38-42 “You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.’ [Exod. 21:24; Lev. 24:20; Deut. 19:21.] But I say to you, Do not resist the evil man [who injures you]; but if anyone strikes you on the right jaw or cheek, turn to him the other one too. And if anyone wants to sue you and take your undershirt (tunic), let him have your coat also. And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two [miles]. Give to him who keeps on begging from you, and do not turn away from him who would borrow [at interest] from you.” [Deut. 15:8; Prov. 24:29.]

- Matt. 5:43-47 “You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy; [Lev. 19:18; Ps. 139:21, 22.] But I tell you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, [Prov. 25:21, 22.] To show that you are the children of your Father Who is in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the wicked and on the good, and makes the rain fall upon the upright and the wrongdoers [alike]. For if you love those who love you, what reward can you have? Do not even the tax collectors do that? And if you greet only your brethren, what more than others are you doing? Do not even the Gentiles (the heathen) do that?”
- Matthew 5:48 “You, therefore, must be perfect [growing into complete maturity of godliness in mind and character, having reached the proper height of virtue and integrity], as your heavenly Father is perfect.” [Lev. 19:2, 18.]