

THE COMMANDMENTS OF CHRIST

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I. CONCERNING GOD

1. **Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and all thy soul, and all thy strength, and all thy mind.** (Matt. 22:37)
2. **Fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.** (Matt. 10:28)
3. **Glory in the Lord; not in man.** (1 Cor. 3:21; 2 Cor. 10:17).
4. **Be imitators of God; be like Him in His kindness to the undeserving.** (Matt. 5:45-48; Eph. 5:1).
5. **Pray to God always and faint not.** (Luke 18:1; Matt. 7:7; 26:41; Eph. 6:18; Phil. 4:6, Col. 4:2; 1 Thess. 5:17; 1 Tim. 2:8; Heb. 4:16); **pray with brevity and simplicity** (Matt. 6:7); **pray secretly** (Matt. 6:6).
6. **Have faith in God; cast your care upon Him: He knows your need and will provide.** (Mark 11:22; Matt. 6:25; Phil. 4:6, 1 Peter 5:7).
7. **Give yourselves to His service without reserve, recognizing that you cannot serve God and Mammon** (Matt. 6:24; Rom. 12:1).
8. **In everything give thanks to Him for this is His will and pleasure concerning you.** (Eph. 5:20 ; Col. 3:15, 17; 1 Thess. 5:18; Heb. 13:15).
9. **Recognize Him in all your ways, saying concerning your purposes "if the Lord will."** (Jas. 4:15; Prov. 3:6).
10. **Come out from the world and be separate unto Him, as His sons and daughters.** (2 Cor. 6:14-17).

II. CONCERNING CHRIST

11. **Let Christ dwell in your heart by faith.** (Eph 3:17).
12. **Give him a higher place than father, mother, husband, wife, children, relations, houses, and lands.** (Luke 14 26; Matt 10:37).
13. **Set your affections upon him, and not upon the present world at all.** (Col. 3:1-4; 1 John 2 : 15).
14. **Take him for an example and follow in his steps.** (I Pet. 2:21-23; John 13:15).
15. **Abide in him: do not let him slip from your memory and affections.** (John 15 :7; Heb. 2:1).
16. **Call him to remembrance every first day of the week in the breaking of bread, as he has appointed.** (Matt. 26:26-27; 1 Cor. 11:24-26; Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2).
17. **Be not ashamed to confess him before men,** (Luke 12:8; Mark 8:38; 2 Tim. 1:8), **at the same time taking care to expose not your holy things to the profane.** (Matt. 7:6).
18. **Aim to be in a state of continual readiness for his coming. With this in view, be on your guard against the engrossments of business, the cares of life, and the allurements of pleasure.** (Matt. 24:14; Luke 12:35-37; 14:26; 2 Pet. 3:14).
19. **Endure to the end, submitting to hardship if the necessary consequence.** (Matt. 24:13; 2 Tim. 2:3).
20. **Hold fast your confidence and rejoicing in him till you die or he come.** (Rev 2:10-25; Heb. 3:14).

III. CONCERNING BRETHREN AND SISTERS

21. **Love one another with a pure heart fervently.** (John 13:34; Rom. 12:10; Eph. 5:2; Col. 3:14; 1 Thess. 4:9; Heb. 13:1; 1 Pet. 1; 22; 1 Pet. 4:8; 1 John 3:14-19).
22. **Brethren not to exercise lordship over one another; the greatest to be as the youngest; he that is chief as he that doth serve; Christ's example the illustration of what is meant.** (Matt. 23:11; Luke 22:26-27; John 13:13- 17).
23. **Not to be angry without righteous cause; and to take care lest anger even in that case lead to sin.** (Matt. 5:22; Eph. 4:26; Col. 3:8).
24. **In case of breach, to seek reconciliation and exercise forgiveness to the utmost extent.** (Matt. 5:24; 18:35; Col. 3:13).
25. **In case of sin (known or heard of) speak not of it to others, but tell the offending brother of the matter between thee and him alone, with a view to recovery.** (Matt. 18:15; Gal. 6:1; Jas. 5:19-20).
26. **Grudge not: Judge not: condemn not one another.** (Matt. 7: 1; Rom. 14:13; 1 Cor. 4:5; Jas. 4:11).

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27. Shut not your ear to the needy: relieve the afflicted.

(Acts 20:35; Rom. 12:13; Jas. 2:16; Gal. 6:10; 1 John 3:17).

28. To seek not your own welfare only, nor bear your own burdens merely, but have regard to those of others. (Phil. 2:4; 1 Cor. 10:24; Gal. 6:2).

29. Be of one mind, and follow the things that make for peace.

(1 Cor. 1:10; 2 Cor. 13:11; 1 Pet. 3:8; Rom. 14:19).

30. Confess your faults one to another. (Jas. 5:16).

IV. CONCERNING THE STRANGER

31. Let your light shine before men. (Matt. 5:16; 10:32-33). **Hold forth the Word of Life.** (Phil. 2:16). **Say to the perishing, Come.** (Rev. 22:17).

32. Agree with your adversary quickly, submitting even to wrong for the sake of peace.

(Matt. 5:25; 1 Cor. 6:7; Rom. 12:18-19).

33. Do good to all men as opportunity may allow. The Samaritan succoured a stranger in distress: "Go thou and do likewise." If even thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink.

(Gal. 6:10; Luke 6:27-28; 10:37; Rom. 12:20; Matt. 5:44).

34. Pray for them that despitefully use you and persecute you. (Matt. 5:44).

35. Recompense to no man evil for evil. (Rom. 12:17; 1 Thess. 5:15); **render not evil for evil or railing for railing, but contrariwise blessing.** (1 Pet. 3:9); **bless, and curse not.** (Rom. 12:14).

36. Resist not evil; compel not the restitution of stolen goods: avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath. (Matt. 5:39-40; Luke 6:29-30; Rom. 12:19).

37. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. (Rom. 12:21).

38. As ye would that men should do unto you, do ye also so to them. (Matt. 7:12; Luke 6:31).

39. Walk not as other Gentiles walk- (Eph 4:17): **have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness-** (Eph. 5:7-11): **be not conformed to this world-** (Rom. 12:2): **come out from among them and be ye separate.** (2 Cor. 6:17).

40. Walk honestly toward them that are without; give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully; be blameless and harmless, as the sons of God in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation. (1 Thess. 4:12; 1 Tim. 5:14; Phil. 2:15).

V. CONCERNING YOUR OWN CHARACTER

41. Be ye holy in all manner of conversation (1 Pet. 1:15-16): **without holiness, no man shall see the Lord.** (Heb. 12:14).

42. Be wise as serpents, harmless as doves- (Matt. 10:16; Phil. 2:15): **not fools-** (Eph. 5:15-17): **gentle, meek, kindhearted, compassionate, merciful, forgiving-** (2 Tim. 2:24; Tit. 2:2; Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:12; Matt. 18:35).

43. Old and young to be sober, grave, sincere and temperate. (Phil. 4:5; Tit. 2:2,7; 1 Pet. 1:13; 5:8).

44. To be hearty in everything. "Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord and not unto men." (Rom. 12:1-2; Col. 3:23).

45. To be watchful, vigilant, brave, joyful, courteous, and manly.

(1 Cor. 16:13; Phil. 4:4; 1 Thess. 5:6,8,10; 2 Pet. 1:5-7).

46. Be sympathetic with others both in their sorrows and in their joys. (Rom. 12:5).

47. All of you be clothed with humility, not proud, minding not high things, but condescending to men of low estate. (Luke 14:11-13; Rom. 11:20; 12:3-16; Phil. 2:3; Col. 3:12; 1 Pet. 5:5-6).

48. Be patient towards all, especially the weak and erring. (Rom. 12:10; 14:1; 15:1; 1 Thess. 5:14); **put away anger, wrath, bitterness, and all evil speaking.** (Eph. 4:31; 1 Pet. 2:1).

49. Follow after whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report, virtuous, and praiseful. (Phil. 4:8); **abhor evil, and abstain from its appearance.** (Rom. 12:9; 1 Thess. 5:22).

50. Things not to be named, still less practised, among saints: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, drunkenness, covetousness, wrath, strife, sedition, hatred, emulation, boasting, vain glory, envy, jesting, foolish talking. (Eph. 5:3-4; Gal. 5:19-21).

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VI. CONCERNING YOUR ACTIONS

51. **Whether therefore ye eat or drink or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.** (1 Cor. 10:3; Col. 3:17).
52. **Live no longer the rest of your time in the indulgence of the lusts of the flesh, but in doing the will of God.** (1 Pet. 4:2): **reckon yourselves dead to sin but alive to righteousness** (Rom. 6:11) **doing the will of God from the heart** (Eph. 6:6) **henceforth live not unto yourselves, but unto him who died for you and rose again.** (2 Cor. 5:15).
53. **Be zealous of good works, always abounding in the work of the Lord, wearying not in well-doing.** (2 Tit. 2:14; 1 Cor. 15:58; 1 Thess. 4:1; Heb. 6:11; Gal. 6:9; 2 Thess. 3:13).
54. **Beware of false teachers.** (Matt. 7:15; Phil. 3:2; 1 John 4:1).
55. **Beware of covetousness; lay not up treasure upon earth: be ready to every good work.** (Luke 12:15; Matt. 6:19; Titus 3:1; Heb. 13:5).
56. **Give to him that asketh, and to him that is in need, visiting the fatherless and the widow in their afflictions; and give liberally and cheerfully, remembering that the Lord loveth a cheerful giver, and is well pleased with such sacrifices.** (Matt. 5:42; Rom. 12:13; 2 Cor. 9:6-8; Heb. 13:16; Jas. 1:27).
57. **Do not your alms before men, to be seen of them; let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth.** (Matt. 6:1-4).
58. **Labour not to be rich: having food and raiment, be content.** (1 Tim. 6:8; John 6:27; Matt. 6:19).
59. **Riches are dangerous if they come to your hand, turn them into safeguards and friends by using them liberally in the Lord's service, whose stewards we are.** (1 Tim. 6:10,17-19; Luke 12:18-21; 16:9-13; 1 Pet. 4:10).
60. **Walk in the spirit: walk worthily; put off the old man of the flesh: put on the new man renewed in knowledge after the divine image.** (Gal. 5:16-26; Eph. 4:24; 5:8-19; Col. 3:9).
61. **Cleanse yourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit. Your bodies are members of Christ, and God's temple; if any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy.** (2 Cor. 7:1; 1 Thess. 4:3; 1 Cor. 3:16-17; 6:15-20).
62. **Follow peace with all men and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.** (Heb. 12:14; Rom. 12:18; 14:19; 2 Cor. 13:11; Eph. 4:3).
63. **Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification, even as I (Paul) please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many that they might be saved.** (Rom. 15:2; 1 Cor. 10:33).
64. **Do all things without murmuring and disputing.** (Phil. 2:14).
65. **Speak evil of no man; be no brawlers, but gentle, showing all meekness to all men.** (Tit. 3:2).
66. **Be swift to hear; slow to speak; slow to wrath.** (Jas. 1:19).
67. **Depart from all iniquity: let none of you suffer as an evil doer, or as a busybody in other men's matters.** (2 Tim. 2:19; 1 Pet. 4:15).
68. **If any man suffer according to the will of God, let him commit the keeping of his soul to Him in well-doing, not rendering evil for evil, but rejoicing that he is a partaker of Christ's sufferings.** (1 Pet. 4:19; 1 Thess. 5:15; 1 Pet. 4:13).
69. **Drive away youthful lusts, but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.** (1 Tim. 6:11; 2 Tim. 2:22).
70. **Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, desire it with the ardour of a new-born babe for its mother's milk; meditate on these things; give thyself wholly to them.** (Col. 3:16; 1 Pet. 2:2; 1 Tim. 4:15).
71. **Pay your debts: owe no man anything, but to love one another.** (Rom. 13:7-8).
72. **Be subject to rulers: obey magistrates: submit to every law and ordinance of man, except where they come into conflict with the law of Christ.** (Tit. 3:1; 1 Pet. 2:13-17; Rom. 13:6; Acts 4:19).

VII. CONCERNING YOUR THOUGHTS AND SPEECH

73. **The harbouring of unlawful desire is divinely reckoned as guilty action. It is forbidden.** (Matt. 5:27-28).
74. **Mortify, therefore, or hold in subjection, your members which are upon earth.** (Col. 3:5; Gal. 5:24; 1 Cor. 9:27).
75. **Remove all causes of spiritual stumbling, or hindrance from your path, even at the risk of pain and loss.** (Matt. 5:29; Heb. 12:1).
76. **Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt; let no filthy communication proceed out of your mouth, but sound speech, with gravity, and sincerity and simplicity.** (Matt. 5:37; Eph. 4:29; Col. 3:8; 4:6; Titus 2:7-8).

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77. **If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God.** (1 Pet. 4:11).
78. **Speak every man truth with his neighbour; lie not one to another.** (Eph. 4:25; Col. 3:9).
79. **Swear not at all: let your communication be yea, yea, and nay, nay.** (Matt. 5:34; Jas. 5:12).
80. **Out of the same mouth ought not to proceed blessing and cursing.** (Jas. 3:10).

VIII. CONCERNING MATRIMONIAL RELATIONS

81. **At liberty to marry whom you will, only in the Lord.** (1 Cor. 7:39).
82. **Husbands and wives not to separate except for adultery.** (Matt. 19:6-9; 1 Cor. 7:10) **which will exclude from the Kingdom of God.** (1 Cor. 6:9).
83. **A husband or wife becoming a believer without the other, not to leave the other, if he or she consent to a peaceable life.** (1 Cor. 7:12-15).
84. **Husbands to love, honour, and cherish their wives.** (Eph. 5:25; Col. 3:19; 1 Pet. 3:7).
85. **Wives to love, submit to, and obey their husbands as the head.**
(Eph. 5:23-24; Col. 3:18; 1 Pet. 3:1).

IX. CONCERNING PARENTS AND CHILDREN

86. **Parents to bring up their children in the enlightenment of the truth, and to have them in subjection with all gravity.** (Eph. 6:4; Col. 3:21; 1 Tim. 3:3-4).
87. **Children to obey their parents in all things.** (Eph. 6:1; Col. 3:20).

X. CONCERNING MASTERS AND SERVANTS

88. **Masters to be kind, just and considerate.** (Eph. 6:9; Col. 4:1).
89. **Servants to be obedient in all things to their masters, not with eye service as menpleasers, but with all faithfulness as unto Christ, even if the master happen to be a bad one.** (Eph. 6:5-8; Col. 3:22; 1 Tim. 6:1-2; 1 Pet. 2:18). **But servants are at liberty to leave.** (1 Cor. 7:21).
90. **If the master be a brother, the servant (also a brother or sister), instead of rendering a slacker service on that account, is to show a greater measure of obedience.** (1 Tim. 6:2).

XI. CONCERNING DISOBEDIENT BRETHREN

91. **If any man obey not the apostolic commands, the brethren to have no company with him.** (2 Thess. 3:14).
92. **To avoid these causing divisions.** (Rom.16:17).
93. **To withdraw from everyone walking disorderly, or not in accordance with apostolic precept.** (2 Thess. 3:6).
94. **To put away wicked persons.** (1 Cor. 5:11).
95. **To reject or receive not into fellowship those who consent not to the doctrine or the commandments of the Lord Jesus.** (2 John verses 8-10; 1 Tim. 6:3-5; Titus 3:10).
96. **If any will not work, he is not to be relieved.** (2 Thess. 3:10; 1 Tim. 5:8).

XIII. CONCERNING THE ASSEMBLIES OF THE BRETHREN

97. **All things to be done decently, and in order.** (1 Cor. 14:40).
98. **All things to be done in love, and in mutual submission.** (1 Cor. 16:14; 1 Pet. 5:5).
99. **Sisters to keep silence** (1 Tim. 2:11-12), **and to dress modestly and in sobriety.** (1 Tim. 2:9; 1 Pet. 3:3-4).
100. **The brethren at liberty on all questions of eating and drinking, and the observance of feasts, sabbaths, and holy days** (Col. 2:16; 1 Cor. 10:25; Rom. 14:5-7), **except that they are not at liberty to do anything inconsistent with holiness, or the glory of God.** (1 Cor. 10:31; 1 Pet. 1:15-16; Heb. 12:14).