

<sup>13</sup> "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup> Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. <sup>16</sup> I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup> Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them."  
John 13:13-17

#### **Regarding responsibility to God and government**

...Then he said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."  
Matthew 22:21

#### **Regarding children**

<sup>16</sup> But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. <sup>17</sup> I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."  
Luke 18:16-17

#### **Regarding reconciliation**

<sup>23</sup> "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup> Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still with him on the way, or he may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup> I tell you the truth, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny."  
Matthew 5:23-26

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# Scripture Prayer Guide Using the Word of God To Pray the Commands of Christ 2

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## *The Greatest Commandments*

<sup>37</sup> Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." <sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup> And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' <sup>40</sup> All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Matthew 22:37-40

## *We are to Obey Him because We Love Him*

"If you love me, you will obey what I command." John 14:15

"Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him." John 14:21

## *Commands Stemming from Our Relationship with God*

(continued)

#### **Regarding praying**

<sup>5</sup> "And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. <sup>6</sup> But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. <sup>7</sup> And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard

*because of their many words. <sup>8</sup> Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.*

Matthew 6:5-8

*Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.*

Matthew 7:7

*Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.*

John 16:24

### **Regarding fasting**

<sup>16</sup> *"When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show men they are fasting. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full.*

<sup>17</sup> *But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup> so that it will not be obvious to men that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."*

Matthew 6:16-18

### **Regarding world evangelization**

<sup>36</sup> *When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup> Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."*

Matthew 9:36-38

<sup>18</sup> *Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

Matthew 28:18-20

*He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation."*

Mark 16:15

*"Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest."*

John 4:35

## **Commands Stemming from Our Relationships with Others**

### **Regarding judging others**

*"Do not judge, or you too will be judged."*

Matthew 7:1

*"Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven."*

Luke 6:37

<sup>41</sup> *"Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? <sup>42</sup> How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take the speck out of your eye,' when you yourself fail to see the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye."*

Luke 6:41-42

### **Regarding extending mercy to others**

*"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."*

Luke 6:36

### **Regarding servanthood**

<sup>25</sup> *Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. <sup>26</sup> Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>27</sup> and whoever wants to be first must be your slave — <sup>28</sup> just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

Matthew 20:25-28

<sup>43</sup> *Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*

Mark 10:43-45

<sup>25</sup> *Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. <sup>26</sup> But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves."*

Luke 22:25-26