

### Regarding accumulating treasure

<sup>19</sup> "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup> But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:19-21

<sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them: "Watch out that no one deceives you. <sup>6</sup> Many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and will deceive many." Mark 13:5-6

### Regarding temptation

"Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak." Mark 14:38

### Regarding anxiety

<sup>25</sup> "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? <sup>33</sup> But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Matthew 6:25, 33

# Scripture Prayer Guide Using the Word of God To Pray the Commands of Christ 3

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## The Greatest Commandments

<sup>29</sup> "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>30</sup> Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' <sup>31</sup> The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." Mark 12:29-31

## 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 Relationships with Others (continued)

### Regarding adulterous lust

<sup>27</sup> "You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.' <sup>28</sup> But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup> If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup> And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell." Matthew 5:27-30

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### **Regarding marriage and divorce**

*“Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.”* Mark 10:9

### **Regarding the golden rule**

*“So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.”* Matthew 7:12

*“Do to others as you would have them do to you.”* Luke 6:31

### **Regarding receiving hospitality**

<sup>8</sup> *“When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. <sup>9</sup> If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, ‘Give this man your seat.’ Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up to a better place.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all your fellow guests. <sup>11</sup> For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”* Luke 14:8-11

### **Regarding showing hospitality**

<sup>12</sup> *Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup> and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”* Luke 14:12-14

### **Regarding persecution**

<sup>11</sup> *“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.*

<sup>12</sup> *Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”* Matthew 5:11-12

<sup>27</sup> *“But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. <sup>29</sup> If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also. If someone takes your cloak, do not stop him from taking your tunic. <sup>30</sup> Give to*

*everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back.”* Luke 6:27-30

### **Regarding confrontation of sin**

<sup>15</sup> *“If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. <sup>16</sup> But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ <sup>17</sup> If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector.”* Matthew 18:15-17

### **Regarding forgiveness**

*“And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.”* Mark 11:25

<sup>3</sup> *“So watch yourselves. If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. <sup>4</sup> If he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times comes back to you and says, ‘I repent,’ forgive him.”* Luke 17:3-4

## **Other Commands**

### **Regarding the making of oaths**

<sup>33</sup> *“Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but keep the oaths you have made to the Lord.’ <sup>34</sup> But I tell you, Do not swear at all: either by heaven, for it is God’s throne; <sup>35</sup> or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. <sup>36</sup> And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup> Simply let your ‘Yes’ be ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No,’ ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.”* Matthew 5:33-37

### **Regarding being deceived**

*“Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.”* Matthew 7:15

### **Regarding greed**

*Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”* Luke 12:15