

"If You Love Me..."

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Key Verse

John 14:15

"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments."

Key Thought

Jesus said "If you love me, you will keep My Commandments" (John 14:15). Jesus also commanded that we make disciples of all nations and then teach them to observe all that He commanded (Matthew 28:19-20). I believe the entire Bible is inspired by God and that there are hundreds of commands intended for us. But in these lessons we will study only the commandments that Jesus personally gave.

Repent

Matthew 4:17

From that time Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Follow Me

Matthew 4:19

And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Rejoice When You Are Persecuted

Matthew 5:11-12

"Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Let Your Light Shine

Matthew 5:16

Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Be Reconciled to People Before You Worship

Matthew 5:23-24

Therefore if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering.

Do Not Lust

Matthew 5:27-28

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery'; but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart."

Turn the Other Cheek and Go the Extra Mile.

Matthew 5:38-42

"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, do not resist an evil person; but whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. If anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, let him have your coat also. Whoever forces you to go one mile, go with him two. Give to him who asks of you, and do not turn away from him who wants to borrow from you."

Love Your Enemies

Matthew 5:43-44

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,"

Be Perfect as God is Perfect

Matthew 5:48

Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Don't Be a Hypocrite

Matthew 6:1

“Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven.”

Lay Up Treasures in Heaven, Not on Earth

Matthew 6:19-21

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Do Not Worry

Matthew 6:31-32, 34

Do not worry then, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear for clothing?’ For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. . . So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Seek God's Kingdom First

Matthew 6:33

But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Do Not Judge

Matthew 7:1

Do not judge so that you will not be judged.

Keep on Praying

Matthew 7:7

“ Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.”

Treat Others The Way You Want To Be Treated

Matthew 7:12

In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

Luke 6:31

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Enter the Narrow Gate

Matthew 7:13-14

Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Beware of False Prophets

Matthew 7:15

Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves.

Beware of False Teaching

Matthew 16:6

And Jesus said to them, Watch out and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

Pray for Workers

Matthew 9:37-38

Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.”

Be Shrewd as Serpents and As Innocent As Doves

Matthew 10:16

Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; so be shrewd as serpents and innocent as doves.

Do Not Fear Anyone But God

Matthew 10:28

Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Take Jesus' Yoke Upon Yourself

Matthew 11:28-30

Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.

Deny Self, Take Up Your Cross and Follow Jesus

Luke 9:23-24

And He was saying to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it.

Mark 8:34-35

And He summoned the crowd with His disciples, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.

Love Children

Matthew 18:10

See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven continually see the face of My Father who is in heaven.

Solve Your Relationship Problems

Matthew 18:15-17

If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother. But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every fact may be

confirmed. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

Guard Against Greed

Luke 12:15

Then He said to them, "Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions."

Care for the Poor

Luke 14:12-14

And He also went on to say to the one who had invited Him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, otherwise they may also invite you in return and that will be your repayment. But when you give a reception, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, since they do not have the means to repay you; for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Pay Your Taxes

Matthew 22:19-21

Show Me the coin used for the poll-tax." And they brought Him a denarius. And He said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" They said to Him, "Caesar's." Then He said to them, "Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and to God the things that are God's."

Love God and Your Neighbor

Matthew 22:36-40

Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And He said to him, " '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 foremost commandment. The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets.

Be Ready for the Return of Jesus

Matthew 24:44

For this reason you also must be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think He will.

Partake of the Lord's Supper In Remembrance of Jesus

Matthew 26:26-28

While they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and after a blessing, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.

Keep Watching and Praying That You Do Not Enter Into Temptation

Matthew 26:41

Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Care For Jesus' Sheep

John 21:15-17

So when they had finished breakfast, Jesus *said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these?" He *said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My lambs." He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Shepherd My sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Tend My sheep."

Make Disciples of All Nation

Matthew 28:19-20

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Preach the Gospel to All Creation

Mark 16:15-16

" And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned."

Keep Jesus' Commandments

John 14:15

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Implied Command: You Must Be Born Again

John 3:1-5

Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

Implied Command: Be a Witness for Jesus to the World

Acts 1:8

but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.