



FINDING TREASURE

Matthew 18:19-20; 22:34-40

John 13:34-35, ³⁴ A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

Matthew 18:19-20, ¹⁹ . . . truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.

The New Testament - 59 “*one another*” commands – four themes:

- 1) Love
- 2) Service
- 3) Unity
- 4) Encouragement/Edification

Exodus 18:13-14, ¹³ The next day Moses took his seat to serve as judge for the people, and they stood around him from morning till evening. ¹⁴ When his father-in-law saw all that Moses was doing for the people, he said, “What is this you are doing for the people? Why do you alone sit as judge, while all these people stand around you from morning till evening?” ¹⁵ Moses answered him, “Because the people come to me to seek God’s will”

“It takes your enemy and your friend working together to hurt you.”

Mark Twain

Exodus 18:17-23, ¹⁷ Moses’ father-in-law replied, “What you are doing is not good. ¹⁸ You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone. ¹⁹ Listen now to me and I will give you some advice, and may God be with you. You must be the people’s representative before God and bring their disputes to him. ²⁰ Teach them his decrees and instructions, and show them the way they are to live and how they are to behave. ²¹ But select capable men from all the people—men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain—and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. ²² Have them serve as judges for the people at all times, but have them bring every difficult case to you; the simple cases they can decide themselves . . . ²³ If you do this and God so commands, you will be able to stand the strain, and all these people will go home satisfied.”

Acts 2:41-42, ⁴¹ Those who accepted his (Peter’s) message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. ⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

John 8:31-32; 1 Corinthians 11:28-32; Psalm 14:5; James 5:16; John 17:21

Finding Treasure in Loving God and One Another

Matthew 22:34-40

Matthew 22:34-36, ³⁴ Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. ³⁵ One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: ³⁶ “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

Matthew 22:37-40, ³⁷ Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Roman1:18, The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness.

1) Treasure the SPIRITUAL more than the MATERIAL

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1 Corinthians 13:1-3; 14:1

2) Treasure GOD over MAMMON

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1 Timothy 6:17; Matthew 6:24

3) Treasure PEOPLE as much or more than PERSONAL DESIRES

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Philippians 2:3-4, ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

❖ Loving God and loving people properly turns ME into WE!

Questions:

- 1) What did you hear from the Holy Spirit?
- 2) What will you do because of it?
- 3) How can we pray for you?