

## **Christ-followers Live Out God's Commands**

**Matt 5:17-20** - *Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup> For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. <sup>19</sup> Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup> For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.*

**The Word of God consists of Commands, Principles, and Promises.**

### **Commands:**

**Ex 20:15** – *Thou shall not steal.*

### **Promises:**

**Mal 3:8-10** - *“Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! but you say, ‘In what way have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings. <sup>9</sup> You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me, even this whole nation. <sup>10</sup> Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this,” says the Lord of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.*

### **Principles:**

**1 Tim 6:6-10** - *Now godliness with contentment is great gain. <sup>7</sup> For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. <sup>8</sup> And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. <sup>9</sup> But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.*

## **The Preeminence of God's Word**

### **God's Word is a Part of His Redemptive Plan**

**Vs. 17** - *Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.*

**John 1:1&14** - *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*

### **God's Word is Eternal**

**Vs. 18** - *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.*

**1 Peter 1:24-25** - *"All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, and its flower falls away, <sup>25</sup> But the word of the Lord endures forever." Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.*

### **God's Word Determines our Kingdom Position**

**Vs. 19** - *Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.*

## **The Purpose of God's Word**

### **A Platform to Thrive**

**Is 55:10-13** - *"For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater; <sup>11</sup> So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it. <sup>12</sup> "For you shall go out with joy, and be led out with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break forth into singing before you, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. <sup>13</sup> Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree; and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."*

### **The Power to Fight**

**Matt 4** – *"It is written."*

## **The Purpose of God's Commands**

### **The Law & the Prophets**

**Rom 7:12** - *Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.*

### **God's Commands Reveal a Pattern to Live our Lives**

**2 Tim 3:16-17** - *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,<sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

**1 John 5:3** - *Loving God means keeping his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome.*

### **God's Commands Reveal our Sin**

**Rom 7:7** - *Well then, am I suggesting that the law of God is sinful? Of course not! In fact, it was the law that showed me my sin. I would never have known that coveting is wrong if the law had not said, "You must not covet."*

**Rom 7:18-20** - *For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find.<sup>19</sup> For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice.<sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me.*

### **God's Commands Reveal our Need for a Savior**

**Rom 7:24** - *O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?*

**Rom 7:25** -

*I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!*

**Matt 5:20** - *For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.*

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