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One Commandment

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IF YOU LOVE OTHERS ALL THE TIME, YOU'LL DO WHAT'S RIGHT ALL THE TIME.

Bible Reading of the Day: Read Romans 13:8-10.

Verse of the Day: "When the Holy Spirit controls our lives, he will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" (Galatians 5:22-23).



"I don't see how you can remember all those commandments," Cassandra told her best friend, Josie.

The two girls were doing their homework together in the school library.

"What do you mean?" Josie asked. She and Cassandra had had many conversations about God and Jesus. Josie was a Christian, but her friend Cassandra had just started going to church with her.

"You know," Cassandra said. "All those 'Don't do this' and 'Don't do that.' How do you keep 'em straight?"



"I don't know," Josie answered. "It's not like that. . . ." Her voice trailed off, and her gaze searched around the library table. Finally, her eyes fastened on her math book. "It's like this," she said. "How much is one plus one?"

Cassandra's eyes narrowed as if she were expecting a trick. "Two," she said.

"How much is two plus two?"

Cassandra's expression became more confused. "Four," she said, "but I don't see—" "How much is three plus three?" "Six," she answered. "Why?"



“How do you remember all that?” Josie asked, a twinkle in her eye. “I just know it. But that’s different,” Cassandra protested. “That’s just arithmetic.” “You’re right,” Josie said, “it is different. But not the way you think. God’s commandments are even easier to understand than addition and subtraction, because you really only have to remember one thing.”

Josie reached for her paperback Bible. She thumbed through the pages, then stopped. “Here. It says, ‘If you love your neighbor, you will fulfill all the requirements of God’s law.’” She pointed to the page. “See?”



Cassandra read the words, her lips moving slowly and silently as she read. "What's that mean?" she asked.

"It means, the one commandment to remember is to love others. If you do that all the time, you'll do what's right all the time."

Cassandra shrugged. "I can remember that," she said.

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but because of his own
and grace. This grace was
in Christ Jesus before
ning of time, ¹⁰but it h

Chapter

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Difficult Times Ahead

¹But know this: Hard times will come in the last days. ²For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, proud, demeaning, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy,

³unloving, irreconcilable, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, without love for what is good, ⁴traitors, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵holding to the form of godliness but denying its power. Avoid these people.

⁶For among them are those who worm their way into households and deceive gullible women overwhelmed by sins and led astray by a variety of passions, ⁷always learning and never able to come to a knowledge of the truth.

⁸Just as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so these also resist the truth. They are men who are corrupt in mind and worthless in regard to the faith.

⁹But they will not make further progress, for their foolishness will be clear to all, as was the foolishness of Jannes and Jambres.

Struggles in the Christian Life

¹⁰But you have followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, and endurance, ¹¹along with the persecutions and sufferings that came to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. What persecutions I endured—and yet the Lord rescued me from them all.

¹²In fact, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

¹³Evil people and impostors will become worse, deceiving and being deceived. ¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed. You know those who taught you,

1⁵and you know that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are able to give you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

¹⁶All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.



The Jews divided all time into this present age and the age to come. This present age was altogether evil; and the age to come would be the golden age of God. In between there was The Day of the Lord, a day when God would personally intervene and shatter the world in order to remake it. That Day of the Lord was to be preceded by a time of terror, when evil would gather itself for its final assault and the world would be shaken to its moral and physical foundations. It is in terms of these last days that Paul is thinking in this passage.



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**Hard times will
come in the last
days.**

- **What do you think about this?**
- **Are we living in “hard times”?**
- **Is this true for some people and not others?**

The characteristics Paul will describe speak not of bad times, but of bad people. “We should note what the hardness or danger of this time is in Paul’s view to be, not war, not famine or diseases, nor any of the other calamities or ills that befall the body, but the wicked and depraved ways of men.” (Calvin)

We don't need to be encouraged to love ourselves; we naturally have such a love. Neither should we be taught to hate ourselves, but as Paul said in Romans 12:3:5

For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

We must see ourselves as we really are – both the bad of what we are in the flesh and the glory of what we are in Jesus Christ.

²For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, proud, demeaning, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy,

Several years ago a judge in Orlando Florida ruled that an 11-year-old boy had the right to seek a “divorce” from his parents so that he could be adopted by a foster family. But though there are few legal divorces from parents by children, it is far more common that young people simply disregard their parents.



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These verses include behaviors and attitudes that are poor at best. We are told to avoid them.

- **How do we do this?**
- **What if we are related to them?**
- **What if they are not Christians?**



**Pick one item
from this list
and ask God
to help you
improve on it.**

- Lovers of self
- Boastful
- Proud
- Demeaning
- Ungrateful
- Unholy
- Unloving
- Irreconcilable
- Slanderers
- Brutal
- Traitors
- Reckless
- Conceited
- Disobedient to parents
- Without self-control
- Without love for what is good
- Lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God
- Holding to the form of godliness but denying its power
- Lovers of money

For among them are those who worm their way into households and deceive gullible women overwhelmed by sins and led astray by a variety of passions,

Today, this deception includes gullible children, men, & women

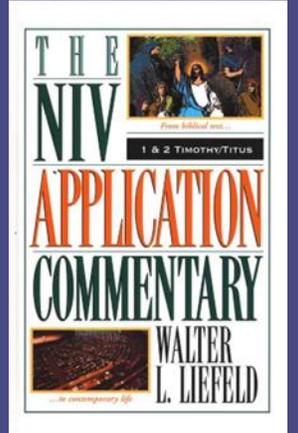


RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network) is the nation's largest anti-sexual violence organization.

SEXUAL ASSAULT

Grooming: Know the Warning Signs

The evils described in this passage are relatively easy to identify. It is possible, however, for Christians to become so occupied with such evils outside the church that they are oblivious to the vulnerability of people to sinful operations within the church. Sex maniacs can invade youth groups, just as financial predators can have neat haircuts and run for church office. The greed of a naive Christian can give opportunity to such a crook and a natural hunger for sex can make young people vulnerable to a leader they trust.



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¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed.

- **How do we do this?**



**We have found
some treasure**



in this chapter

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One dark night in a forest in Sicily a brigand held up a colporteur (a peddler of books, newspapers, and similar literature) at the point of a revolver. He was ordered to light a bonfire and burn his books. He lit the fire, and then he asked if he might read a little from each book before he dropped it in the flames. He read the twenty-third psalm from one; the story of the Good Samaritan from another; from another the Sermon on the Mount; from another 1 Corinthians 13:1-13.



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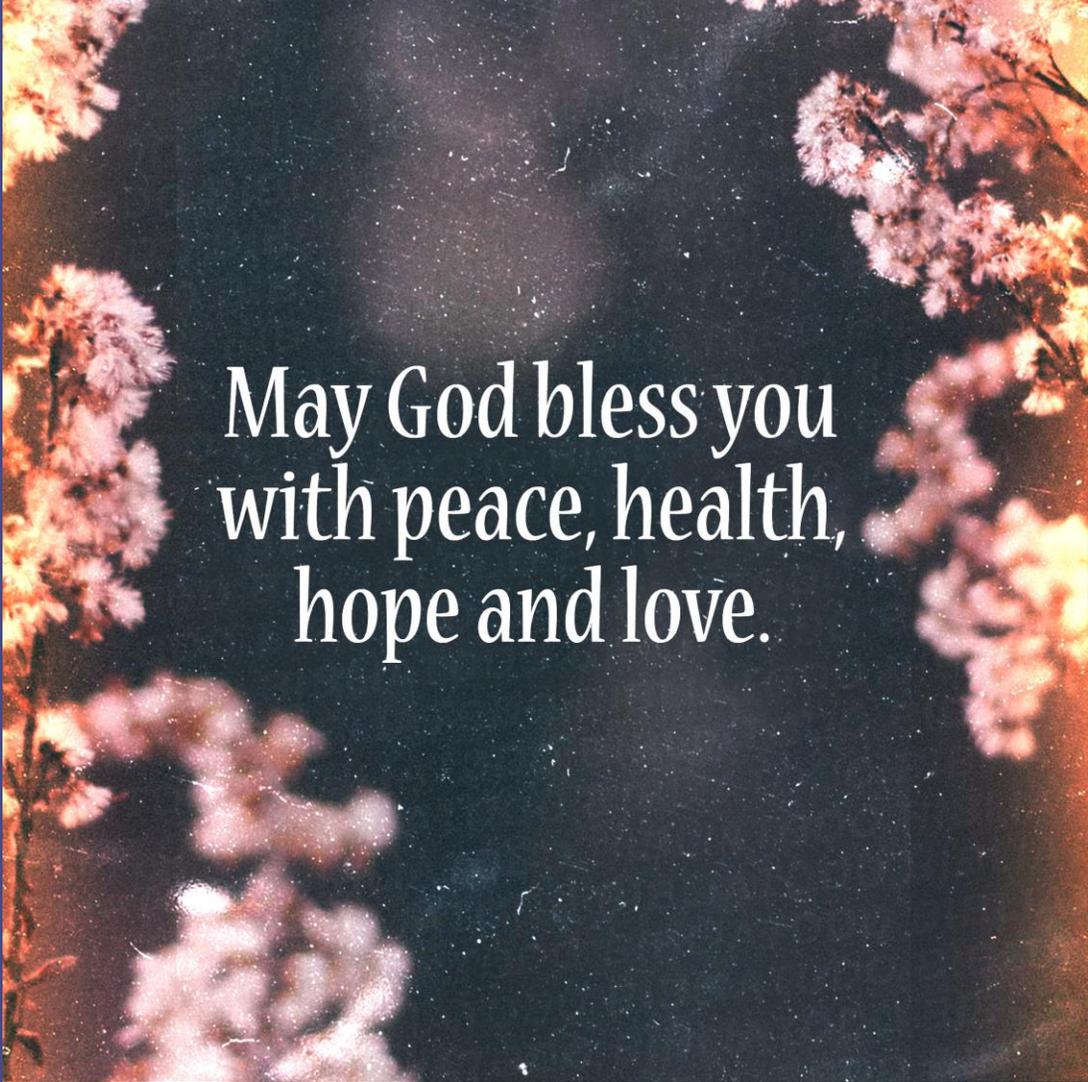
At the end of each reading, the brigand said: "That's a good book; we won't burn that one; give it to me." In the end not a book was burned; the brigand left the colporteur and went off into the darkness with the books. Years later that same brigand turned up again. This time he was a Christian minister, and it was to the reading of the books that he attributed his change.



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**Questions or
comments?**





May God bless you
with peace, health,
hope and love.