

Deuteronomy 10:20–11:9 (ESV) <sup>20</sup> You shall fear the Lord your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. <sup>21</sup> He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen. <sup>22</sup> Your fathers went down to Egypt seventy persons, and now the Lord your God has made you as numerous as the stars of heaven. **11** “You shall therefore love the Lord your God and keep his charge, his statutes, his rules, and his commandments always. <sup>2</sup> And consider today (since I am not speaking to your children who have not known or seen it), consider the discipline of the Lord your God, his greatness, his mighty hand and his outstretched arm, <sup>3</sup> his signs and his deeds that he did in Egypt to Pharaoh the king of Egypt and to all his land, <sup>4</sup> and what he did to the army of Egypt, to their horses and to their chariots, how he made the water of the Red Sea flow over them as they pursued after you, and how the Lord has destroyed them to this day, <sup>5</sup> and what he did to you in the wilderness, until you came to this place, <sup>6</sup> and what he did to Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, son of Reuben, how the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, with their households, their tents, and every living thing that followed them, in the midst of all Israel. <sup>7</sup> For your eyes have seen all the great work of the Lord that he did. <sup>8</sup> “You shall therefore keep the whole commandment that I command you today, that you may be strong, and go in and take possession of the land that you are going over to possess, <sup>9</sup> and that you may live long in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers to give to them and to their offspring, a land flowing with milk and honey.

**Life Principle: One Key To A Blessed Future Is Remembering What The Lord Has Done In The Past.**

Deuteronomy 12:2–3 (ESV) <sup>2</sup> You shall surely destroy all the places where the nations whom you shall dispossess served their gods, on the high mountains and on the hills and under every green tree. <sup>3</sup> You shall tear down their altars and dash in pieces their pillars and burn their Asherim with fire. You shall chop down the carved images of their gods and destroy their name out of that place.

**Life Principle: You Would Be Wise To Eliminate Anything In Your Life That Is Likely To Cause You To Spiritually Or Morally Stumble.**

Matthew 5:29–30 (ESV) <sup>29</sup> If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup> And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

Deuteronomy 13:1–5 (ESV) “If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you and gives you a sign or a wonder, <sup>2</sup> and the sign or wonder that he tells you comes to pass, and if he says, ‘Let us go after other gods,’ which you have not known, ‘and let us serve them,’ <sup>3</sup> you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams. For the Lord your God is testing you, to know whether you love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. <sup>4</sup> You shall walk after the Lord your God and fear him and keep his commandments and obey his voice, and you shall serve him and hold fast to him. <sup>5</sup> But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has taught rebellion against the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you out of the house of slavery, to make you leave the way in which the Lord your God commanded you to walk. So you shall purge the evil from your midst.

**Life Principle: God’s Word Is Always Our Ultimate And Final Source Of Authority.**

**Psalm 1:1–2 (ESV)** Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; <sup>2</sup> but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

**Deuteronomy 13:12–15 (ESV)** <sup>12</sup> “If you hear in one of your cities, which the Lord your God is giving you to dwell there, <sup>13</sup> that certain worthless fellows have gone out among you and have drawn away the inhabitants of their city, saying, ‘Let us go and serve other gods,’ which you have not known, <sup>14</sup> then you shall inquire and make search and ask diligently. And behold, if it be true and certain that such an abomination has been done among you, <sup>15</sup> you shall surely put the inhabitants of that city to the sword, devoting it to destruction, all who are in it and its cattle, with the edge of the sword.

**Deuteronomy 15:7–11 (ESV)** <sup>7</sup> “If among you, one of your brothers should become poor, in any of your towns within your land that the Lord your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart or shut your hand against your poor brother, <sup>8</sup> but you shall open your hand to him and lend him sufficient for his need, whatever it may be. <sup>9</sup> Take care lest there be an unworthy thought in your heart and you say, ‘The seventh year, the year of release is near,’ and your eye look grudgingly on your poor brother, and you give him nothing, and he cry to the Lord against you, and you be guilty of sin. <sup>10</sup> You shall give to him freely, and your heart shall not be grudging when you give to him, because for this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. <sup>11</sup> For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, ‘You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.’

**Life Principle: Self-Interest Should Never Play A Part In Our Willingness To Give To Others In Need.**

**1 John 3:17–18 (ESV)** <sup>17</sup> But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him? <sup>18</sup> Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

**James 2:15–16 (ESV)** <sup>15</sup> If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, <sup>16</sup> and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?

**Luke 6:35 (ESV)** <sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.

**Deuteronomy 16:18–20 (ESV)** <sup>18</sup> “You shall appoint judges and officers in all your towns that the Lord your God is giving you, according to your tribes, and they shall judge the people with righteous judgment. <sup>19</sup> You shall not pervert justice. You shall not show partiality, and you shall not accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and subverts the cause of the righteous. <sup>20</sup> Justice, and only justice, you shall follow, that you may live and inherit the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

**Life Principle: God Demands That Our Civil And Criminal Judicial System Treat Everyone Fairly.**