

The Greatest Commandment!

***Matthew 22:37-39 (NASB 2020)** 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...

1 Peter 4:8 (NASB 2020) Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.

John 13:12-14 (NASB 2020) Then, when He had washed their feet, and taken His garments and reclined at the table again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done for you? You call Me Teacher" and Lord"; and you are correct, for so I am. So if I, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

I. The humility of it all

Philippians 2:5-8 (NASB 2020) Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, as He already existed in the form of God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but emptied Himself by taking the form of a **bond-servant** and being born in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He **humbled Himself** by becoming obedient to the point of death:

Luke 2:12 (NKJV) And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."

Mark 9:35 (NLT) He sat down, called the twelve disciples over to Him, and said, "Whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else."

Mark 10:45 (NASB 2020) For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

Matthew 23:11 (NKJV) But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant.

II. Love covers a multitude.

John 13:21 (NASB 2020) When Jesus had said these things, He became troubled in spirit, and testified and said, "Truly, truly I say to you that one of you will betray Me."

Jesus washed the feet of Judas knowing he was to betray Him!

Luke 6:26-28 (NASB 2020) Woe to you when all the people speak well of you; for their fathers used to treat the false prophets the same way. "But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who are abusive to you.

Not everyone is going to understand what you are trying to do for them. It's like an animal that bites the hand trying to feed it.

Romans 14:7-8 (NASB 2020) For not one of us lives for himself, and not one dies for himself; for if we live, we live for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord; therefore whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

****Romans 12:10 (NLT)** Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.

He didn't say unless they treat you bad.

Matthew 24:12-14 (NLT) Sin will be rampant everywhere, and the love of many will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come.

*****Matthew 20:15-16 (NLT)** Is it against the law for me to do what I want with my money? Should you be jealous because I am kind to others?' "So those who are last now will be first then, and those who are first will be last."

III. We must humble ourselves.

John 13:17 (NASB 2020) If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

Luke 6:35 (NASB 2020) 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 Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil people.

Matthew 23:12 (NKJV) And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

1 Peter 5:6 (NKJV) Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.

James 4:10 (NKJV) Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

1 Corinthians 15:58 (NASB 2020) Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be firm, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.