



**LEAST &
GREATER
COMMANDMENTS**

LEAST MEANING IN AUTHORITY OR DIGNITY

Thayer's Greek Lexicon [?]

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STRONGS G1646:

ἐλάχιστος, -η, -ον, (superlative of the adjective μικρός, but coming from ἐλαχύς), [(Homer h. Merc. 573), Herodotus down], **smallest, least** — whether in size: James 3:4; in amount: of the management of affairs, πιστὸς ἐν ἐλαχίστῳ, Luke 16:10 (opposed to ἐν πολλῷ); Luke 19:17; ἐν ἐλαχίστῳ ἄδικος, Luke 16:10; in importance: what is of the least moment, 1 Corinthians 6:2; in authority: of commandments, Matthew 5:19; in the estimation of men: of persons, Matthew 25:40, 45; in rank and excellence: of persons, Matthew 5:19; 1 Corinthians 15:9; of a town, Matthew 2:6. οὐδέ [R G οὔτε] ἐλάχιστον, not even a very small thing, Luke 12:26; ἐμοὶ εἰς ἐλάχιστόν ἐστι (see εἰμί, V. 2 c.), 1 Corinthians 4:3.

LEAST COMMANDMENTS

19 Therefore, whoever **breaks** one of **the least** of these commandments and teaches others to do the same **will be called least in the kingdom of heaven**, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. **Matthew 5:19**

EXAMPLE

- 1) If you are sued for your shirt, give your coat as well.
- 2) If anyone forces you to go 1 mile with them, go 2 miles.
- 3) Give to everyone who wants to borrow from you.
- 4) Give alms (to the poor) in secret.
- 5) When fasting do it in secret.

**THESE COMMANDMENTS
ARE NOT A SALVATION
ISSUE**

GREATER MEANING MORE IMPORTANT

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STRONGS G926:

βαρύς, **-εῖα**, **-ύ**, heavy;

1. properly, i. e. heavy in weight: **φορτίον**, Matthew 23:4 (in Matthew 11:30 we have the opposite, **ἐλαφρόν**).

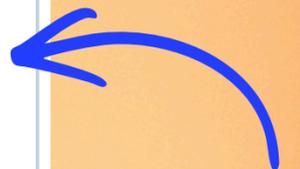
2. metaphorically,

a. **burdensome**: **ἐντολή**, the keeping of which is grievous, 1 John 5:3.

b. **severe, stern**: **ἐπιστολή**, 2 Corinthians 10:10 [others, **imposing, impressive**, cf. Wetstein at the passage].

c. **weighty**, i. e. **of great moment**: **τὰ βαρύτερα τοῦ νόμου** the weightier precepts of the law, Matthew 23:23; **αἰτιάματα** [better **αἰτιώματα** (which see)], Acts 25:7.

d. **violent, cruel, unsparing**, [A. V. **grievous**]: **λύκοι**, Acts 20:29 (so also Homer, Iliad 1:89; Xenophon, Ages. 11, 12).



Greater Commands 1

²⁰ And he said, “It is what comes out of a person that defiles. ²¹ For it is from within, from the human heart, that **evil intentions** come: sexual immorality, theft, murder, ²² adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, debauchery, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

MARK 7:20-23

⁷ But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

REVELATION 21:27

Greater Commands 2

Murder and Hatred: Matthew 5:21-22

Reconcile: Matthew 5:23-26

Adultery: Matthew 5:27-28

Divorce & Remarriage: Mark 10:11-12, Luke 16:18 Matthew 5:30-32

Cut off what causes you to sin: Matthew 5:29-30

Oaths: Matthew 5:33-37, James 5:12

Retaliation: Matthew 5:38-39

Greater Commands 3

Love For Enemies: Matthew 5:43-48

This is how you pray: Matthew 6:9-13

Forgive others: Matthew 6:14-15

Store Treasure in heaven: Matthew 6:19-21

Guard your heart: Matthew 6:22-23

Do not serve money: Matthew 6:24

Do not worry: Matthew 6:25-34

Do not judge hypocritically: Matthew 7:1-5

Ask, Seek, Knock: Matthew 7:7-12

Enter Narrow Gate: Matthew 7:13-14

There are more commands given in the Gospels but the greater commands are Salvation issues if they are NOT obeyed.