



LEAST & GREATER COMMANDMENTS

LEAST MEANING IN AUTHORITY OR DIGNITY

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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

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.