



Build on the Rock

Doctrinal Lesson
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Lesson 8:

"Ten Eternal Principles of Love"



"I love you." We hear it all the time, but many don't know what love really is. Is love just a feeling or a passion for someone, or is there more to it than that? Are there principles involved in love and, if so, what are these principles? How can we actually live by these principles on a daily basis in a world where there is so much immorality? Complete this lesson with the KJV and have all of your questions answered!

1) How does Jesus describe those who love Him?

"He that hath my _____, and _____ them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him." -John 14:21

2) How does the Bible define the love of God? -1 John 5:2, 3.

- A) Love is a strong feeling and emotion.
- B) Love is doing a lot of charitable deeds.
- C) Love is obedience to God's commandments.



*Note: To many, love is a mere emotion or passion, but the Bible teaches that love involves obedience to God's commandments. To the world, there is a thin line between love and hate, but to God love is patient, enduring and consistently kind. In order to experience this true love, we must be changed by God's Word and filled with His Spirit.

3) How does the Bible say we can experience the "love of God"? -Romans 5:5

1 - The "love of God" is poured out upon us by the "Ho__y Sp__r__t that is gi__en to us."

*Note: We a CANNOT make ourselves have true godly love, nor can we manufacture it. Instead it must be given to us by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit only comes into our heart and life when we pray for Him. The Bible says: "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" -Luke 11:13

4) What are the principles of love, the Ten Commandments?

-Exodus 20:3-17

1 - "Thou shalt have no other ____ before me."

2 - "Thou shalt not make unto thee any _____, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not _____ thyself to them, nor _____ them: for I the LORD thy God am a _____ God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments."

3 - "Thou shalt not take the _____ of the _____ thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his _____ in _____."

4 - "Remember the _____ day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the _____ is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any _____, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in _____ the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it."

5 - "Honour thy _____ and thy _____: that thy days may be _____ upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee."

6 - "Thou shalt not _____."

7 - "Thou shalt not commit _____."

8 - "Thou shalt not _____."

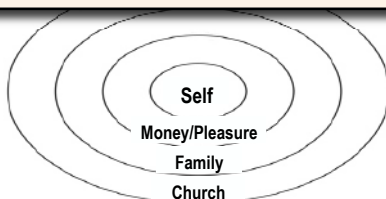
9 - "Thou shalt not bear _____ against thy neighbour."

10 - "Thou shalt not _____ thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not _____ thy neighbour's wife, nor his _____, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's."

*Note: Notice that the first 4 commandments cover your love for God and the last 6 cover love for your fellow man. It 's important to know that to put a god before Jesus does NOT have to be a statue of silver or gold, but could be anything that we prioritize above our Creator.



Do you faithfully prioritize your life like this?

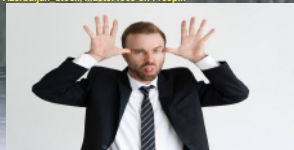


...Or do your priorities look more like this?

*Sixth Commandment explained: Murder is obviously a sin against God, but many people DON'T realize that it includes all forms of hatred according to 1 John 3:14, 15. Murder can be.....



....Saying Insults,...



Provoking people,...



Making fun of people,...



Threatening people,...

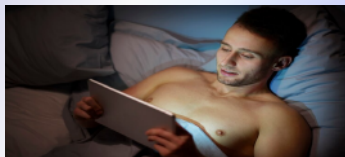


Assaulting people,...

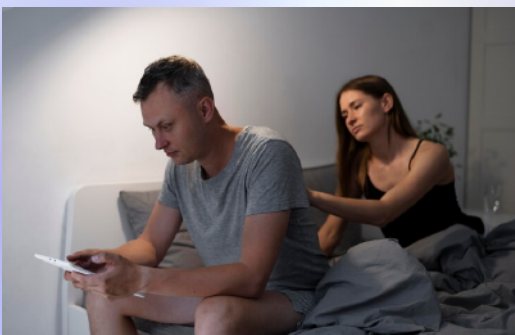


& Gossiping about people.

***Note:** Many people, today, also slowly murder themselves by their health destroying habits. Is it a sin? The Bible says: "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." -1 Corinthians 3:16-17



***Note:** Seventh Commandment Explained: Committing adultery does NOT have to be the physical act of marital unfaithfulness, but could also be lustful after a man or woman in person or via picture / video. (See Matt. 5:27, 28)



Lusting after one who is NOT your spouse or watching pornography is also committing adultery!

5) What did God write the Ten Commandments upon? What does that tell us of this law? -Exodus 31:18, Psalms 89:34

1 - God wrote the Ten Commandments on "ta__les of st__ne" by his own "fin__er."

2 - God will NEVER "al__er" or "bre__k" his commandment covenant.

***Note:** There were certain laws in the Old Testament that were written on parchment in a book, but NOT the Ten Commandments. These laws were written on stone by God's own finger because they are eternal!

6) How does the Bible define sin? -1 John 3:4

1 - "Sin is the tr__ns__ression [breaking] of the l__w."

***Note:** Sin is breaking one or more of God's Ten Commandment law. It's important to know the Ten Commandments because if you are ignorant of them, you might be displeasing God and NOT even know it!

6) Is it worse to break one of God's commandments or all ten?

-James 2:10, 11

1 - If we keep the "whole l_w and yet off__nd in o_e point", we are "gui_ty of a_l."

*Note: Breaking just one of God's commandments on a regular basis leads to the same outcome as breaking all ten - being eternally LOST. One sin will often lead to other sins, which is why we CANNOT be partially obedient to God!

7) Did God require His people to keep the Ten Commandments before He wrote them on stone? -Genesis 26:5, Genesis 39:9, Exodus 16:26-28

1 - Abraham kept God's "comm__ndm__nts" and "l_ws" long before Mt. Sinai.

2 - Joseph kept the seventh commandment and would NOT have relations with Potiphar's wife because he said it was a "s__n ag__inst G__d."

3 - God's people kept the "Sabb__th" day and the "comm__ndme__ts" when God first sent manna to the people of Israel before reaching Mt. Sinai.

8) Seeing that we are under grace in the New Testament, what role does the law play in the plan of salvation? What does the Bible liken the law to? -Romans 3:20, James 1:23-25

1 - The "l_w" gives us a "kn__wle__ge of sin."

2 - The Bible likens the "l_w of lib__rty" to a "natu__al gl__ss" [mirror] that shows us our defects of character.



*Note: Keeping the law in itself CANNOT save us, but rather, the law just gives us a knowledge of sin so that we can know the sins to confess to Jesus. Without the law, there is no sin and without sin there is no need for a Savior.

9) What laws were blotted out when Jesus died on the cross?

-Colossians 2:14

1 - The "h__ndwriting of ord__nan__es" were blotted out when Jesus died.

*Note: Many confuse this scripture to mean that all laws, including the Ten Commandments, have been abolished since the cross, but this is not the case. Notice the word "handwriting" and "against us." In Deuteronomy 31:24-26, the Bible speaks of laws written by Moses in a book that were "against us." These were ceremonial laws dealing with animal sacrifices and temporal laws of punishments. These laws were written in a book and were blotted out when Jesus died, NOT the Ten Commandments.

10) What does the book of Revelation say God's heaven bound church will keep in 3 different verses? -Revelation 12:17; 14:12; 22:14.

1- God's people will "ke__p the comm__nd__ents."

Appeal) Will you make a commitment to keep God's commandments with the help of the Holy Spirit? ____.

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