

DO YOU KNOW JESUS?

THE COMMANDS OF JESUS

LESSON ONE - TEXT: JOHN 15:8-11

INTRODUCTION: In today's Christian communities, there is the prevalent doctrine of extreme lawlessness. The underline belief today is that Jesus came to abolish or fulfill the law, and left us with one vague commandment – love. Furthermore when a church or a Christian goes against this extremely popular spirit of lawlessness, they become tagged as a legalist and are immediately shunned by the popular Christian community. This lesson is not intended to overlook the importance of love, but its intention is to make Christians aware of the doctrine (teaching) of Christ and to make us all aware that Jesus requires a few things from us.

WHAT DOES THE WORD COMMAND MEAN?

1. An order by a superior to carry out an action. An individual can be commanded to do something. The word has a militaristic connotation in that commands given to those lower in rank must be obeyed. When one is commanded to do something, one is compelled. – Barron's Dictionary

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE COMMANDS THAT JESUS GAVE US?

1. Jesus commands us to _____. (Matthew 4:17)
(Luke 13:24) (Matthew 6:33)
 - a. Repentance is twofold – turning from sin and turning to God.
2. Jesus commands us to _____. (John 14:1)
(John 6:29) (Mark 1:15)
 - a. Jesus commands us to believe in him, the Gospel, and the Father.
3. Jesus commands us to be _____. (John 3:7).
4. Jesus commands us to _____ him. (John 12:26)
(Luke 9:23)
5. Jesus commands us to _____. (Luke 21:36)
(Luke 22:40) (Luke 6:28)
6. Jesus commands us to have _____ in God. (Mark 11:22)
 - a. A Christian is made _____ when he has faith in a great God.
7. Jesus commands us to _____ our Bible. – This is a daily must in the Christians life. (John 5:39)

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8. Jesus commands us to let our _____ shine.
(Matthew 5:16) (Mark 5:19)
 - a. Each Christian is to _____ let there light shine brightly.
9. Jesus commands us to love _____. (Mark 12:30)
(Matthew 4:10)
 - a. Christians are to love and serve God completely.
10. Jesus commands us to love our _____. (Matthew 19:19)
 - a. Our neighbor is the one in need.
11. Jesus commands us to love other _____. (John 15:12)
 - a. We are to love, forgive and hold back criticism.
12. Jesus commands us to _____ the government and its authority. (Mark 12:17)
13. Jesus commands us to be _____. (Matthew 10:16)
 - a. Not human wisdom, but wisdom from God.
14. Jesus commands us to be _____. (Matthew 5:48)
 - a. Jesus sets the bar for all believers.
 - b. All Christians must strive for perfection in grace and holiness.
15. Jesus commands us to _____ the Gospel. (Mark 16:15)
 - a. All Christians must preach the Gospel where he or she _____.
16. Jesus commands us to be _____ for his return.
(Luke 12:40)
17. Jesus commands us to be _____ unto death.
(Matthew 24:13)
 - a. It's not how you started, but it is how you _____.