

Love

# Mathew 22

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Jesus summed up His directives  
for us in these two laws

The key word is love

Lets take a look at the word Love  
from the Gospel

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# The Importance of **Love** for us as **Christians**



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To Love our God more than our  
selves we have been given the  
**ten commandments in  
Exodus chapter 20**



# The Ten Commandments

## **1. You shall have no other Gods before me.**

Some Christians are found visiting other places of worship such as Kovils and such seeking Favours from these Gods.

## **2. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything**

A living God cannot be confined to an Image or statue

## **3. You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God**

Oh God...!Gods sake...!My God...! Jesus Christ...! Slang phrases we thoughtlessly use

## **4. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy**

Some even don't remember the Sabbath day leaving alone keeping it Holy!

## **5. Honor your father and your mother**

**Squabbling with Parents...abuse...hurtfulness...thoughtlessness...**  
some even don't remember if the parents are ALIVE!

# The ten commandments

## 6. You shall not murder.

We can say Oh we don't murder...but thoughtlessly we vicariously murder others by words...deeds...selfishness... and even directly by use of power that you hold to destroy life...families...and even countries!

## 7. You shall not commit adultery

Pornography... Immorality... child sexual abuse...rampant in our societies

## 8. You shall not steal

Again we live in false belief that we don't steal. To give an example: if you get extra cash from the cashier at the supermarket...it is Not a blessing from God... but you are taking what is not rightfully yours...which is stealing

## 9. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor

Oh how often we do this...at homes...work places...in society...

## 10. You shall not covet

**Defined as** to wish, long, or crave for (something, esp the property of another person)

**This certainly catches most of us. We crave for something's in life. We can thoughtfully Discipline ourselves to avoid such longing...craving...envy. This too displeases God BECAUSE THE TEN COMMANDMENTS WERE NOT GIVEN IN AN ORDER OF PRIORITY!**

To Love your God more than  
yourself you need to place Gods  
commandments as your priority  
over your set of priorities!

# For instance we try to justify...

- Well I stole to feed MY FAMILY...
- I made a wow to get a promotion because I heard that Kovil Pooja was very powerful...
- She needed comforting ....
- I was only doing my job when I ordered to wage war on a country at the risk of killing millions...

**ALL THE WHILE WE JUSTIFY PLACING OUR  
PRIORITY IN FRONT OF GODS 10 PRIORITIES...**

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**your neighbor as yourself.**

This is an addition by Jesus who  
preached  
Love...Faith...Forgiveness  
because of His eternal Love for you  
and me.

If you look deeply...  
Christians and followers of Jesus  
can love others as much as our  
selves

# If we love each other as much as our selves...

- Can we murder... assault...wage war?
- Will we steal?
- Will we commit adultery?
- Can we Envy others? – we don't envy if our children do better than us do we?  
Will we falsely accuse or pass judgment on others?
- Can there be hunger and poverty in one part and waste and overindulgences in another part of the same city!
- We love our children more than our own selves.  
Similarly our parents loved us more than themselves.
- Can we stay without giving them due honor?



I don't think so...

We follow Jesus' teachings we have  
to be a light on to the world.

We have to influence others  
and NOT be influenced by wrong!

We as Christians have to Love  
others and set an example on to  
others.

We can also spread Gods word in this manner. If we are truly a light to others by living in keeping with Jesus' teachings others will take note...see a difference and be inquisitive to find out how we are different.

This gives us an opportunity to share  
Gods word... influence the society in  
each country to do good in ever  
growing cycles...to even reach the  
world!

As Christians we have the power  
to change the world!

Thank you