

*The Sixth Day (Friday)*

# FAMILY & FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS & ENEMIES

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## HOUSEHOLD SALVATION (NATURAL FAMILY)

Genesis 7:1: The LORD then said to Noah, "Go into the ark, **you and your whole family**, because I have found you righteous in this generation."

Hebrews 11:7: By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to **save his family**. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.

Joshua 6:25 ESV: But **Rahab the prostitute and her father's household and all who belonged to her**, Joshua saved alive. And she has lived in Israel to this day, because she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

Joshua 24:14-15: "Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. **But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.**"

Acts 16:27-34: The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!" The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what

must I do to be saved?" They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved – you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God – **he and his whole household**.

John 4:50-53: "Go," Jesus replied, "your son will live." The man took Jesus at his word and departed. While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living. When he inquired as to the time when his son got better, they said to him, "Yesterday, at one in the afternoon, the fever left him." Then the father realized that this was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." **So he and his whole household believed.**

Acts 10:24, 44: The following day he arrived in Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had **called together his relatives and close friends**. ... While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message.

Acts 11:14: He will bring you a message through which **you and all your household will be saved**.

Acts 18:8: **Crispus, the synagogue leader, and his entire household** believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard Paul believed and were baptized.

1 Corinthians 1:16: (Yes, I also baptized the **household of Stephanas**; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptized anyone else.)

1 Corinthians 16:15: You know that the **household of Stephanas** were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the Lord's people. I urge you, brothers and sisters, to submit to such people and to everyone who joins in the work and labors at it.

## MARRIAGE

Hebrews 13:4: **Marriage should be honored by all**, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.

Colossians 3:18-19: **Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands**, as is fitting in the Lord. **Husbands, love your wives** and do not be harsh with them.

1 Peter 3:1-7: **Wives, in the same way submit yourselves to your own husbands** so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, when they see the purity and reverence of your lives. Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight. **For this is the way**

**the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to adorn themselves. They submitted themselves to their own husbands, like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her lord.** You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear. **Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives,** and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

Ephesians 5:22-32: **Wives, submit to your own husbands,** as to the Lord. For the **husband is the head of the wife** even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. **Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,** that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way **husbands should love their wives as their own bodies.** He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. **"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."** This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

Genesis 2:22-25: And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, **"This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh;** she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." **Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.** And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Matthew 19:3-12: Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?" "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. **Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.**" "Why then," they asked, "did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?" Jesus replied, **"Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning. I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery."** The disciples said to him, "If this is the situation between a husband and wife, it is better not to marry." Jesus replied, "Not everyone can accept this word, but only those to whom it has been given. For there are eunuchs who were born that way, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by others--and there are those who choose to live like eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. The one who can accept this should accept it."

Mark 10:2-12: Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" "What did Moses command you?" he replied. They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away." "It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law," Jesus replied. **"But at the beginning**

of creation God **'made them male and female.'** **'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.'** **So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.'** When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. He answered, **"Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery."**

Matthew 5:31-32: It has been said, 'Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.' **But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.**

Matthew 5:27-30: You have heard that it was said, **'You shall not commit adultery.'** But I tell you that **anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.** If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

1 Corinthians 7:1-9: Now for the matters you wrote about: "It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman." But since sexual immorality is occurring, **each man should have sexual relations with his own wife, and each woman with her own husband.** The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband. **The wife does not have authority over her own body** but yields it to her husband. In the same way, **the husband does not have authority over his own body** but yields it to his wife. **Do not deprive each other except perhaps by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer.** Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control. I say this as a concession, not as a command. I wish that all of you were as I am. But each of you has your own gift from God; one has this gift, another has that.

1 Corinthians 7:8-9: Now **to the unmarried and the widows I say: It is good for them to stay unmarried,** as I do. But if they cannot control themselves, they should marry, for **it is better to marry than to burn with passion.**

1 Corinthians 7:10-16: **To the married** I give this command (not I, but the Lord): **A wife must not separate from her husband.** But if she does, she must remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband. **And a husband must not divorce his wife.** To the rest I say this (I, not the Lord): If any brother has a wife who is not a believer and she is willing to live with him, **he must not divorce her.** And if a woman has a husband who is not a believer and he is willing to live with her, **she must not divorce him.** For the unbelieving husband has been sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife has been sanctified through her believing husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy. But if the unbeliever leaves, let it be so. The brother or the sister is not bound in such circumstances; God has called us to live in peace. **How do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband? Or, how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife?**

1 Corinthians 7:27-31: Are you pledged to a woman? Do not seek to be released. Are you free from such a commitment? **Do not look for a wife. But if you do marry**, you have not sinned; and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. **But those who marry will face many troubles in this life, and I want to spare you this.** What I mean, brothers and sisters, is that the time is short. From now on **those who have wives should live as if they do not**; those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away.

1 Corinthians 7:32-40: I would like you to be free from concern. **An unmarried man** is concerned about the Lord's affairs--how he can please the Lord. **But a married man** is concerned about the affairs of this world--how he can please his wife-- and his interests are divided. **An unmarried woman or virgin** is concerned about the Lord's affairs: Her aim is to be devoted to the Lord in both body and spirit. **But a married woman** is concerned about the affairs of this world--how she can please her husband. **I am saying this for your own good, not to restrict you, but that you may live in a right way in undivided devotion to the Lord.** If anyone is worried that he might not be acting honorably toward the virgin he is engaged to, and if his passions are too strong and he feels he ought to marry, he should do as he wants. He is not sinning. They should get married. But the man who has settled the matter in his own mind, who is under no compulsion but has control over his own will, and who has made up his mind not to marry the virgin--this man also does the right thing. **So then, he who marries the virgin does right, but he who does not marry her does better. A woman is bound to her husband as long as he lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to marry anyone she wishes, but he must belong to the Lord.** In my judgment, she is happier if she stays as she is--and I think that I too have the Spirit of God.

Titus 2:1-6: You, however, must teach what is appropriate to sound doctrine. Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance. Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. Then they can **urge the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands**, so that no one will malign the word of God. Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled.

## MOTHERS & FATHERS, CHILDREN, BROTHERS & SISTERS (NATURAL FAMILY)

Exodus 20:12: **Honor your father and your mother**, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

Exodus 21:17: Anyone who **curses their father or mother** is to be put to death.

Leviticus 20:9: Anyone who **curses their father or mother** is to be put to death. Because they have cursed their father or mother, their blood will be on their own head.

Ephesians 6:1-4: **Children, obey your parents in the Lord**, for this is right. "**Honor your father**

**and mother**--which is the first commandment with a promise-- "so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." **Fathers, do not exasperate your children**; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Colossians 3:20-21: **Children, obey your parents in everything**, for this pleases the Lord. **Fathers, do not embitter your children**, or they will become discouraged.

Genesis 4:9: Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" "I don't know," he replied. **"Am I my brother's keeper?"**

Deuteronomy 23:7: Do not despise an Edomite, for the Edomites are **related to you**. Do not despise an Egyptian, because you resided as foreigners in their country.

Matthew 5:22: But I tell you that anyone who is **angry with a brother or sister** will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who **says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,'** is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.

## FAMILY OF BELIEVERS

Mark 3:21, 31-35: When his [Jesus] family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind." ... Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you." **"Who are my mother and my brothers?"** he asked. Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! **Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother.**" (See also Matthew 12:48; Luke 7:5, 8:21.)

Ephesians 2:19-20: Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also **members of his household**, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

Galatians 6:10: Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, **especially to those who belong to the family of believers.**

1 Timothy 5:1-2: Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but exhort him as if he were your **father**. Treat younger men as **brothers**, older women as **mothers**, and younger women as **sisters**, with absolute purity.

Matthew 7:2-5: For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. "Why do you look at the **speck of sawdust in your brother's eye** and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? **How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,'** when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from **your brother's eye.**

Matthew 18:15-17: **"If your brother or sister sins**, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

Romans 14:10, 13, 15: You, then, why do you judge your **brother or sister**? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. ... Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a **brother or sister**. ... If your **brother or sister** is distressed because of what you eat, you are no longer acting in love. Do not by your eating destroy someone for whom Christ died.

Galatians 6:1-2: **Brothers and sisters**, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

1 Corinthians 6:1-8: **If any of you has a dispute with another**, do you dare to take it before the ungodly for judgment instead of before the Lord's people? Or do you not know that the Lord's people will judge the world? And if you are to judge the world, are you not competent to judge trivial cases? Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more the things of this life! Therefore, if you have disputes about such matters, do you ask for a ruling from those whose way of life is scorned in the church? I say this to shame you. Is it possible that there is nobody among you wise enough to judge a dispute between believers? But instead, one brother takes another to court--and this in front of unbelievers! **The very fact that you have lawsuits among you means you have been completely defeated already. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be cheated?** Instead, you yourselves cheat and do wrong, and you do this to your **brothers and sisters**.

1 John 2:10-11: Anyone who **loves their brother and sister** lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. But anyone who **hates a brother or sister** is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.

1 John 3:10-16: This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not God's child, **nor is anyone who does not love their brother and sister**. For this is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another. **Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother**. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother's were righteous. Do not be surprised, **my brothers and sisters**, if the world hates you. We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death. Anyone who **hates a brother or sister is a murderer**, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him. This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And **we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters**.

1 John 4:19-21: We love because he first loved us. Whoever claims to love God yet **hates a brother or sister** is a liar. For whoever **does not love their brother and sister**, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. And he has given us this command: **Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.**

## ONE ANOTHER & UNITY SCRIPTURES

John 13:14: Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should **wash one another's feet.**

John 15:12, 17: My command is this: **Love each other as I have loved you.** ... This is my command: **Love each other.**

Mark 9:50: "Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and **be at peace with each other.**"

Romans 12:10, 16: **Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another** above yourselves. ... **Live in harmony with one another.** Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

Galatians 5:13-15: You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, **serve one another humbly in love.** For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "**Love your neighbor as yourself.**" If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

Ephesians 4:2, 32: Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, **bearing with one another in love.** ... **Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other,** just as in Christ God forgave you.

Ephesians 5:21: **Submit to one another** out of reverence for Christ.

Colossians 3:9, 13: **Do not lie to each other,** since you have taken off your old self with its practices ... **Bear with each other and forgive one another** if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

1 Thessalonians 3:12: May the Lord make your **love increase and overflow for each other** and for everyone else, just as ours does for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:11: Therefore **encourage one another and build each other up,** just as in fact you are doing.

Hebrews 10:24-25: And let us consider how we may **spur one another on toward love and good deeds,** not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but **encouraging one another** – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

James 4:11: Brothers and sisters, **do not slander one another**. Anyone who **speaks against a brother or sister or judges them** speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it.

James 5:9: **Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters**, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

James 5:16: Therefore **confess your sins to each other and pray for each other** so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

1 Peter 1:22: Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have **sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart**.

1 Peter 4:9: **Offer hospitality to one another** without grumbling.

1 Peter 5:5: In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with **humility toward one another**, because, "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."

1 John 1:7: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, **we have fellowship with one another**, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

1 John 3:11, 23: For this is the message you heard from the beginning: **We should love one another**. ... And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and **to love one another** as he commanded us.

1 John 4:7, 12: Dear friends, **let us love one another**, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ... No one has ever seen God; but **if we love one another**, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

Romans 15:5-7: May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the **same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had**, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Accept one another**, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

1 Corinthians 1:10: I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you **agree with one another** in what you say and that there be **no divisions among you**, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.

2 Corinthians 13:11: Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, **encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace**. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

Ephesians 4:3: Make every effort to keep the **unity of the Spirit** through the bond of peace.

Colossians 3:14: And over all these virtues put on love, which **binds them all together in perfect unity**.

Romans 16:17-18: I urge you, brothers and sisters, to **watch out for those who cause divisions** and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them. For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By smooth talk and flattery they deceive the minds of naive people.

## LOVING GOD MORE THAN FAMILY

Luke 14:26: "If anyone comes to me and does not **hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters** – yes, even their own life – such a person cannot be my disciple.

Luke 21:16-19: **You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends**, and they will put some of you to death. **Everyone will hate you because of me**. But not a hair of your head will perish. Stand firm, and you will win life. (See also Matthew 10:21.)

Mark 10:29-30: "Truly I tell you," Jesus replied, "**no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel** will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields – along with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life. (See also Matthew 19:29; Luke 18:29.)

Exodus 32:26-29: So he stood at the entrance to the camp and said, "Whoever is for the LORD, come to me." And all the Levites rallied to him. Then he said to them, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'Each man strap a sword to his side. Go back and forth through the camp from one end to the other, each killing his brother and friend and neighbor.'" The Levites did as Moses commanded, and that day about three thousand of the people died. Then Moses said, "**You have been set apart to the LORD today, for you were against your own sons and brothers**, and he has blessed you this day."

Deuteronomy 33:8-11: About Levi he said: "Your Thummim and Urim belong to your faithful servant. You tested him at Massah; you contended with him at the waters of Meribah. **He said of his father and mother, 'I have no regard for them.'** **He did not recognize his brothers or acknowledge his own children, but he watched over your word and guarded your covenant.** He teaches your precepts to Jacob and your law to Israel. He offers incense before you and whole burnt offerings on your altar. Bless all his skills, LORD, and be pleased with the work of his hands. Strike down those who rise against him, his foes till they rise no more."

Micah 7:5-7: **Do not trust a neighbor; put no confidence in a friend. Even with the woman who lies in your embrace** guard the words of your lips. For a **son dishonors his father, a daughter rises up against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law – a man's enemies are the members of his own household.** But as for me, I watch in hope for the LORD, I wait for God my Savior; my God will hear me.

Deuteronomy 13:6-10: **If your very own brother, or your son or daughter, or the wife you love, or your closest friend** secretly entices you, saying, "Let us go and worship other gods" (gods that neither you nor your ancestors have known, gods of the peoples around you, whether near or far, from one end of the land to the other), do not yield to them or listen to them. Show them no pity. Do not spare them or shield them. You must certainly put them to death. Your hand must be the first in putting them to death, and then the hands of all the people. Stone them to death, because they tried to turn you away from the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

Jeremiah 9:4-6: "**Beware of your friends**; do not trust anyone in your clan. For every one of them is a deceiver, and every friend a slanderer. **Friend deceives friend**, and no one speaks the truth. They have taught their tongues to lie; they weary themselves with sinning. You live in the midst of deception; in their deceit they refuse to acknowledge me," declares the LORD.

Jeremiah 12:6: **Your relatives, members of your own family** – even they have betrayed you; they have raised a loud cry against you. Do not trust them, though they speak well of you.

## FRIENDS

Matthew 11:19: The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a **friend of tax collectors and sinners.**' But wisdom is proved right by her deeds."

John 15:12-13: My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: **to lay down one's life for one's friends.**

Proverbs 27:6: **Wounds from a friend** can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.

Proverbs 27:17: As iron sharpens iron, **so one person sharpens another.**

Proverbs 27:10: **Do not forsake your friend or a friend of your family**, and do not go to your relative's house when disaster strikes you – better a neighbor nearby than a relative far away.

Luke 16:9: I tell you, **use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves**, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

Luke 14:12-14: Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, **do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors**; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, **invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed.** Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Proverbs 12:26: **The righteous choose their friends carefully**, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.

Proverbs 17:17: A **friend** loves at all times, and a **brother** is born for a time of adversity.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12: **Two are better than one**, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. **A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.**

Proverbs 18:24: One who has **unreliable friends** soon comes to ruin, but there is **a friend who sticks closer than a brother.**

Proverbs 27:9: Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the **pleasantness of a friend** springs from their heartfelt advice.

Proverbs 17:9: Whoever would foster love covers over an offense, but whoever repeats the matter **separates close friends.**

1 Corinthians 15:33: Do not be misled: "**Bad company corrupts good character.**"

Proverbs 22:24-25: **Do not make friends with a hot-tempered person**, do not associate with one easily angered, or you may learn their ways and get yourself ensnared.

Job 6:14-17: Anyone who **withholds kindness from a friend forsakes the fear of the Almighty.** But my brothers are as undependable as intermittent streams, as the streams that overflow when darkened by thawing ice and swollen with melting snow, but that stop flowing in the dry season, and in the heat vanish from their channels.

## NEIGHBORS

Romans 13:10: **Love does no harm to a neighbor.** Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

Leviticus 19:17-18: Do not hate a fellow Israelite in your heart. **Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in their guilt.** Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but **love your neighbor as yourself.** I am the LORD.

Exodus 20:16: You shall not give false testimony **against your neighbor.**

Exodus 20:17: **You shall not covet your neighbor's house.** You shall not covet **your neighbor's wife**, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or **anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

Leviticus 19:13: Do not defraud or rob **your neighbor.**

Psalms 101:5: Whoever **slanders their neighbor** in secret, I will put to silence; whoever has haughty eyes and a proud heart, I will not tolerate.

Proverbs 3:28: Do not say **to your neighbor**, "Come back tomorrow and I'll give it to you"--when you already have it with you.

Proverbs 3:29: **Do not plot harm against your neighbor**, who lives trustfully near you.

Proverbs 11:12: **Whoever derides their neighbor has no sense**, but the one who has understanding holds their tongue.

Proverbs 14:21: **It is a sin to despise one's neighbor**, but blessed is the one who is kind to the needy.

Proverbs 16:29: A violent person **entices their neighbor** and leads them down a path that is not good.

Proverbs 24:28-29: **Do not testify against your neighbor** without cause--would you use your lips to mislead? Do not say, "I'll do to them as they have done to me; I'll pay them back for what they did."

Proverbs 25:7b-8: What you have seen with your eyes do not bring hastily to court, for what will you do in the end if **your neighbor** puts you to shame?

Proverbs 25:9-10: If you take **your neighbor** to court, do not betray another's confidence, or the one who hears it may shame you and the charge against you will stand.

Proverbs 25:17: **Seldom set foot in your neighbor's house**--too much of you, and they will hate you.

Proverbs 25:18: Like a club or a sword or a sharp arrow is one who gives **false testimony against a neighbor**.

Matthew 22:36-40: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. **And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'** All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Mark 12:29-33: "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' **The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'** There is no commandment greater than these." "Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, **and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.**"

Ephesians 4:25: Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and **speak truthfully to your neighbor**, for we are all members of one body.

*Parable of the Good Samaritan:*

Luke 10:25-37: On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?" He answered, " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, '**Love your neighbor as yourself.**'" "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live." But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "**And who is my neighbor?**" In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.' "**Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?**" The expert in the law replied, "**The one who had mercy on him.**" Jesus told him, "**Go and do likewise.**"

James 2:8-13: If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "**Love your neighbor as yourself**," you are doing right. But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. For he who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker. Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

James 4:12: There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. **But you--who are you to judge your neighbor?**

## ENEMIES

Matthew 5:43-48: "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' **But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you**, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. **If you love those who love you, what reward will you get?** Are not even the tax collectors doing that? **And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others?** Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Romans 5:8-10: But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: **While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.** Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, **while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son**, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

Romans 12:19-21: Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary: **"If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.** In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." **Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.**

Matthew 7:12: So in everything, **do to others what you would have them do to you**, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.