

How to Stay Out of Debt

Romans 13.8-10

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There are the questions that this portion of Scripture raises that we need answers to. As we look at our text today, we will find the answers and also see several important principles by which we can judge the true things on which we must keep tabs.

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“By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”
John 13.35

We Need to Obey Our God

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“Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: ‘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.”* Matthew 22.34-40

*“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 strength.** These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.”* Deuteronomy 6.4-9

“Do not steal. Do not lie. Do not deceive one another.

Do not swear falsely by my name and so profane the name of your God. I am the LORD.

Do not defraud your neighbor or rob him.

Do not hold back the wages of a hired man overnight.

Do not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block in front of the blind, but fear your God. I am the LORD.

Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favoritism to the great, but judge your neighbor fairly.

Do not go about spreading slander among your people.

Do not do anything that endangers your neighbor's life. I am the LORD.

Do not hate your brother in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in his guilt.

*Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, **but love your neighbor as yourself.** I am the LORD.”* Leviticus 19.11-18