#### **JESUS COMMANDS**

John 14:15-21 (NLT)

<sup>15</sup> "If you love me, obey my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. <sup>17</sup> He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you. <sup>18</sup> No, I will not abandon you as orphans—I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Soon the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Since I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> When I am raised to life again, you will know that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. <sup>21</sup> Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me. And because they love me, my Father will love them. And I will love them and reveal myself to each of them."

#### 1. Jesus COMMANDS Us to LOVE.

1 John 4:12 (NIV)

No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

#### -Love Our Enemies

Matthew 5:43-45 (NLT)

<sup>43</sup> "You have heard the law that says, 'Love your neighbor' and hate your enemy. <sup>44</sup> But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! <sup>45</sup> In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven.

1 John 3:18(NIV)

Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

### **-Love the Lord and Your Neighbor**

Matthew 22:37-40 (NLT)

<sup>37</sup> Jesus replied, "'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' <sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup> A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' <sup>40</sup> The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."

## 2. Jesus COMMANDS Us to Forgive and Not Judge.

Matthew 18:21-22 (NLT)

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came to him and asked, "Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?"

<sup>22</sup> "No, not seven times," Jesus replied, "but seventy times seven!

Matthew 7:1-2 (NLT)

"Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. <sup>2</sup> For you will be treated as you treat others. The standard you use in judging is the standard by which you will be judged.

#### 3. Jesus COMMANDS Us to Honor.

- -Honor Authority
- -Honor Your Word
- -Honor Your Parents
- -Honor Your Marriage
- -Honor Your Children
- -Honor The Lord

Proverbs 3:9 (MEV) – Honor the Lord.

Exodus 20:3 (NLT) - You must not have any other God but me.

Isaiah 29:13

The Lord says: 'These people come near to Me with their mouth and honor Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me.'

## 4. Jesus COMMANDS US to Seek His Kingdom.

Matthew 6:33 (NKJV)

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

## -Make Him the Priority

## -Make Disciples

Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations,<sup>[b]</sup> baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Teach these new

disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

#### -Make Room for His Power

Acts 1:8 (NLT)

**8** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses,

# 5. Jesus COMMANDS Us to Be Ready for His Return.

Matthew 24:42-44 (NLT)

<sup>42</sup> "So you, too, must keep watch! For you don't know what day your Lord is coming.<sup>43</sup> Understand this: If a homeowner knew exactly when a burglar was coming, he would keep watch and not permit his house to be broken into. <sup>44</sup> You also must be ready all the time, for the Son of Man will come when least expected.