

"Head 'Em Up & Move 'Em Out"

Romans 13: 8 - 14

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God Requires That His Children Live With Genuine Love At The "Head" Of All Activity, (vs. 8 - 14)

- Counting Others As More Significant Than Yourself Must Be The "Head" Of All Your Thoughts, (vs. 8 - 10)
 1. The summation of more significant is owing nothing but committed faithfulness, (vs. 8a); *So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, COMPLETE my joy by being of the same mind, HAVING the same love, being in full accord and of one MIND. Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility COUNT others more SIGNIFICANT than yourselves. Let each of you LOOK not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.*" (Philippians 2:1-4)
 2. The summation of more significant is an attitude that by its very nature fulfills the law, (vs. 8b); *"If you would enter life, KEEP the commandments."*

He said to him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, HONOR your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

The young man said to him, "All these I have kept. What do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, GO, SELL what you POSSESS and GIVE to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, FOLLOW me." When the young man HEARD this he went away SORROWFUL, for he HAD great possessions." (Matthew 19:17-22)
 - The Law, although legal in nature, speaks to a greater reality of who one is, (vs. 9); *For while we WERE living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at WORK in our members to bear fruit for death. But now we are released from the law, having DIED to that which HELD us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.*" (Romans 7:5-6)
 - Conversely, love will never abandon its post but stays the course thus achieving the standard, (vs. 10); *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, PROVOKING one another, ENVYING one another.*" (Galatians 5: 22-26)
- The Time To "Head Up" & Move Out Is Now, (vs. 11 - 12)
- Putting Christ As The "Head" Removes All Provisions For Self-gratification, (vs. 13 - 14)