

My Two Responsibilities — 07/26/20

TEXT- Ecc 12:13 *Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.*

Mat 22:34-40 *But when the Pharisees had heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together. 35 Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, 36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law? 37 Jesus said unto him, **Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.** 38 **This is the first and great commandment.** 39 **And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.** 40 **On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.***

INTRO – The first of the Ten Commandments deal with our responsibility toward God and the last ones our responsibility toward man.

Exo 20:3-17 *Thou shalt have no other gods before me. . . .*

We have a responsibility to God and man

"The true worth of a man is to be measured by the objects he pursues."
—*Marcus Aurelius*

Children have one responsibility - Eph 6:1-3 *Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.*

What is our job? Our responsibility?

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I. Our First Responsibility is to Love God

Song 8:7 *Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it: if a man would give all the substance of his house for love, it would utterly be contemned.*

A. Put Him first

Matt. 6:33 *But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

1 Jn 4:19 *We love him, because he first loved us.*

The Love of God song

B. Keep His commandments

John 14:15 *If ye love me, keep my commandments.*

John 14:21 *He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.*

Psa 122:1 *I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.*

C. Love for the Word of God

Psa 119:97 *O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day.*

D. Preach the gospel

2 Co 5:10-11 *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. 11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.*

2 Co 5:14 *For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:*

E. Love the brethren

1 Jn 4:20-21 *If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? 21 And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.*

G. Faithful through trials

James 1:12 *Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.*

II. Our Second Responsibility is to Love Our Neighbor

Jas 2:8 *If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:*

A. Love your spouse

Eph 5:25 *Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;*

A woman seeking counsel from a counselor confided that she hated her husband, and intended to divorce him. "I want to hurt him all I can," she declared firmly. Well, in that case," said the Dr. "I advise you to start showering him with compliments. When he thinks you love him devotedly, then start the divorce action. That is the way to hurt him." Some months later the wife returned to report that all was going well. She had followed the suggested course. "Good," said Dr. Crane. "Now's the time to file for divorce." "Divorce!" the woman said indignantly. "Never. I love my husband dearly!"

Tit 2:3-4 *The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; 4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,*

B. Love your children

- **Pray for their salvation**

- Teach them by word and example
- Discipline them

Pro 13:24 *He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.*

C. Help your neighbor in need

Mat 25:35-40 *For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: 36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. 37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? 38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? 39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? 40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.*

D. Treat them with respect

Luke 6:31 *And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.*

Joh 13:34-35 *A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. 35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.*

E Be patient with all men

1 Th 5:14 *Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.*

F. Exhibit true Christian qualities

1 Co 13:4-7 *Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, 5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; 6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; 7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.*

CONCL –

The third verse was found penciled on the wall of a patient's room in an insane asylum after he had been carried to his grave

The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star,
And reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care,
God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled,
And pardoned from his sin

*Oh, love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure—
The saints' and angels' song.*

When years of time shall pass away,
And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall,
When men who here refuse to pray,
On rocks and hills and mountains call,
God's love so sure, shall still endure,
All measureless and strong;
Redeeming grace to Adam's race—
The saints' and angels' song.

**Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill,
And every man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky.**