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I. Love One Another

THE LORD SAID “GO...LOVE ONE ANOTHER”

A. The command (1 John 4:7)

- On the surface → simple, easy to carry out
- More difficult than we often consider!

B. The reason given (1 John 4:7-11)

- Love itself comes from God (v7)
- Know love = know God (v8)
- God’s love was manifested through His son (v9-11)

C. The Lord said “Go!”

- We must love even those who we have little in common with
- We must love even if it is not reciprocated
- We must love even if there has been conflict
- We must love even if we feel the other party doesn’t “deserve” it

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II. Assemble Together

THE LORD SAID “GO...ASSEMBLE TOGETHER”

A. The command

- Not expressly stated, however many examples exist (Acts 2, 14, 15, 20, etc.)
- Failing to assemble is condemned (Hebrews 10:22-27)
- Some convince themselves that assembling is not always necessary
- Some convince themselves that assembling is too difficult

B. The reason given

- The assembly is where we encourage each other! (Hebrews 10:24-25)
- The assembly is where we worship together! (Acts 2:42, 20:7)

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- Even when its inconvenient
- Even when I don't feel like it
- Even when it is costly
- Even when it is deadly

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III. Withdraw From The Disorderly

THE LORD SAID “GO...WITHDRAW FROM THE DISORDERLY”

- A. The command (I Cor. 5:9-13; II Thess. 3:6)
 - Notice that no exceptions are given
 - Many are perplexed by this command
 - Amongst the most difficult given to Christians!
- B. The reasons given
 - It is how the church maintains its purity! (I Cor. 5:6-8)
 - To save the erring (I Cor. 5:5; II Thess. 3:14)
- C. The Lord said “Go!”
 - Even when it is someone you are close to
 - Even if others fail to do so
 - Even if it appears that it may cause more harm than good
 - Even if you can see no way that it may restore the erring

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IV. Forsake All For Christ

THE LORD SAID “GO...FORSAKE ALL FOR CHRIST”

- A. The command (Matt 10:34-38, Luke 18:27-30)
 - Focus on family (Matthew 10)
 - Focus on possessions and family (Luke 18)
 - Incredibly difficult!
- B. The reasons given
 - Service to Christ will bring controversy (Matt. 10:35-36)
 - Service to Christ requires sacrifice (Matt. 10:38)
- C. The Lord said “Go!”
 - Even if you lose friends
 - Even if you lose your job
 - Even if it tears your family apart
 - Even if it requires your very life!

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V. Be At Peace With All Men

THE LORD SAID “GO...BE AT PEACE WITH ALL MEN”

A. The command (Romans 12:16-21)

- It seems that some seek to find the exception (v18)
- Others overlook this command for the sake of politics, sports, etc.
- Not difficult to understand → often willfully neglected

B. The reasons given

- God is the vindicator! (v19)
- Doing good produces good (v20-21)

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- Even if there are political differences (even the extremes!)
- Even if I am treated poorly
- Even if I have “tried”, try some more!

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VI. Be Ready To Defend Your Hope

THE LORD SAID “GO...BE READY TO DEFEND YOUR HOPE”

- A. The command (I Pet. 3:15; II Tim. 2:24-25)
 - Sometimes viewed as unrealistic
 - Sometimes viewed as too difficult
- B. The reasons given
 - The word “defense” implies necessity! (I Pet. 3:15)
 - So that those who revile us will be put to shame (I Pet. 3:16)
 - To save the erring! (II Tim. 2:25)
- C. The Lord said “Go!”
 - Even when I don’t “know it all”
 - Even if there are things I don’t fully understand yet
 - Even if others could “do it better”

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VII. Live Faithfully Until Death

THE LORD SAID “GO...LIVE FAITHFULLY UNTIL DEATH”

- A. The command (Rev. 2:10; 1 John 2:1, 3:4-6)
 - Much of religious world sees little need for faithful living
 - Even some Christians fool themselves into continuing in sin (Rom. 6:1-2)
 - God demands faithful living (John 8:21-24)
- B. The reasons given
 - Living in sin = spiritual death (James 1:13-15)
 - Living faithfully = spiritual life (Rev. 2:10)
- C. The Lord said “Go!”
 - Even though it requires constant attention and effort
 - Even when I must admit I’ve done wrong
 - Even when it may cost me in this life
 - Even if it may cost me my life