

My Thoughts for Sunday, January 26, 2014

“The Eleventh Commandment”

*My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. [John 15:12](#)*

This is the command given by Jesus directly to His disciples and still is in effect for us, as true Christians, today. This is by far the greatest commandment ever given to man as it encompasses all other commands. If we truly love each other as Jesus loved us then we need no fear of breaking the original Ten Commandments.

Stop and think for a moment. If we share this kind of love, how could we possibly steal from our brothers or kill or covet anything that does not belong to us. If we truly love and do not covet, then we would not act in an adulterous manner, and in effect we would be putting the Love of the Father before all other things.

Jesus went on to say, "*Greater love has no man than this: to lay down one's life for his friends.*" [John 15:13](#) We may never be called upon, in this society, to lay down our life for another; but this does not mean that we can't love our friends in this greatest of love, described by Jesus. At this point I want to bring you back to a statement I made several weeks ago that was given to me by a friend; "Strangers are really friends you have not had the opportunity to meet yet." Love the stranger also and gain a friend.

Jesus continues with the statement, we are all His friends if we keep His commands, and He no longer calls us servants, but friends because He has told us all He learned from the Father. What a wonderful thing to believe, that we have all the things that Jesus learned from the Father available to us, free of any charge except that we must love one another.

Seems like a small price to pay for so much!

We need to take the time to read the entire 15th chapter of Matthew, often, and return to it regularly to take in the true love principles as they were given by our Best Friend, Jesus. He has made so many promises to us and offers the greatest rewards that we could ever even begin to perceive and enjoy; not the least of which is recorded in [Matthew 15:16](#)..." *Whatever you ask, in my name, the Father will give you.*"

What an awesome thought, that anything properly asked for in the name of our Friend, Jesus, would be willingly delivered by the Father, our ever loving God. If you are like me, I already have anything I need; but think of the potential for our prayers for those who are suffering in spiritual blindness, sickness, and sin. How tremendously our prayers could help them through and out of their sad state of distress. Keep your prayers flowing through our Savior, Jesus.

We need to praise, always and together, this Wonderful, Awesome and Beneficent God.