

## **New Testament Letters Biblical Commands**

### **Commands from 1 Corinthians**

#### **1. 1 Cor 1:31 - Our glory is that we are to glory in the Lord**

*1 Cor 1:31 that, as it is written, "He who glories, let him glory in the Lord." (NKJ)*

All that we have, hope to have, and will gain in the future has come from the Lord. Therefore, any glory belongs to Him. We are to glory in the Lord.

#### **2. 1 Cor 3:10 - Take heed how we build on Christ our foundation**

*1 Cor 3:10 According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. (NKJ)*

The foundation for our faith, Jesus Christ, has been given by grace. We are responsible to build on this foundation and are commanded to watch how we build.

#### **3. 1 Cor 3:18 - Don't be seduced with false doctrine, but become a fool (rejecting man's truth) for Christ.**

*1 Cor 3:18 Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. (NKJ)*

How we build on Christ will someday be judged. Therefore we are warned not to be seduced by the world. We are commanded to become a "fool" for Christ in following him by faith.

#### **4. 1 Cor 3:21 - Don't glory in men, but in knowing God's Word**

*1 Cor 3:21 Therefore let no one boast in men. For all things are yours: (NKJ)*

The teaching of men, even good pastors, is not to be elevated above the Lord Himself and His Word.

#### **5. 1 Cor 4:1 - Ministers are not lords, but we are to hear them as ministers of Christ**

*1 Cor 4:1 Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. (NKJ)*

The duty of hearers is to hear ministers as ministers of the Lord Jesus Christ, but not to exalt them above Christ in any way.

#### **6. 1 Cor 4:5 - Be careful not to prejudge people or events without all the facts**

*1 Cor 4:5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God. (NKJ)*

Believers are required to make many judgments for the Lord. Care is to be taken not to prejudge in areas where all the facts cannot be known. Such judgments need to be left in the hands of the Lord.

**7. I Cor 4:16 - Initially we are commanded to follow the example of mature believers.**

*1 Cor 4:16 Therefore I urge you, imitate me. (NKJ)*

Christian growth is a mixture of learning God's Word, believing it, and following Godly believers as examples of those in obedience to the commands and principles of the Lord.

**8. I Cor 5:7 Remove sinful practices and those involved in them**

*1 Cor 5:7 Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. (NKJ)*

Whether outright sinners in the assembly of believers or sinful practices in one's life, these are commanded to be removed.

**9. I Cor 6:9 Do not be deceived about who will be inheritors in heaven.**

*1 Cor 6:9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, (NKJ)*

Even though heaven is the "gift of God and not of works," position and inheritance in heaven is foundationed in works under grace. We should not be deceived.

**10. I Cor 6:18 Flee from Sexual Immorality**

*1 Cor 6:18 Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. (NKJ)*

Sex outside of the God-given blessed area of marriage is sin. The believer is commanded to flee from these areas of sin.

**11. I Cor 6:20 Glorify God in Body as well as Spirit.**

*1 Cor 6:20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's. (NKJ)*

Worship is normally seen as a spiritual exercise. However, the way we use and treat our bodies can also be glorifying to God as well as detrimental to our testimonies.

**12. I Cor 7:2 Marriage is commanded of men and women to avoid immorality**

*1 Cor 7:2 Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband. (NKJ)*

The God-given sexual desire is a most wonderful and strong desire. It is to be satisfied in marriage by the husband for his wife and by the wife for her husband.

**13. I Cor 7:3 Fulfill your mate's sexual desires**

*1 Cor 7:3 Let the husband fulfill his duty to his wife, and likewise also the wife to her husband. (NAS)*

In keeping with the higher principles of love and knowledgeable of the sexual desires given of the Lord, God's will is that we learn of and seek to fulfill our mate's sexual desires.

**14. I Cor 7:5 Do not deprive your mate sexual fulfillment**

*1 Cor 7:5 Do not deprive one another except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again so that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control. (NKJ)*

Since sexual fulfillment is one of the reasons for marriage and since it is commanded to deprive one's mate is a sin against them and against the Lord.

**15. I Cor 7:9 Singles and widows/widowers with sexual desires are to seek marriage.**

*1 Cor 7:9 but if they cannot exercise self-control, let them marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion. (NKJ)*

Marriage is the Divinely ordained place to fulfill God-given sexual desires. Singles and young widows/widowers having such strong desires are to seek marriage.

**16. I Cor 7:11 In Biblical separations partners are not to be remarried but work towards reconciliation.**

*1 Cor 7:11 But even if she does depart, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband. And a husband is not to divorce his wife. (NKJ)*

When problems in marriage result in separations, neither partner is to seek remarriage, but they are to seek repair and reconciliation.

**17. I Cor 7:12 Husbands who become believers are not to divorce unbelieving wives over the issue of salvation.**

*1 Cor 7:12 But to the rest I, not the Lord, say: If any brother has a wife who does not believe, and she is willing to live with him, let him not divorce her. (NKJ)*

The union and companionship of the marriage bond is preferable even when one has become a believer and the other is still an unbeliever. Not marrying an unbeliever as a believer is understood.

**18. I Cor 7:13 Wives who become believers are not to divorce unbelieving husbands over the issue of salvation.**

*1 Cor 7:13 And a woman who has a husband who does not believe, if he is willing to live with her, let her not divorce him. (NKJ)*

The union and companionship of the marriage bond is preferable even when one has become a believer and the other is still an unbeliever. Not marrying an unbeliever as a believer is understood.

**19. I Cor 7:15 Believers who are in a believer-unbeliever marriage should allow the unbeliever to leave the marriage if so desired.**

*1 Cor 7:15 But if the unbeliever departs, let him depart; a brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases. But God has called us to peace. (NKJ)*

It is the believer who is held to the higher standard of both living for the Lord and living with an unbelieving mate for the purpose of witness both to that mate and any children.

**20. I Cor 7:17 Believers should continue to walk in the status-quo in which they were called.**

1 Cor 7:17 *But as God has distributed to each one, as the Lord has called each one, so let him walk. And so I ordain in all the churches. (NKJ)*

Each believer is called by the gospel and responds by faith in the midst of his or her own set of relationships. As much as possible we are to continue in those relationships.

**21. I Cor 7:18 Believers called as Jews (circumcision) or Gentiles (uncircumcision) are to remain in their original status.**

1 Cor 7:18 *Was anyone called while circumcised? Let him not become uncircumcised. Was anyone called while uncircumcised? Let him not be circumcised. (NKJ)*

Circumcision and uncircumcision refers to Jews and Gentiles. Regardless of which category we are when we become believers, we are to remain in that category.

**22. I Cor 7:20 Remain in the status quo life condition when called and becoming a believer.**

1 Cor 7:20 *Let each one remain in the same calling in which he was called. (NKJ)*

Salvation faith makes life changes within that result in changes in thinking, attitudes, and actions instead of external changes in marriages, family groups, and acquaintances.

**23. I Cor 7:21 Servants are to remain as unconcerned servants and free men are to remain free using their freedom for the Lord.**

1 Cor 7:21 *Were you called while a slave? Do not be concerned about it; but if you can be made free, rather use it. (NKJ)*

A second example of status-quo involves remaining in ones called position of being either a slave or a free person, an employee, or an employer.

**24. I Cor 7:23 Do not be enslaved in heart and mind by men as there is both freedom and slavery in Christ.**

1 Cor 7:23 *You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men. (NKJ)*

Placing the wrong focus on salvation faith will enslave one to men. In Christ the slave is made free and the free man joyfully serves Christ. An attitude of freedom in Christ is most important.

**25. I Cor 7:24 Remain in your status-quo before the Lord God**

1 Cor 7:24 *Brethren, let each one remain with God in that state in which he was called. (NKJ)*

The command is not to use salvation faith as means to change one's status in marriage, family, social position, or other external. One is to serve the Lord from the position in which we were called.

**26. I Cor 7:27 As a new Believer one is not to immediately seek either divorce or marriage.**

1 Cor 7:27 *Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be loosed. Are you loosed from a wife? Do not seek a wife. (NKJ)*

Faith in Christ is meant to bring about huge changes in thinking, attitudes, and actions. Time needs to be given to such changes and therefore either divorce and return to single life or marriage is not to be sought.

**27. I Cor 7:36 Marriage is still commanded over ongoing lust and over waiting past the ability to have children.**

1 Cor 7:36 *But if any man thinks he is behaving improperly toward his virgin, if she is past the flower of youth, and thus it must be, let him do what he wishes. He does not sin; let them marry. (NKJ)*

Earlier advice on emphasizing the blessings of single life are to be set aside for marriage if passion is a problem. Marriage is commanded if waiting would hinder the possible bearing of children.

**28. I Cor 8:9 Take heed that one's liberty does not become another's stumbling block**

1 Cor 8:9 *But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. (NKJ)*

The liberties that the Lord has given us in Christ are a wonderful thing. They are to be enjoyed. However, the obligation is on us who have the liberties to watch that they don't become stumbling blocks to others.

**29. I Cor 9:24 Live our lives before the Lord not simply as those running in a race, but as those seeking to win.**

1 Cor 9:24 *Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. (NKJ)*

Many can be involved in a running competition with all levels of energy exerted. The command for us as believers is to realize and run to be winners and not place with the "also ran" runners.

**30. I Cor 10:7 Watch for and do not become involved in idolatry**

1 Cor 10:7 *And do not become idolaters as were some of them. As it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play." (NKJ)*

The temptation to place other persons and things above the Lord is great. Old Testament Israel is the example. We are warned not to be enticed in the idolatry that places other things before the Lord.

**31. I Cor 10:10 Believers are not to be murmurers nor complainers**

1 Cor 10:10 *nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer. (NKJ)*

Murmuring and complaining comes from a foul mental attitude within that leads destruction. We are not to repeat the sins of the Exodus Generation in murmuring and complaining.

**32. I Cor 10:12 We are to constantly beware and keep up our guard lest we fall.**

*1 Cor 10:12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. (NKJ)*

The Exodus Generation was a prime example of those who were given all the freedom they needed and all the money they could use with an inheritance beyond measure, yet they failed miserably.

**33. I Cor 10:14 Flee from idolatry**

*1 Cor 10:14 Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. (NKJ)*

Anything that comes between relationship with the Lord and His maintaining of first place in our lives is idolatry.

**34. I Cor 10:15 The believer is to discern and judge proper applications for the commands given.**

*1 Cor 10:15 I speak as to wise men; judge for yourselves what I say. (NKJ)*

The commands given by the Lord through the Apostle Paul are forthright and clear. They have many applications to different circumstances which are to be properly judged.

**35. I Cor 10:18 Be reminded that what we place first in life we become part of as Israel was partaker of the altar by the sacrifices.**

*1 Cor 10:18 Observe Israel after the flesh: Are not those who eat of the sacrifices partakers of the altar? (NKJ)*

Idolatry is not an isolated sin, but it becomes a part of us. What we place first in life has an influence over all of life.

**36. I Cor 10:24 In doubtful things the welfare of fellow believers is to be sought first.**

*1 Cor 10:24 Let no one seek his own, but each one the other's well-being. (NKJ)*

When it comes to liberties versus those things and activities that are questionable, the emphasis is placed on seeking the well-being of others.

**37. I Cor 10:25 Don't bring up the question, just eat what is available.**

*1 Cor 10:25 Eat whatever is sold in the meat market, asking no questions for conscience' sake; (NKJ)*

The questions of meat offered to idols is a question troubling the younger believer. The mature believer should just eat without regard not making an issue out of something that for the mature is not an issue.

**38. I Cor 10:27 When a guest, eat what is placed before us.**

*1 Cor 10:27 If any of those who do not believe invites you to dinner, and you desire to go, eat whatever is set before you, asking no question for conscience' sake. (NKJ)*

The issue of what is most important versus the stronger and weaker believer issues is to take precedent. Unbelievers should not have the gospel clouded by less important ceremonial issues.

**39. I Cor 10:28 If another make an issue of a doubtful thing do not eat it.**

*1 Cor 10:28 But if anyone says to you, "This was offered to idols," do not eat it for the sake of the one who told you, and for conscience' sake; for "the earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness." (NKJ)*

When something is brought into question by another, it can be assumed that they have a problem with it or with you eating it. Therefore the command is to not eat it.

**40. I Cor 10:31 Eat and drink to with a view to the glory of God**

*1 Cor 10:31 Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. (NKJ)*

For the believer, the number one priority is to be the glory of God. That which is embraced and that which is set aside is to be done first and foremost with a view to the upholding and enhancing the Glory of God.

**41. I Cor 10:32 Give no offense by selfish desires**

*1 Cor 10:32 Give no offense, either to the Jews or to the Greeks or to the church of God, (NKJ)*

As with the preceding command, the Glory of God is to be the priority. Whether dealing with the religious (Jews), the unbelievers (Gentiles), or true believers (the Church), we are commanded to give no offense.

**42. I Cor 11:1 Imitate mature believers like the Apostle Paul**

*1 Cor 11:1 Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ. (NKJ)*

One of the fastest and best ways to grow and mature is to not only learn the principles and precepts for growth, but to put them to practice by imitating those who are mature.

**43. I Cor 11:6 A woman's hair is to cover her head or she should have her head shaved.**

*1 Cor 11:6 For if a woman is not covered, let her also be shorn. But if it is shameful for a woman to be shorn or shaved, let her be covered. (NKJ)*

The sign of the authority relationship between man and God and the man and the woman is the hair covering of the head. The hair of the woman is to cover her head. A woman who rejects her position under authority by disobedience to this might as well shave her head. It is better to be covered.

**44. I Cor 11:13 Judge and consider the external signs of the chain of command.**

*1 Cor 11:13-14 Judge among yourselves. Is it proper for a woman to pray to God with her head uncovered? 14 Does not even nature itself teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a dishonor to him? (NKJ)*

In teaching on the subject of hair length as the external sign of coming under the Lord's chain of command, the believer is commanded to seriously consider these things.

**45. I Cor 11:24 Communion commands for the bread are to Take, Eat, and Do in Remembrance of the Lord.**

*1 Cor 11:24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." (NKJ)*

The ritual of communion provides a point of focus for all our senses to be placed on the person and work of Jesus Christ. As we take the elements and eat them, we do this in remembrance of Jesus Christ.

**46. I Cor 11:25 The cup is also to be taken and done in remembrance of Jesus Christ.**

*1 Cor 11:25 In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." (NKJ)*

The ritual of communion provides a point of focus for all our senses to be placed on the person and work of Jesus Christ. As we take the elements and eat them, we do this in remembrance of Jesus Christ.

**47. I Cor 11:28 Prior to communion we are to examine ourselves for sin prior to eating and drinking.**

*1 Cor 11:28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. (NKJ)*

The issue of sin is one that needs to be resolved prior to partaking of communion. The very nature of communion is a closeness that excludes the separating nature of sin.

**48. I Cor 11:33 At the ritual of communion believers are to wait for one another.**

*1 Cor 11:33 Therefore, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another. (NKJ)*

The ritual of communion is both a personal as well as a collective ritual. Individuals are generally part of a group that should consider together the Lord and His sacrifice as well as one's personal relationship to His sacrifice and the salvation He purchased.

**49. I Cor 11:34 If hunger is an issue prior to communion, then the believer should eat at home first.**

*1 Cor 11:34 But if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, lest you come together for judgment. And the rest I will set in order when I come. (NKJ)*

Hand in hand with waiting for one another to all be served and then eating together is this command for the truly hungry. The truly hungry are to eat at home and not make the communion ritual a basis for satisfying hunger.

**50. I Cor 12:31 We are to desire and strive to develop the highest of the spiritual gifts we have been given**

*1 Cor 12:31 But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way. (NKJ)*

Each believer has at least one spiritual gift and probably more. Our desire should be to discover and develop the best and highest gives that were given to us at salvation.

**51. I Cor 14:1 Pursue agape love and be zealous for our spiritual gifts.**

*1 Cor 14:1 Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy. (NKJ)*

The two most basic commands are agape love in the sense of obeying God's commands and contributing by zealous development and use of our spiritual gifts.

**52. I Cor 14:12 We are to seek to use our spiritual gifts for the edification of the church.**

*1 Cor 14:12 Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification of the church that you seek to excel. (NKJ)*

Spiritual gifts can cross over to use in the world, but our primary desire before the Lord is their use to edify and build up the church.

**53. I Cor 14:13 Those speaking in foreign languages should pray for the complimentary gift of interpretation.**

*1 Cor 14:13 Therefore let him who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret. (NKJ)*

When the warning gift to the Jews of tongues was in effect, those having that gift are commanded to pray for interpretation so they may understand what they speak.

**54. I Cor 14:20 In spiritual understanding be mature not childish, but in sinful activities be as children.**

*1 Cor 14:20 Brethren, do not be children in understanding; however, in malice be babes, but in understanding be mature. (NKJ)*

There is a place for maturity and a place for childlike understanding. The place for maturity is in the knowledge of spiritual things and the place for childlike understanding is in sinful things.

**55. I Cor 14:26 All things are to be done in the assembly of believers for the purpose of edification.**

*1 Cor 14:26 How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification. (NKJ)*

Regardless of the particular spiritual gifts given and used by individual believers, the end goal of their use is to be the edification of the body of believers.

**56. I Cor 14:27 If a true foreign language tongue is spoken in the assembly, there needs to be an interpreter present**

*1 Cor 14:27 If anyone speaks in a tongue, let there be two or at the most three, each in turn, and let one interpret. (NKJ)*

In order for edification to take place believers in assemblies have to understand what is being said. Therefore interpretation is commanded of those speaking foreign languages or the true gift of tongues.

**57. I Cor 14:28 Without an interpreter keep silent and speak only to the Lord and oneself.**

*1 Cor 14:28 But if there is no interpreter, let him keep silent in church, and let him speak to himself and to God. (NKJ)*

The key to edification when foreign languages are involved is someone who is able to interpret. If no one is present to interpret than the foreign language speaker is to remain silent and speak to himself and to the Lord.

**58. I Cor 14:29 Preachers are to speak in order and others are to properly judge their messages.**

*1 Cor 14:29 Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others judge. (NKJ)*

The prophet gift was first a gift of forthtelling. The will of God is order in speaking forth His word as well as accountability to accuracy by others who should be listening with a discerning ear.

**59. I Cor 14:30 Each speaker is to speak in turn and be quiet until it is their turn.**

*1 Cor 14:30 But if anything is revealed to another who sits by, let the first keep silent. (NKJ)*

Speakers of God's Word are to remain quiet until it is their turn to speak. All things are to be done decently and in order.

**60. I Cor 14:34 When it comes to teaching or proclaiming the Word of God with authority over a mixed group, the women are to remain silent.**

*1 Cor 14:34 Let your women keep silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak; but they are to be submissive, as the law also says. (NKJ)*

The chain of authority gave the headship to the man from the beginning. When it comes to proclaiming the Word of God with authority, women are to recognize male leadership and remain silent.

**61. I Cor 14:35 The proper place for the woman to speak in questioning spiritual things is with her husband at home.**

*1 Cor 14:35 And if they want to learn something, let them ask their own husbands at home; for it is shameful for women to speak in church. (NKJ)*

In order to maintain the chain of authority in the teaching and questioning of the Word of God, the woman is commanded to be silent in the church and commanded to ask her husband at home.

**62. I Cor 14:37 One having a true God-given gift of prophet will acknowledge the teachings of Scripture.**

*1 Cor 14:37 If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord. (NKJ)*

The first evidence of a true prophet or one that is spiritually in tune with the Lord is the acknowledgment of the Scriptures to be the Word of God and the commands of the Lord.

**63. I Cor 14:38 If any does not accept the Scriptures as the Word of God, then let such a person be considered as ignorant.**

1 Cor 14:38 *But if anyone is ignorant, let him be [considered as] ignorant. (NKJ)*

The Scriptures are the living and abiding Word of God. Any who reject this clear truth are to be considered as ignorant.

**64. I Cor 14:39 Desire and develop forthtelling gifts and do not forbid the lessor gifts like tongues.**

1 Cor 14:39 *Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues. (NKJ)*

In the day that all gifts were in use both permanent and temporary, the greater gifts are to be developed while the lessor gifts are not to be set aside.

**65. I Cor 14:40 All things are to be done decently and in order**

1 Cor 14:40 *Let all things be done decently and in order. (NKJ)*

The Lord is not the author of confusion, but of order and design. In following this truth, believers are also commanded to carry out all things with design and order.

**66. I Cor 15:33 Do not be deceived about the influence of those choosing to walk in sin.**

1 Cor 15:33 *Do not be deceived: "Evil company corrupts good habits." (NKJ)*

Maintaining close friendships with rebellious sinners will have the predicted consequences of corrupting believers normally walking with the Lord. We are warned that good moves toward corruption and not corruption towards the good.

**67. I Cor 15:34 Wake up to walk in righteousness and stop sinning.**

1 Cor 15:34 *Awake to righteousness, and do not sin; for some do not have the knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame. (NKJ)*

God's Will for believers is that they walk in the ways and paths of righteousness and stop sinning if sinning is an issue.

**68. I Cor 15:51 Look and understand the truth that we shall not all die, but one generation will be raptured.**

1 Cor 15:51 *Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed-- (NKJ)*

Believers are called to be with the Lord normally by dying, but one generation will not pass through death. They will be raptured or changed, caught up, and enter heaven without dying.

**69. I Cor 15:58 Be steadfast, immovable, and always abounding in the work of the Lord.**

1 Cor 15:58 *Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. (NKJ)*

God's will for all believers is to become grounded in the faith so that we are steadfast and immovable. In that position the believer is commanded to abound in the work of the Lord.

**70. I Cor 16:1 Follow the Biblical commands on giving as delivered to other churches.**

*1 Cor 16:1 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, so you must do also: (NKJ)*

The Lord's commands on giving found in both Old and New Testaments are directed to believers of all churches. The example is in the Old Testament of both that which the Lord requires and that which is free will.

**71. I Cor 16:2 Giving is to be regular gathered on the Lord's Day of first day of the week.**

*1 Cor 16:2 On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come. (NKJ)*

Giving unto the Lord is to follow a plan that regularly sets aside those portions to be given and then gathered on the first day of the week or the Lord's Day.

**72. I Cor 16:10 Be careful not to harass those serving in service capacities for the Lord.**

*1 Cor 16:10 Now if Timothy comes, see that he may be with you without fear; for he does the work of the Lord, as I also do. (NKJ)*

Pastors as well as the earlier apostles have other helpers who serve on their behalf. These ones are to be treated with the same respect and graciousness as the authority themselves.

**73. I Cor 16:11 Cooperate with representatives of the authority and send them forth in peace helping them with their job.**

*1 Cor 16:11 Therefore let no one despise him (Timothy). But send him on his journey in peace, that he may come to me; for I am waiting for him with the brethren. (NKJ)*

The representatives of spiritual leaders and authorities are to be considered as equally deserving of grace and respect and helped in their task being sent forth in peace.

**74. I Cor 16:13 For the faith, Keep watch, Stand firm in it, Live as mature believers, and Be strong.**

*1 Cor 16:13 Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. (NKJ)*

Four summary commands pertaining to summarize the Christian Life are that we Guard our faith; Stand firm in our faith; Live our faith as mature believers; and Be strong in the face of any opposition.

**75. I Cor 16:14 All things are to be governed and accomplished with Biblical Love.**

*1 Cor 16:14 Let all that you do be done with love. (NKJ)*

All things are to be done by God's commands with an internal attitude of thankfulness and gratitude free of attitude sins and outward actions fulfilling the spirit of the Lord's commands.

**76. I Cor 16:18 Acknowledge the gifts of all believers who bless us with their presence and gifts.**

*1 Cor 16:17-18 I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on your part they supplied. 18 For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men. (NKJ)*

Every believer has spiritual gifts that when used are meant to edify the body of believers. Such persons are to be acknowledged.

**77. I Cor 16:20 Be cordial to one another as believers and members of the Body of Christ**

*1 Cor 16:20 All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. (NKJ)*

Believers are commanded to be cordial to other true believers of the faith. We are to greet, be gracious and hospitable to one another.

**78. I Cor 16:22 Those not loving the Lord as simple brothers are to be accursed.**

*1 Cor 16:22 If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come! (NKJ)*

[Anathema Maranatha]

The real measure of true friendship, love, marriage, family, etc. is the foundation of loving the Lord. Those not loving the Lord are proclaimed under judgment until He comes.

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9. Flee from Sexual Immorality and idolatry #10,30,33
10. Glorify God in Body as well as Spirit. #11
11. Marriage is commanded of men and women to avoid immorality #12
12. Fulfill your mate's sexual desires and do not deprive them #13,14
13. Singles and widows/widowers with sexual desires are to seek marriage. #15
14. In Biblical separations partners are not to be remarried but work towards reconciliation. #16
15. Husbands or wives who become believers are not to divorce unbelieving mates. #17,18
16. Unbelievers desiring to leave a believer-unbeliever marriage should be allowed to leave. #19
17. Believers should continue to walk in the status-quo in which they were called. #20,21,22,23,25
18. Do not be enslaved in heart and mind by men #24
19. As a new Believer one is not to immediately seek either divorce or marriage. #26
20. Marriage is commanded over ongoing lust and waiting past children bearing years. #27
21. Take heed that one's liberty does not become another's stumbling block. #28
22. Live lives before the Lord more than running in a race, but as seeking to win. #29
23. Believers are not to be murmurers nor complainers. #31
24. Be constantly beware and keep up our guard lest we fall. #32
25. Discern and judge proper applications for the commands given. #34
26. Beware, we become part of what we place first in life. #35

27. In doubtful things the welfare of fellow believers is to be sought first. #36
28. In doubtful foods don't bring up the question, just eat what is available. #37,38
29. If another make an issue of a doubtful thing do not eat it. #39
30. Eat and drink to with a view to the glory of God. #40
31. Give no offense by selfish desires. #41
32. A woman's hair is to cover her head or she should have her head shaved. #43
33. Judge and consider the external signs of the chain of command. #44
34. Communion commands for the bread are to Take, Eat, and Do in Remembrance of the Lord. #45,46
35. Prior to communion we are to examine ourselves for sin prior to eating and drinking. #47
36. At the ritual of communion believers are to wait for one another. #48
37. If hunger is an issue, at communion the believer should eat at home. #49
38. We are to desire and strive to develop the highest of the spiritual gifts we have been given. #50
39. Pursue agape love in all things and be zealous for our spiritual gifts. #51,75
40. We are to seek to use our spiritual gifts for the edification of the church. #52,55
41. Those speaking in foreign languages should pray for the complimentary gift of interpretation. #53,56
42. In spiritual understanding be mature not childish, but in sinful activities be as children. #54
43. Without an interpreter keep silent and speak only to the Lord and oneself. #57
44. Preachers are to speak in order and others are to properly judge their messages. #58,59
45. When it comes to teaching or proclaiming the Word of God with authority over a mixed group, the women are to remain silent. #60
46. Women questioning spiritual things are to question their husbands at home. #61
47. A true God-given gift of prophet will acknowledge the teachings of Scripture. #62
48. Those not accepting the Scriptures as the Word of God should be considered as ignorant. #63
49. Desire and develop forth-telling gifts and do not forbid the lesser gifts like tongues. #64
50. All things are to be done decently and in order. #65
51. Do not be deceived about the influence of those choosing to walk in sin. #66
52. Wake up to walk in righteousness and stop sinning. #67
53. Look and understand not all will die, but one generation will be raptured. #68
54. Be steadfast, immovable, and always abounding in the work of the Lord. #69
55. Follow the Biblical commands on giving as delivered throughout Scripture. #70
56. Giving is to be regular, gathered on the Lord's Day or first day of the week. #71
57. Be careful not to harass those serving in service capacities for the Lord and send them forth in peace. #72,73
58. For the faith, Keep watch, Stand firm in it, Live as mature believers, and Be strong. #74
59. Acknowledge the gifts of all believers who bless us with their presence and gifts. #76
60. Be cordial to one another as believers and members of the Body of Christ. #77
61. Those not loving the Lord as simple brothers are to be accursed. #78