



FINDING TREASURE

Matthew 18:19-20; 22:34-40

John 13:34-35, ³⁴A new command I give you: **Love one another. As I have loved you**, so you must love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

Matthew 18:19-20, ¹⁹... **truly I tell you** that if **two** of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.

The New Testament - 59 *"one another"* commands – four themes:

- 1) Love
- 2) Service
- 3) Unity
- 4) Encouragement/Edification

Exodus 18:13-14, ¹³The next day Moses took his seat to serve as judge for the people, and they stood around him from morning till evening. ¹⁴When his father-in-law saw all that Moses was doing for the people, he said, **"What is this you are doing for the people? Why do you alone sit as judge, while all these people stand around you from morning till evening?"** ¹⁵Moses answered him, "Because the people come to me to seek God's will"

"It takes your enemy and your friend working together to hurt you."
Mark Twain

Exodus 18:17-23, ¹⁷Moses' father-in-law replied, **"What you are doing is not good.** ¹⁸You and these people who come to you will only **wear yourselves out.** The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone. ¹⁹Listen now to me and I will give you some advice, and may God be with you. You must be the **people's representative** before God and bring their disputes to him. ²⁰**Teach them his decrees and instructions, and show them the way** they are to live and how they are to behave. ²¹**But select capable men** from all the people—men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain—and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. ²²Have them serve as judges for the people at all times, but have them bring every difficult case to you; the simple cases they can decide themselves. . . . ²³If you do this and God so commands, you will be able to stand the strain, and all these people will go home satisfied."

Acts 2:41-42, ⁴¹Those who accepted his (Peter's) message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to **their number** that day. ⁴²They devoted themselves to the **apostles' teaching** and **to fellowship**, to the **breaking of bread** and to **prayer**.

John 8:31-32; 1 Corinthians 11:28-32; Psalm 14:5; James 5:16; John 17:21

Finding Treasure in Loving God and One Another

Matthew 22:34-40

Matthew 22:34-36, ³⁴ Hearing that Jesus had silenced **the Sadducees, the Pharisees** got together. ³⁵ **One of them, an expert in the law**, tested him with this question: ³⁶ **“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”**

Matthew 22:37-40, ³⁷ Jesus replied: **“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”** ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: **‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’** ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Roman 1:18, The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the **godlessness and wickedness** of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness.

1) Treasure the SPIRITUAL more than the MATERIAL

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1 Corinthians 13:1-3; 14:1

2) Treasure GOD over MAMMON

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1 Timothy 6:17; Matthew 6:24

3) Treasure PEOPLE as much or more than PERSONAL DESIRES

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Philippians 2:3-4, ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility **value others above yourselves**, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

❖ **Loving God and loving people properly turns ME into WE!**

Questions:

- 1) What did you hear from the Holy Spirit?
- 2) What will you do because of it?
- 3) How can we pray for you?