

## DO YOU LOVE THE LORD?

Most of us would answer the above question with a resounding YES! But are we so sure? Jesus said “If you love Me, keep my commandments.” (Jn 14:15) In 1 John 5:3 we find these words, “For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.” So you see that Jesus has left us a simple test to find out if we love Him. **Are we keeping His commandments?** So we are going to take a test today, it will not be graded by anyone else but ourselves and I hope we will be honest with ourselves. Here is the test:

When was the last time that you obeyed the following commandments of God?

1. To practice hospitality - Rom. 12:13
  - a. To be Hospitable to one another without complaint - 1 Pet 4:9
  - b. To show hospitality to strangers – Heb. 13:2
2. To teach someone, anyone something about the Bible – Heb. 5:12
  - a. Older women teaching younger women – Titus 2:3-5
3. To be devoted to other Christians in brotherly love – Rom. 12:10
4. To give preference to Christians – Rom. 12:10
5. To bless those who persecuted you instead of cursing them – Rom. 12:14
  
6. That you personally encouraged anyone – 1 Thess. 5:11
7. That you truly forgave anyone – Matt. 6:14-15
8. That you properly reprovved or rebuked anyone who needed it – 2 Tim. 4:2
9. That you walked by the Spirit – Gal. 5:25
10. That you stimulated anyone to love and good deeds – Heb. 10:24

Well how did you do? This kind of test goes right along with scripture. See what Paul wrote; “For to this end also I wrote that I might put you to the **test**, whether you are **obedient in all things.**” (2 Cor 2:9 NASB) and “**Test yourselves** to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you-- **unless indeed you fail the test?**” (2 Cor 13:5 NASB) We are not perfect and we are going to make mistakes but how many commands of our Lord are we just ignoring? And if we are ignoring the commands of our Lord do we truly love Him? You will have to be the judge for yourself but remember if you fail the test you will have one who judges you and that is the words that Jesus has spoken. (John 12:48) Remember, “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven; **but he who does the will of My Father** who is in heaven.” (Mat 7:21 NASB) Which of the commands of God are not important to you? Which do you not have to do?