



The Christian Solution
for Addictions:
Jesus!

What Is God's Will for My Life?

Moving from "recovery-mode" to "sanctification-mode"

The following list of Jesus' of commandments from the Gospels is not meant to create a sense of guilt, but rather to illuminate what is possible for us to achieve as we progress from glory to glory by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Experiencing victory in our Christian walk brings profound joy and peace as we recognize the power of God working within us. Jesus' commandments are not the New Testament equivalent of the Old Testament Ten Commandments, but rather the evidence of a life committed to Christ. Because we are saved by grace, it is possible as beloved children of our Heavenly Father and friends of our Savior, for us to fulfill the law just as Christ did.

Our carnal sinful flesh will continue to war against the supernatural Spirit within us until we are with our Lord. In the meantime, let us renew our minds with God's plan for us (which, I believe, includes knowing and accepting His commandments) and practice His will with all our hearts unto completion. Head knowledge amplifies the law, but heart-felt devotion fosters purpose and victory.



Our God deserves more than a flippant "I'm a work in progress" to offset our half-hearted attempts to change into who we are IN Christ. He deserves our best. He gave His all!

*"Therefore ... let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us,
and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus,
the author and finisher of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross,
despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."
Hebrews 12:1-3*

And when we stumble along the way (and we *will* stumble), the Spirit reminds us:

*"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*

1 John 1:9

*"There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus,
who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit."*

Romans 8:1

JESUS said:

"If you love Me, keep My commandments." ~

John 14:15

*"He who has My commandments and keeps them,
it is he who loves Me.*

*And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father,
and I will love him and manifest Myself to him." ~John 14:21*

"Our profession of love for Jesus is worthless, except as it is proved to be true by the keeping of His commandments in the power of a life begotten of God. Knowing God, having the love of God perfected in us, having boldness with God, and abiding in Him, being begotten of Him and loving Him, 'all is dependent on the one thing' — Keeping Christ's Commandments."

~Andrew Murray

JESUS said:

*"YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART,
WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.*

This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like it: YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

~Matthew 22:37-39

How deep is your love?

We search the Scriptures seeking to know God's promises for us, but how often do we search for God's will for our life? If we seek to please and glorify God, we will demonstrate our love for Him by keeping His commandments. We will experience all of God's promises through obedience. Just as Jesus came into the world to fulfill His Father's will, so must we ... *if* we love Him. His words and example show us what God's will is for us.

The following Commandments of Jesus are from the Gospels ... the list is not exhaustive. When we read the Word, we discover many more implied commandments. For example, when Jesus

describes the Blessed life outlined in the Beatitudes (Matthew 5), the Spirit quickens the desire within us to BE Humble, Repentant, Submissive, Honest, Merciful, Forgiving, Faithful, Trusting, Salt, Light ... and we receive all the blessings promised as we allow the Holy Spirit to empower us to have the mind and attitude of Christ Jesus.

Open your Bible and read and highlight each of the following commands. Our one aim must be to achieve perfect harmony between our conscience and conduct. Every conviction must be carried out into action. Christ's commands were meant to be obeyed. The following list is not exhaustive ... there are many commandments and instructions written by the Apostles that we must know and obey to be diligent disciples of our Lord. The Bible is our "user manual." To function at maximum efficiency, we should follow our maker's operating instructions.

JESUS' Commandments

1. **Repent** ~ Matthew 4:17
2. **Follow Me** ~ Matthew 4:19
3. **Rejoice** ~ Matthew 5:12
4. **Let Your Light Shine** ~ Matthew 5:16
5. **Honor God's Law** ~ Matthew 5:17-18
6. **Be Reconciled** ~ Matthew 5:24-25
7. **Do Not Commit Adultery** ~ Matthew 5:29-30
8. **Keep Your Word** ~ Matthew 5:37
9. **Go the Second Mile** ~ Matthew 5:38-42
10. **Love Your Enemies** ~ Matthew 5:44
11. **Be Perfect** ~ Matthew 5:48
12. **Practice Secret Disciplines** ~ Matthew 6:1-18
13. **Lay Up Treasures** ~ Matthew 6:19-21
14. **Seek God's Kingdom** ~ Matthew 6:33
15. **Judge Not** ~ Matthew 7:1
16. **Do Not Cast Pearls** ~ Matthew 7:6
17. **Ask, Seek, and Knock** ~ Matthew 7:7-8
18. **Do Unto Others** ~ Matthew 7:12
19. **Choose the Narrow Way** ~ Matthew 7:13-14
20. **Beware of False Prophets** ~ Matthew 7:15
21. **Pray For Laborers** ~ Matthew 9:38
22. **Be Wise as Serpents** ~ Matthew 10:16
23. **Fear God, Not Man** ~ Matthew 10:26
24. **Hear God's Voice** ~ Matthew 11:15
25. **Take My Yoke** ~ Matthew 11:29
26. **Honor Your Parents** ~ Matthew 15:4
27. **Beware of Heaven** ~ Matthew 16:6
28. **Deny Yourself** ~ Luke 9:23
29. **Despise Not Little Ones** ~ Matthew 18:10
30. **Go to Offenders** ~ Matthew 18:15
31. **Beware of Covetousness** ~ Luke 12:15
32. **Forgive Offenders** ~ Matthew 18:21-22
33. **Honor Marriage** ~ Matthew 19:6
34. **Be a Servant** ~ Matthew 20:26-28
35. **Be a House of Prayer** ~ Matthew 21:13
36. **Ask in Faith** ~ Matthew 21:21-22
37. **Bring in the Poor** ~ Luke 14:12-14
38. **Render to Caesar** ~ Matthew 22:19-21
39. **Love the Lord** ~ Matthew 22:37-38
40. **Love Your Neighbor** ~ Matthew 22:39
41. **Await My Return** ~ Matthew 24:42-44
42. **Take, Eat, and Drink** ~ Matthew 26:26-27
43. **Be Born Again** ~ John 3:7
44. **Keep My Commandments** ~ John 14:15
45. **Watch and Pray** ~ Matthew 26:41
46. **Feed My Sheep** ~ John 21:15-16
47. **Baptize My Disciples** ~ Matthew 28:19
48. **Receive God's Power** ~ Luke 24:49
49. **Make Disciples** ~ Matthew 28:20
50. **Receive God's Power** ~ Luke 24:49

*May the LORD richly bless you as you walk in obedience
and glorify His Name.*