



All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them. Matth. 7. 12.

All the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Gal. 5. 14.

2. Love to our neighbour comprehends in it,

a) The brotherly love which children of God owe to one another.

Add to godliness, brotherly kindness. 2 Peter 1. 7.

A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. John 13. 34, 35. chapter 15. 12, 17. see Eph. 4. 3. Hebr. 13. 1. 1 John 3. 16. Rom. 12. 10. 1 Thess. 4. 9, 10.

b) The universal love, which we owe unto all men, even our enemies.

Add to brotherly kindness, charity (universal love.) 2 Peter 1. 7.

The Lord make you to increase and abound in love one towards another, and towards all men. 1 Thess. 3. 12. chap. 5. 15.

The parable of the compassionate Samaritan. Luke 10. 30—37.

Love

Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you. Matth. 5. 44. see Rom. 12. 20.

Father forgive them, for they know not what they do. Luke 23. 34. see Acts 7. 60.

3. Love to our neighbour evidences itself,

a) In our praying for all men.

I exhort therefore that first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men. 1 Tim. 2. 1.

b) In shining before our neighbour by a godly conversation.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matth. 5. 16.

Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that whereas they speak against you as evil-doers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God. 1 Peter 2. 12.

Give none offence, neither to the Jews nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God. 1 Cor. 10. 32.

c) In endeavouring to live in peace with all men.

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If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Rom. 12. 18. see Hebr. 12. 14.

Blessed are the peace-makers; for they shall be called the children of God. Matth. 5. 9.

d) In willingly serving our neighbour, and in assisting and doing him good.

Let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith. Gal. 6. 10.

As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 1 Peter 4. 10.

Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Phil. 2. 4.

e) In being merciful and willing to give to him that needeth.

Be ye merciful, as your father also is merciful. Luke 6. 36.

But whoso hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? 1 John 3. 17. Prov. 19. 17. 1 Tim. 6. 17, 18, 19.

f) In

f) In being meek and lowly, ready to forgive, when we are injured, and in esteeming others better than ourselves.

Learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart. Matth. 11. 29. see Phil. 2. 5.

Blessed are the meek. Matth. 5. 5.

In lowliness of mind, let each esteem other better than themselves. Phil. 2. 3.

If ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. Matth. 6. 14, 15.

Forgive one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Eph. 4. 32. see Col. 3. 12, 13.

g) In not injuring or hurting our neighbour.

Love worketh no ill to his neighbour. Rom. 13. 10.

Thou shalt not kill. Thou shalt not commit adultery. Thou shalt not steal. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour. Thou shalt not covet. Exod. 20. 13—17. see Rom. 13. 8, 9.

Let him that stole, steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. Eph. 4. 28.  
Speak



Speak not evil of one another. James 4. 11.

Lie not one to another. Col. 3. 9. see Eph. 4. 25. see Gal. 5. 19, 20, 21.

#### Of MAGISTRATES and SUBJECTS.

Render unto Cesar, the things which are Cesar's. Matth. 22. 21.

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be, are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. Rom. 13. 1, 2, 3—7. see 1 Peter 2. 13, 14, 17. Tit. 3. 1. 1 Tim. 2. 1, 2, 3.

#### Of MARRIED PEOPLE.

Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled. Heb. 13. 4.

Husbands love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it. Eph. 5. 25.

Wives submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the Saviour of the body. Therefore, as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Eph. 5. 22, 23, 24. see 1 Peter 3. 1, 2, 7. Col. 3. 18, 19.

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#### Of PARENTS and CHILDREN.

Ye fathers provoke not your children to wrath; but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Eph. 6. 4. Col. 3. 21.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother (which is the first commandment with promise,) that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. Eph. 6. 1, 2, 3. see Col. 3. 20.

Jesus was subject unto his parents. Luke 2. 51.

#### Of MASTERS and SERVANTS.

Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal, knowing that ye also have a master in heaven. Col. 4. 1.

Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eye-service, as men-pleasers, but in singleness of heart, fearing God. Col. 3. 22, 23, 24. see 1 Peter 2. 18. 1 Tim. 6. 1. 2.

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Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever

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ever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things; and the God of peace shall be with you. Phil. 4. 8, 9. see Gal. 5. 22, 23.

The very God of peace sanctify you wholly: and God grant, your whole spirit, and soul, and body, be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thess. 5. 23."

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An other work, or manual of instruction is printed yearly and circulated among all their congregations. It bears the title of "Daily Words and Doctrinal Texts of the Brethren's congregation.

In it are two texts taken from the Old and New Testament, and selected for every day, in the year. These are delivered out by the minister the evening preceding the day, to which they are assigned. Sometimes he makes a short comment upon them. They appear to be designed as the peculiar subjects of meditation or public discussion among all the members of the society, throughout their settlements, that unity in gaining knowledge, and reflecting upon divine themes, may pervade the whole, extend the desire after truth and strengthen the cords of affection among those who remain and obey the same words of eternal life.

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These annual publications vary in the selection of the texts and the short comments, responses or ejaculations which follow them.

Certain times, called Memorial days for the choirs are observed.

These are,	
All the Choirs	25th March.
Little Boys	24th June.
Little Girls	17th August.
Boys	9th July.
Girls	4th June.
Single Brethren	29th August.
Single Sisters	4th May.
Married Choir	7th Septr.
Widowers	31st August.
Widows	30th April.

Certain other Memorial days are observed in commemoration of distinguished events in their history, and discourses delivered accordingly upon them.

The whole system is well calculated to make mankind wiser and better; to ameliorate the condition of the untutored, and correct the devious: it softens the rugged temper, and expands the benevolent heart.

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