

Chapter 12

What Does Love Have to Do with It?

Mark 12:28-31

Jesus summarizes the Law of God as being, first, vertical, and, second, horizontal. Christ's law of love reminds us of the spirit and intent of the law is not to be enslaving but freeing. As we face our common battles, the battle grows in intensity, requiring the right outlook and disciplines to win. "The chains of habit are so light you cannot feel them, until they are so strong you cannot break them. Sin does not appear to be irresistible—until you want to be free from it" (Erwin W. Lutzer). Nobody likes to live in bondage, and when we feel enslaved, we want to rebel. What Christ desires is to set us free from the shackles of sin, and this, friends, is done according to His grace. We must make sure our relationships are right to release the chains of bondage.

The Greatest Command

1. It's not about your _____.
2. It is about Godly _____.

It's About Choices

1. Love is choosing God over other _____. James 4:8
2. Love is choosing others over _____. 1 Peter 3:7; 4:8
3. Love is choosing yourself as a part of God's _____. Philipians 2:1-4; Matthew 16:25
4. Love is choosing your _____. Proverbs 1:10

Love's Decision

1. Spiritual _____. Galatians 5:22-23
2. Biblical _____. 1 Corinthians 13:1ff

