

If you take time to love Jesus every day, this letter will help you. Expect a fight and if you succeed you will start a wonderful adventure.

The original format for Fort Thomas Living has been preserved from decades ago.

I hope you still like looking up Scriptures. Toward the end of the letter are Scriptures that will help you obey and love God more.

This and the last typed page were written in 2014. ~~2014~~ 2015.

The picture was taken, by the church in Florence written about in the Testimonies and Miracles, after the major heart attack and after the letter was sent to Fort Thomas Living.

With our Savior's love,

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The Greatest Commandment

The following letter was sent to a non-officer and the officers of what I thought were the Churches in Ft. Thomas. All verses are from the Good News Bible; and, proper words are capitalized.

1978 - 1979

Subject: The Greatest Commandment

To: a Christian, a Christian Body, & the 12 churches in Fort Thomas

In our world society moved the second most important commandment first -- often with a disregard for the first commandment.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they came together, and one of them,

a teacher of the Law, tried to trap him with a question. "Teacher," he asked, "which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

Jesus answered, "Love The Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and the most important commandment. The second most important commandment is like it: 'Love your neighbor as you love yourself.' The whole Law of Moses and the teachings of the prophets depend on these two commandments."

Matthew 22:34-40

A teacher of the Law was there who heard the discussion. He saw that Jesus had given the Sadducees a good answer, so he came to him with a question: "Which commandment is the most important of all?"

Jesus replied, "The most important one is this: 'Listen, Israel! The Lord our God

Is The Only Lord. Love The Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second most important commandment is this: 'Love your neighbor as you love yourself.' There is no other commandment more important than these two."

The teacher of the Law said to Jesus, "Well done, Teacher! It is true, as you say, That Only The Lord Is God and that There Is no other god But He. And man must love God with all his heart and with all his mind and with all his strength; and he must love his neighbor as he loves himself. It is more important to obey these ~~two~~^{two} commandments than to offer on the altar animals and other sacrifices To God."

Jesus noticed how wise his answer was, and so he told him, "You are not far From The Kingdom Of God."

After this nobody dared to ask Jesus any more questions.

Mark 12:28-34

A teacher of the Law came up and tried to trap Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to receive Eternal life?"

Jesus answered him, "what do the Scriptures say? How do you interpret them?"

The man answered, "'Love The Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind'; and 'Love your neighbor as you love yourself.'"

"You are right," Jesus replied; "do this and you will live."

But the teacher of the Law wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "who is my neighbor?"

Jesus answered, "There was once a man who was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho when robbers attacked him, stripped him, and beat him up, leaving him half dead. It so happened that a priest was going down that road; but when he saw the man, he walked on by on the other side. In the same way a Levite also came there, went over

and looked at the man, and then walked on by on the other side. But a Samaritan who was traveling that way came upon the man, and when he saw him, his heart was filled with pity. He went over to him, poured oil and wine on his wounds and bandaged them; then he put the man on his own animal and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Take care of him,' he told the innkeeper, 'and when I come back this way, I will pay you whatever else you spend on him.'"

And Jesus concluded, "In your opinion, which one of these three acted like a neighbor toward the man attacked by the robbers?"

The teacher of the Law answered, "The one who was kind to him."

Jesus replied, "You go, then, and do the same." Luke 10:25-37

The second commandment is very important for us, but not as important as the first. Without the greatest commandment being practiced first, much of what is seemingly achieved via the second commandment (which is sometimes substituted to the golden rule, Matthew

7:12 and Luke 6:31) without the first commandment is subject to waste, corruption, no concrete long term effect, and is what other people want everyone else to do. Not only can we see these problems in well intended (some not so well intended -- with other motives and character, personality, and social problems involved) disbursements and agencies of the United States Government, but I can personally witness to the fact. For about ten years, I put the second commandment above the greatest commandment. However, much of what I did in the second commandment seemed to be too little and not very effective long term -- and much of it more in vain than I thought it would be. Since I have put greater importance on the first commandment, more solid work in the second commandment seems to be accomplished, combined with going through Jesus.

I began the adventure in 1977. While pondering over the greatest commandment, I decided that, it being important enough, I would write it down. Obtaining a simple shirt cardboard, I wrote across it, "Love The Lord my God with all my heart, with all my soul, and with all my strength."

I figured it was important enough to display, so I put it in my bedroom, where I was sure to see it everyday (above the T.V.).

After awhile, I decided: instead of a vague rationalization, why not put it into practice? So, I did.

On my knees at the foot of my bed, I concentrated on my heart and loving God on my heart and loving God with it, sending my love

to Him, and generating more love to Him. Considering all of my mind, I loved God with my conscious mind; then, I loved God with the deep resources and memory of relationships With God with my subconscious mind; and, then, loved God with my conscious and subconscious mind combined. In loving God with my soul, I generated love To Him from the inner, whole man of me. In the last stage, I tightened the muscles in my body and with my strength sent love to Him from the center of my praying hands.

As days, weeks, and months progressed, modifications took place in my practice of the greatest commandment.

I added my spirit (defined as the outer, living, pure, invisible part of me that I can be aware of, promote, and feel) to loving God, and found that I was best able to associate my spirit and produce love through it in a more humble, prayer position, with my arms outstretched over the bed with my head in a face down, type position. It has been in loving God, my Father, with the spirit of my being that God's Infinity Has Opened Up More To me than other parts of my being loving God.

The Word Of God Is Alive And Active, Sharper Than any double-edged sword. It Cuts All The Way Through, To Where soul and spirit meet, To Where joints and marrow come together. It Judges the desires and thoughts of man's heart. There is nothing that can

be hid From God; everything in all creation is exposed and lies open Before His Eyes. And it is To Him that we must all give an account of ourselves.

Hebrews 4:12,13

It is implied in the greatest commandment that we love God, our Father, beyond just our heart, soul, strength, and mind; therefore, I have found that by combining my love To God from the different parts of my being, my love To God is fuller and multiplied (example, after my love has been established to God from each part of my being, I combine my spirit and strength together in loving God; then, my soul loving God, strength loving God, and spirit loving god are combined To Him; then, my heart, soul, strength, and spirit are combined together in loving God; and, then the love from my spirit, strength, soul, heart, and mind -- both conscious and subconscious -- combined and sent up To God, my Father).

After weeks of practice of starting with the conscious and subconscious mind separate, I began directing my total mind (both conscious and subconscious mind inclusive) To loving God. When a time point was reached, I did not have to concentrate on my subconscious mind -- it became automatic through my total mind; so, from that point in time, I said To God, "I love You God with my mind," and doing it the depths of my subconscious mind are joined with the powers of my conscious mind in loving God without

having to think about the separation of the two.

When I come To God in the greatest commandment and I felt that some part of my being was unclean, cloudy, and/or not pure enough, I will ask God, my Father, To Cleanse it, which He Does. I have often asked God, whom I love, To Do This For me, Because I want the love To Him to be as direct and pure as possible. Sometimes my concentration and sincerity is not as well in this request; and, in turn, that part of my being may not be As Cleaned as I would hope for, but that part is better.

For several months after starting the greatest commandment, I did not fully understand or practice the "all" with the different parts of my being. I did love God with the parts of my being as earlier written, but would not love Him with all of my heart, all of my mind, all of my soul, all of my strength, all of my spirit -- none of these parts of my being qualified in the "all" sense. It was like something was holding me back -- and that something was me (and possibly Satan). A concentrated effort was made on my part, and eventually I succeeded with the help of Jesus, The Son Of God, and The Holy Spirit.

But the time is coming and is already here, when By The Power Of God's Spirit people will worship The Father As He Really Is, offering Him the true worship That He Wants.

John 4:23

I write this for you and your church. I have not seen a theological book on this subject, probably because of society's emphasis on the second most important commandment and, separately, "The Ten Commandments", alone. I know of only one other person of Fort Thomas who practices this on a daily basis; how active that person's practice is I don't know.

As Christians we should take a clear look at the greatest commandment and not let the cloudiness of the past, nor let the irrationality of rationalizing it away, impede. We should actually and deliberately put into practice the greatest commandment on a personal, daily basis, even as this first most important commandment becomes more and more a part of us.

As you take time to practice the first commandment today and later, you may find out, among things, why it is a commandment.

Not only am I entrusting to you to practice this with God, as you being a leader in your church, also, to take it to the members of the church and help them with it -- in practice, orally, and posting with attention. If you should need more copies and/or if you have any questions and/or comments, feel free to call me at 441-1115 or write me at the Osborne's address of 438 Highland Avenue, Fort Thomas.

I pray that this helps you and your church.

Should not every professed Christian sincerely practice the Greatest Commandment?

With Christian Love,

Phil
Love The Lord your God
with all your heart, with
all your soul, and with all
your strength.

Deuteronomy 6:5

Lord Is the transliteration of Jehovah, which is the English translation of Yahweh (YHWH), which sounds like in Hebrew, "I am".

God Said, "I Am
Who I Am. You must
tell them: 'The One
Who Is Called I AM
Has Sent me To you.'
Exodus 3:14

Jesus answered "Love
The Lord your God with all
your heart, with all your
soul, and with all your mind.'
This is the greatest and
the most important command-
ment.

Matthew 22:37,38

Love The Lord your God
with all your heart, with
all your soul, with all your
mind, and with all your
strength.'

Mark 12:30

The following are
Verses, which will help
in the Greatest Command-
ment:

Genesis 6:22

Exodus 20:6

Deuteronomy ^{5:10}
6:4-9; 7:8,
9; 11:1,13,22; 13:3,4;

(Deuteronomy) 30:6,11-

14

Joshua 22:5; 23:11

Judges 2:17

1 Samuel 12:20,24;
15:22; 16:7

1 Kings 8:46-50; 13:21

2 Kings 2:11; 10:31;
22:2; 23:3,24

1 Chronicles 22:19;
29:2

2 Chronicles 5:13s;
6:36-41; 7:3; 16:9;
30:19; 31:21; 34:2,21,31

Nehemiah 1:5

Job 10:12

Psalms 9:1; 25:1,8-
17; 26; 29:1; 31:23,24;

34:14; 35:10; 59:10;
63:1-7; 69:36; 86:11,12;

91:14; 92:2; 94:1-15;
96:7; 97:10; 100:5;

103:18-20; 109:21;
111:1; 112:1; 116:1;

117:2; 118:1-5,8-10,13,
14,19,21,29; 119:5-

31,34-40,45-53,61-86,89-
91,99,100,104,105,111-

119,124-130,132-135,137,
140-145,149-152,160-163,

173-175; 143:8; 145:20

Proverbs 3:5-9; 4:23;
8:17; 15:3; 19:27

Ecclesiastes 12:13

Isaiah 1:18-20; 2:22;
26:⁹22; 42:5,10; 57:14,
15; 59:17; 63:7-13;

66:1-4

Jeremiah 2:2,3; 7:23-28; 12:3,16; 17:10; 24:7; 29:13; 31:20,33,34; 32:23

Lamentations 3:21-23,29

Ezekiel 14:12-20; 36:26

Daniel 9:4,23; 10:8-12,17-19; 12:3,10,13

Hosea 1:6,7; 6:4-6; 7:14; 11:4; 14:4-9

Zephania 3:14

Malachi 3:13-4:6

Matthew 5:3,6,8,17-20,48; 6:33; 11:27,29; 14:29-31; 15:3,8,9; 16:11; 22:37,38; 28:20

Mark 3:29; 7:8,9; 8:32-38; 9:23; 10:21; 12:27-30,43,44

Luke 2:51; 6:45-48; 9:47,57-11:13,27,28,42; 12:7-12,34; 13:23,24; 14:11; 16:14-17; 21:34

John 1:47; 2:21,24,25; 3:1-19,35,36; 4:23; 5:22,26,29; 8:42,50,51; 12:49-13:2; 14:14-16,20-25,29-31; 15:7-16,25-27; 16:13-15,26-28; 17:26; 21:15-17

Acts 5:32,33; 11:23

Romans 1:9; 5:5; 8

1 Corinthians 1:18-25; 2:9,10; 8:3; 13:13; 15:24-28

2 Corinthians 3:2-5

Galatians 2:19; 3:6-14; 6:8

Ephesians 2:4; 3:17-19; 5:8-10; 6:6,24

Philippians 2:11; 4:13

Colossians 2:22; 3:1,2

1 Thessalonians 5:23,24

2 Thessalonians 3:5

2 Timothy 1:7; 4:3,8

Hebrews 4:12; 8:10,11; 10:15,16; 11:6

James 1:5,12,22,25; 2:5; 3:2-4; 4:4-10,16,17

1 Peter 1:3-12; 2:5; 3:15

2 Peter 1:7-9; 2:21

1 John 1:6-8; 2:4-7; 3:14-24; 4:6-5:6

Revelation 1:5-7; 3:14-20; 12:17; 14:12; 19:5; 22:18-21

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*And from the time of John the Baptist began preaching and baptizing until now, the Kingdom of Heaven has been forcefully advancing, and until now, eager multitudes have been pressing into the Kingdom of Heaven.
Matthew 11:12 (NLT)*

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; Philippians 2:12 (NKJV)

He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be My son. Revelation 21:7 (KJV)

This song is still strong since the 19th century:

*♪ Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult Of our life's wild, restless sea, Day by day
His sweet voice soundeth Saying, "Christian, follow Me".
Jesus calls us from the worship Of the vain world's golden store, From each
idol that would keep us, Saying, "Christian, love Me more".
In our joys and in our sorrows, Days of toil and hours of ease, Still He calls
in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love Me more than these".
Jesus calls us by Thy mercies, Savior, may we hear Thy call, Give our hearts
to Thine obedience, Serve and love Thee best of all. A-men. ♪*

You can hear me sing this song by William Jude and Cecil Alexander on this Page 3 of this website. You can make a copy of these lyrics or this page -- feel free to sing along with me -- it will do your soul good.