

## New Testament Letters Biblical Commands

### Commands from Romans

**1. Romans 3:3-4 It is commanded that God will never be unfaithful to keep His Word and His Promises.**

*Rom 3:3-4 For what if some did not believe? Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect? 4 Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar. As it is written: "That You may be justified in Your words, and may overcome when You are judged." (NKJ)*

For God to be unfaithful and untrue would make Him cease to be God and worthy of our worship.

**2. Romans 6:11 Victory in Christian living begins with believing and declaring ourselves dead to the sin nature.**

*Rom 6:11 Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (NKJ)*

The foremost command for victory in Christian living is the constant realization that we have been freed from the power, authority and enslavement of the sin nature. We no longer have to serve it.

**3. Romans 6:12 Do not let sin reign any longer in your lives.**

*Rom 6:12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. (NKJ)*

Because of access to the power of God and being free of the enslavement of the sin nature, we are commanded not to allow sin to reign.

**4. Romans 6:13 Do not present yourself nor any part of yourself to be used for sin, but present yourself to God to be used for righteousness.**

*Rom 6:13 And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. (NKJ)*

Believers set free from enslavement to sin are not to yield to sin, but are to present themselves to God as instruments of righteousness.

**5. Romans 6:19 Present ourselves and our body parts as slaves to righteousness serving holiness.**

*Rom 6:19 I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness. (NKJ)*

Every part of our lives and parts of our bodies should be presented to the Lord to be used for righteous and holy ends.

**6. Romans 11:9 Rejection of God's truth commands the Lord to ensnare us by the alternatives we choose.**

*Rom 11:9 And David says: "Let their table become a snare and a trap, a stumbling block and a recompense to them. (NKJ)*

God's Truth when accepted brings blessing. When rejected, the alternatives will become a trap and snare in life.

**7. Romans 11:10 Rejection of God's truth commands the Lord to ensnare us by the alternatives we choose.**

*Rom 11:10 Let their eyes be darkened, so that they do not see, and bow down their back always." (NKJ)*

God's Truth when accepted brings blessing. When rejected, the alternatives will become a trap and snare in life.

**8. Romans 11:18 Do not gloat over having received the inheritance of others who have been judged for rejecting truth.**

*Rom 11:18 do not boast against the branches. But if you do boast, remember that you do not support the root, but the root supports you. (NKJ)*

God is not will that any should perish, but many will for their own bad choices and we should not gloat over their loss.

**9. Romans 11:20 Under grace do not think ourselves better than others, but rather respond with respect and fear of our position by grace.**

*Rom 11:20 Well said. Because of unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by faith. Do not be haughty, but fear. (NKJ)*

We have what we have by undeserved grace and therefore should not be high-minded about it, but respond in reverence of our gracious position.

**10. Romans 11:22 Look at and understand to two streams flowing from the Lord of goodness and of severity dependent on choice to follow Him.**

*Rom 11:22 Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off. (NKJ)*

God is both a God of gracious goodness as well as a God of severe judgment dependent on our choices for or against Him.

**11. Romans 12:2 Don't be conformed to the world's viewpoints, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind from the scriptures.**

*Rom 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. (NKJ)*

The faulty thinking born out of sin and rebellion must be transformed by the assimilation of God's thinking found in the Scriptures.

**12. Romans 12:14 In areas of personal enemies, believers are to bless and not curse our persecutors**

*Rom 12:14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. (NKJ)*

Personal enemies are to be treated with blessing rather than cursing from us as believers as an example of God's love of the world.

**13. Romans 12:16 Do not think higher of yourself than you are in reality.**

*Rom 12:16 Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion. (NKJ)*

In our thinking, others are to be esteemed above us and we are not to elevate ourselves higher than we are in reality.

**14. Romans 12:10-18 Command Force Participles (19)**

In these verses the Lord gives directive principles that are not directly in the Greek Imperative, but as participles connected to imperatives they carry the force of being God's Will for us.

(v.10) 1. Be kindly affectionate to one another

2. giving preference to one another;

(v.11) 3. not lagging in diligence,

4. fervent in spirit,

5. servicing the Lord;

(v.12) 6. rejoicing in hope

7. patient in tribulation

8. continuing steadfastly in prayer;

(v.13) 9. distributing to the needs of the saints

10. given to hospitality.

(v.15) 11. Rejoice with those who rejoice

12. weep with those who weep.

(v.16) 13. Be of the same mind toward one another.

14. Do not set your mind on high things

15. associate with the humble.

(v.17) 16. Repay no one evil for evil.

17. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men.

(v.18) 18. If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. (NKJ)

**15. Romans 12:19 When personally wronged make room for the vengeance of God.**

*Rom 12:19 Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. (NKJ)*

Rather than executing our own vengeance for wrongs we are commanded to allow the Lord to handle all vengeance.

**16. Roman 12:20 Have an attitude and actions that would feed and give drink to our personal enemies.**

*Rom 12:20 Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head." (NKJ)*

With the Lord handling true vengeance our attitudes and actions are to graciously give to our personal enemies food and drink as needed.

**17. Romans 12:21 Do not be conquered by the sins of personal enemies, but conquer them with good.**

*Rom 12:21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. (NKJ)*

Evil here is the evil of enemy sin natures to which we are not to succumb, but rather to conquer with good.

**18. Romans 13:1 Be under the authority of authorities placed over us.**

*Rom 13:1 Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. (NKJ)*

God has ordained authorities for the orderly function of humanity and His will is to follow this chain of command.

**19. Romans 13:3 Under authority we are to do that which is good and right**

*Rom 13:3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. (NKJ)*

The Lord's rightly established authorities uphold the good which each believer is to be practicing so as to be good citizens.

**20. Romans 13:4 Fear authorities and punishment when contemplating the doing of wrong or evil.**

*Rom 13:4 For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil. (NKJ)*

Authority carries punishment for those who disobey and do evil. Fear of the punishment should deter one from doing evil.

**21. Romans 13:7 Honor all rightly established authorities giving tribute, respect, and honor.**

*Rom 13:7 Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor. (NKJ)*

All authority is to be respected and given what ever honors are due them.

**22. Romans 13:8 Believers are not to violate Biblical debt principles in money, tribute, honor, nor respect.**

*Rom 13:8 Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. (NKJ)*

The Lord has provided clear principles on debt involving money, taxes, tribute, or honor which are to be followed.

**23. Romans 13:14 Be clothed with the new principles of Christ and not making any provision for the flesh and its old life.**

*Rom 13:14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts. (NKJ)*

As believers we are to walk in the principles of the Lord Jesus Christ and remove ourselves from the lusts of the flesh.

**24. Romans 14:1 Strong believers are to accept and receive weaker believers with a view to fellowship and not straightening them out**

*Rom 14:1 Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things. (NKJ)*

Weaker believers may have trouble with Christian liberties and yet we are commanded to receive them and have fellowship with them.

**25. Romans 14:3 In stronger-weaker believer positions the strong is not to despise the weak nor the weak judge the strong.**

*Rom 14:3 Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. (NKJ)*

The pitfall of the stronger believer is to despise the weak while the pitfall of the weak is to judge the strong.

**26. Romans 14:5 Let conscience be the guide on the observance of special or holy days.**

*Rom 14:5 One person esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind. (NKJ)*

In dealing with inconsequential things where the Lord allows freedom, the individual conscience is to be the guide.

**27. Romans 14:13 Judge that we do not put stumbling blocks before one another.**

*Rom 14:13 Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother's way. (NKJ)*

Rather than judging one another it is more important that we judge the possibilities of putting stumbling blocks before one another.

**28. Romans 14:15 Do not destroy weaker believers by flaunting our liberties**

*Rom 14:15 Yet if your brother is grieved because of your food, you are no longer walking in love. Do not destroy with your food the one for whom Christ died. (NKJ)*

Christian liberties are to be enjoyed but not at the expense of destroying the faith of a younger believer

**29. Roman 14:16 Do not let good and proper things be used wrongly so as to be classified as wrong and improper.**

*Rom 14:16 Therefore do not let your good be spoken of as evil; (NKJ)*

Good things improperly used and applied can make them appear to be wrong and spoken of as evil.

**30. Romans 14:20 For the sake of liberties we are not to destroy the work of God in other believers.**

*Rom 14:20 Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All things indeed are pure, but it is evil for the man who eats with offense. (NKJ)*

The work of the Lord in the lives of all growth levels of believers is more important than our liberties.

**31. Romans 14:22 Belief and Practice in certain liberties should be kept to ourselves before the Lord.**

*Rom 14:22 Do you have faith? Have it to yourself before God. Happy is he who does not condemn himself in what he approves. (NKJ)*

Each liberty practiced begins with faith before God that it is a liberty and should not be flaunted.

**32. Romans 15:2 The Lord desires us to please our neighbor towards edification.**

*Rom 15:2 Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification. (NKJ)*

A general principle of the faith is that of pleasing and edifying others over ourselves.

**33. Romans 15:7 All types of believers are in the family of God and we are to receive them all.**

*Rom 15:7 Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God. (NKJ)*

All believers are first-class citizens by sharing and equal position in Christ. They are all to be accepted in fellowship.

**34. Romans 15:10 In the Church Age there are to be no distinctions between Jewish and Gentile Christians as both are to rejoice together.**

*Rom 15:10 And again he says: "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!" (NKJ)*

The Church is comprised of Jew and gentile in one body, the partition has been broken down.

**35. Romans 15:11 Along with rejoicing we are to praise the Lord and laud (or glorify) Him together.**

*Rom 15:11 And again: "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!" (NKJ)*

Jew and Gentile share in the wonders of salvation and God's Plan and should praise and glorify Him together.

**36 - 49. Romans 16:3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 Be hospitable and kind in meeting and greeting other believers***EXAMPLE Verse**Rom 16:3 Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, (NKJ)*

Believers are to be examples in mannerly greeting and conveying good wishes to one another.

**Summary**

1. God will never be unfaithful to keep His Word and His Promises (1)
2. Victory in Christian living begins with believing and declaring ourselves dead to the sin nature. (2)
3. Do not let sin reign any longer in your lives. (3)
4. Don't present any part of ourselves to sin, but to righteousness. (4,5)
5. Desire God to snare those practicing unrighteousness. (6,7)
6. Don't gloat over the judgment on others. (8)
7. Don't think of ourselves better than we are. (9,13)
8. Two streams: goodness and severity flow from the Lord. (10)
9. Don't be conformed to this world, but transformed by God's Word. (11)
10. With personal enemies we are to practice blessing and not cursing. (12,16,17)
11. Make room for the Lord to handle all vengeance. (15)
12. Be under and honor rightful authorities doing right and fearing to do wrong. (18,19,20,21)
13. Do not violate Biblical debt principles in money, tribute, honor, nor respect. (22)
14. Be clothed with Christ and make no provisions for the flesh. (23)
15. Stronger believers are to accept weaker believers and vice-versa without despising, judging, or being stumbling blocks. (24,25,27,33)
16. Conscience is to rule in areas of doubtful things. (26)
17. For the sake of liberties do not destroy weaker believers. (28,30)
18. Do not allow good to be classified and presented as evil. (29)
19. Don't flaunt Christian liberties, but keep them to self. (31)
20. As a general principle we are to please and edify neighbors. (32)
21. In our age there is to be no distinction between Jew and Gentile. (34,35)
22. Be always cordial to other believers. (36-49)