

Bible Commands

There are 613 commands found in the Old Testament. Removing any command that pertains only to the king of Israel, the Sanhedrin, or the priests in the temple gets us down to the 70 commands in the first list below. The second list contains the 82 commands of Christ found in the four Gospels. The last list is the 124 commands of the apostles from the rest of the New Testament. The majority of each are present in the other two lists.

Old Testament Commands - 70

God

1. Know that God exists. (Ex. 20:2; Deut. 5:6)
2. Realize that no other gods exist. (Ex. 20:3)
3. Hallow God's name; do not profane it. (Lev. 22:32)
4. Know that God is one, a complete unity / Trinity. (Deut. 6:4)
5. Love God. (Deut. 6:5)
6. Fear God reverently. (Deut. 6:13; 10:20)
7. Do not test God. (Deut. 6:16)
8. Direct prayer (service) only to God. (Ex. 23:25; Deut. 6:13-14)
9. Learn the Laws of God and teach them. (Deut. 6:7)
10. Cleave to those who know Him. (Deut. 10:20 – the Talmud states that cleaving to scholars is equivalent to cleaving to Him.)
11. Do not add, or take away, from God's commands. (Deut. 12:32)

Moral Laws

12. Honor the old and the wise. (Lev. 19:32)
13. Love all people. (Lev. 19:18)
14. Do not murder. (Ex. 20:13)
15. Do not lie. (Lev. 19:11)
16. Do not take a bribe. (Ex. 23:8)
17. Do not covet. (Ex. 20:17)
18. Do not defraud. (Lev. 19:13)
19. Do not be a glutton or a drunkard. (Deut. 21:20)
20. Do not steal. (Ex. 20:15; Lev. 19:11)
21. Return lost property. (Deut. 22:1)
22. Do not kidnap / enslave. (Ex. 21:16, Deut. 24:7)
23. Do not surrender an escaped slave back to his owner. (Deut. 23:15-16)
24. Do not be a talebearer. (Lev. 19:16)
25. Do not hate. (Lev. 19:17)
26. Do not take revenge. (Lev. 19:18)
27. Do not bear a grudge. (Lev. 19:18)
28. Do not afflict an orphan or a widow. (Ex. 22:22)
29. Do not intermarry with unbelievers. (Deut. 7:3)
30. Do not punish those who sin under duress. (Deut. 22:26)
31. Do not stand idly by when human life is in danger. (Lev. 19:16)
32. Gently rebuke one found in sin. (Lev. 19:17)

Prophecy

33. Watch for "the Prophet" (Messiah) and follow exactly His teaching (including changes in law). (Deut. 18:18-19)
34. Follow true prophets. (Deut. 18:15)

Family

35. Honor your father and mother. (Ex. 20:12)
36. Do not smite your father or a mother. (Ex. 21:15)

37. Do not curse your father or mother. (Ex. 21:17)
38. Reverently fear your father and mother. (Lev. 19:3)
39. Be fruitful and multiply. (Gen. 1:28)

Eating of Blood

40. Do not eat flesh cut from a living animal. (Deut. 12:23)
41. Do not eat flesh of a beast that died of itself. (Deut. 14:21)
42. Do not eat blood. (Lev. 7:26)

Forbidden Sexual Relations

43. Do not marry a near kin; it is incest (Lev. 18:6)
44. Do not commit adultery. (Lev. 18:20)
45. Do not commit sodomy. (Lev. 18:22)
46. Do not commit bestiality. (Lev. 18:23)
47. Do not have extra-marital sex. (Deut. 23:18)
48. Do not have pre-marital sex. (Deut. 22:28-29)
49. Marry legally. (Deut. 24:1)
50. Do not withhold food, clothing, or conjugal rights from a wife. (Ex. 21:10)
51. Divorce by a formal written document. (Deut. 24:1)
52. Rapists are to be put to death. (Deut. 22:25)

Idolatry, Idolaters and Idolatrous Practices

53. Do not make or buy idols. (Ex. 20:4)
54. Do not bow down to an idol. (Ex. 20:5)
55. Do not have any idol paraphernalia. (Deut. 7:25-26)
56. Destroy idolatry and its paraphernalia. (Deut. 12:2-3)
57. Do not drink wine of idolaters. (Deut. 32:38)
58. Do not listen to false prophets. (Deut. 18:20)
59. Do not listen to cult leaders or their writings. (Deut. 13:2-3)
60. Do not swear by an idol to its worshipers, nor cause them to swear by it. (Ex. 23:13)
61. Do not adopt the institutions or customs of idolaters. (Lev. 18:3; Lev. 20:23)
62. Do not cut your beard or hair like pagans do. (Lev. 19:27; Deut. 14:1)
63. Do not cut or pierce your flesh. (Lev. 19:28; Deut. 14:1)
64. Do not tattoo your body. (Lev. 19:28)
65. Do not plant a tree for worship. (Deut. 16:21)
66. Do not cross-dress. (Deut. 22:5)

Occult

67. Do not practice astrology or enchantment. (Lev. 19:26)
68. Do not practice sorcery or divination. (Deut. 18:10)
69. Do not practice the art of casting spells. (Deut. 18:11)
70. Do not enquire of a conjuror, necromancer, or wizard. (Deut. 18:11)

The Commands of Christ - 81

God

1. Love the Lord your God with all your heart. (Mt. 22:37)
2. Do not tempt God. (Mt. 4:7, Deut. 6:16)
3. Only worship and serve / pray to God. (Mt. 4:10; Deut. 6:13)
4. Fear God rather than man. (Lk. 12:5)
5. Do not deny your faith in Jesus. (Lk. 12:8)
6. Receive the Holy Spirit. (Jn. 20:22)
7. Keep seeking the Holy Spirit. (Lk. 11:9, 13)
8. Do not blaspheme the Holy Spirit. (Lk. 12:10)
9. Ask / pray in Jesus' name. (Jn. 16:24)
10. Pray. (Lk. 11:2)
11. Let the Word take root in you. (Mt. 13:20, 21)
12. Study. (Lk. 2:49; 4:4)
13. Believe all the prophets. (Lk. 24:25)

Doctrine

14. You must put Christ's commands before all to be His disciple. (Lk. 14:7-35; Jn. 14:15)
15. You must believe all Jesus teaches. (Jn. 12:48; 14:15, 23)
16. You must believe in the Trinity (Mk. 12:29-30)
17. You can only come to God through Jesus. (Jn. 14:6)
18. You must believe Jesus is the "I AM." (Jn. 8:24)
19. You must be born again. (Jn. 3:3)
20. Look for the signs of the end times. (Mt. 24:15)
21. Jesus will return to earth. (Mt. 26:64)
22. False christs will appear. (Mk. 13:6)
23. Jesus is the Son of God. (Mt. 17:5)

Ceremonial Laws

24. The Sabbath was temporary. (Mt. 12:1-8, Mk. 2:23-28)
25. Food laws were temporary. (Lk. 11:41, Mk. 7:18-19)
26. Do not overload or burden people with legalistic traditions. (Lk. 11:46)

Life

27. Be perfect. (Mt. 5:48)
28. Do not give holy things to dogs. (Mt. 7:6)
29. Give, pray, and fast in secret. (Mt. 6:1-18)
30. Judge righteously, not by appearance. (Jn. 7:24)
31. Watch for false prophets who do miracles. (Mt. 7:15)
32. Endure persecution and the cares of this life. (Mt. 13:18-23)
33. Do not nullify the God's word by traditions. (Mt. 15:1-9)
34. Do not cause a little one to sin. (Mt. 18:6)
35. Forgive a brother every time he truly repents. (Mt. 18:22)
36. Obey authorities but do not imitate their evil. (Mt. 23:3)

37. Make disciples of all nations. (Mt. 28:19)
38. Love your enemies. (Lk. 6:27)
39. Be merciful. (Lk. 6:36)
40. Deny yourself. (Lk. 9:23)
41. Do not hide your light. (Lk. 11:33)
42. Do justice and love God. (Lk. 11:42)
43. Watch what you say. (Lk. 12:3)
44. If a brother sins, rebuke him. (Lk. 17:3)
45. If a brother repents, forgive him. (Lk. 17:3)
46. Be armed. (Lk. 22:36)
47. Keep asking, knocking, and searching. (Lk. 11:9)

Morality

48. Love your neighbor as yourself. (Mt. 19:19)
49. Do to others what you would have others do to you. (Mt. 7:12)
50. Repent. (Mt. 4:17)
51. Do not say raca or call a brother a fool. (Mt. 5:22)
52. Do not curse parents. (Mt. 15:4; Ex. 21:17)
53. Be content with your wages. (Lk. 3:14)
54. Do not resist evil; turn the other cheek (Mt. 5:39)
55. Reconcile with a brother quickly. (Mt. 5:23-24)
56. Love and pray for your enemies. (Mt. 5:44, Lk. 6:27)
57. Deny yourself daily, and follow Christ. (Mk. 8:34)

Sin List

58. Drunkenness (Lk. 21:34)
59. Becoming distracted by the cares of life (Lk. 21:34)
60. Gluttony (surfeiting) (Lk. 21:34)
61. Not honoring your parents (Mk. 10:19)
62. Adultery or "look to lust" (Mt. 5:27)
63. Divorce (Mt. 5:31, 32; Mk. 10:4-9)
64. Marrying one unlawfully divorced (Mt. 5:31, 32)
65. Murder, being angry without cause (Mt. 5:20)
66. Intimidation (Lk. 3:14)
67. Breaking oaths (Mt. 5:33)
68. Making unnecessary oaths (Mt. 5:33)
69. Worrying (Mt. 6:31-33; Lk. 12:22)
70. Judging unrighteously (Mt. 7:1; Lk. 6:37)
71. Being a hypocrite (Mt. 7:5, Lk. 12:1)
72. Fornication (Mt. 15:19)
73. Lying, slandering (Mt. 15:19)
74. Being stingy (Lk. 6:38)
75. Coveting (Lk. 12:15)
76. Murmuring (Jn. 6:43)
77. Defrauding (Mk. 10:19)
78. Pride (Mk. 10:37-38)
79. Evil thoughts, theft (Mt. 15:19)
80. Greed (covetousness), Malice (wickedness), deceit, lasciviousness (Mk. 7:22)
81. Envy (evil-eye), arrogance (pride), folly (Mk. 7:22)

The Commands of the Apostles - 124

God

1. Believers know God exists and rewards those who seek Him. (Heb. 11:6)
2. Serve God reverently. (Hebrews 12:28)

Idolatry

3. Flee from idolatry. (1 Cor. 10:7, 10; 1 John 5:21)
4. Do not wear pagan jewelry or clothes. (1 Pet. 3:3-4; 1 Tim. 2:9)
5. Do not be a Nicolaitan. (Rev. 2:6)
6. Do not be of the synagogue of Satan (replacement theology). (Rev.2:9; 3:9)
7. Abstain from meats offered to idols, blood, things strangled, and fornication. (Acts 15:20, 29; Rev. 2:14, 20)
8. Do not ask about food set before you, but refuse it if you are told it was offered to idols. (1Cor.10:25-29)

Obey Authorities

9. Obey the apostles: Paul (1 Cor. 4:6, 11:1; Phil 2:12, 3:17, 4:9) and John (3 John 9-10)
10. Study the prophets and the commands of the apostles. (2 Pet. 3:2)
11. Obey Paul's epistles: (1 Cor. 14:37; 1 Thess. 2:15; 2 Thess. 2:15; 3:14-15; 2 Tim. 1:13; Heb. 13:22)
12. Obey pastors and elders. (1 Thess. 5:12-13; Heb. 13:17) Do not rebuke them. (1 Tim. 5:1-2, 19) Give them double honor. (1 Tim. 5:17-18)
13. Obey and honor parents. (Eph. 6:1-2; Col. 3:20)
14. Fathers, provoke not your children to anger. (Col. 3:21)
15. Obey the government. (Tit. 3:1-2, Rom. 13:1, 6-7, 1 Pet. 2:13)
16. Bosses, treat employees with respect. (Eph. 6:9; Col. 4:1)
17. Employees, obey your bosses in all things as you would the Lord. (Col. 3:22; Eph. 6:5; 1 Pet. 2:18; Tit. 2:9-10)
18. Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king. (1 Pet. 2:17)

Ceremonial Laws

19. Circumcision: Christians are not subject to it. (Acts 15:1, 19-20; Eph. 2:11-12; Tit. 1:11-14; Phil. 3:2)
20. Sabbath and festivals: Christians are not subject to them. (Col. 2:16-17; Rom. 14:3-22)
21. Jewish food laws: Christians are not subject to them. (Col. 2:16-17; Rom. 14:3-22; Acts 10:15)
22. Do not put man's tradition or angelic law above Christ's law. (Col. 2:18)
23. Practice communion (1 Cor. 11:24-25), but do not take it in an unworthy manner. (1 Cor. 11:28)
24. Baptism is not necessary for salvation, but is commanded. (1 Cor. 1:17; Acts 2:38)
25. Men pray with head uncovered and short hair. (1 Cor. 11:6-13)

26. Women pray with head covered and long hair. (1 Cor. 11:6-13)

Doctrine

27. Do not be anti-Semitic. (Rom. 11:17-21)
28. Avoid those who deny the doctrine of Christ. (2 Jn. 9)
29. Avoid Gnostics. (1 Tim. 6:20)
30. Believe Jesus is the Son of God. (1 Jn. 3:23, 4:9, 5:20)
31. Jesus will return in the flesh. (2 Jn. 7; Acts 1:11)
32. Jesus is the only Christ. (1 Jn. 2:22, 5:1)
33. Jesus is sinless. (1 Jn. 3:5)
34. Believe in the Trinity. (Phil. 2:5-8; 1 Jn. 5:6-8)
35. Jesus is the only way to eternal life. (Jn. 3:17-18)

Marriage

36. Do not defraud a spouse of conjugal rights. (1 Cor. 7:2-5)
37. Do not divorce. If you must separate, remain unmarried or return to your spouse. (1 Cor. 7:10-11)
38. If the unbeliever in a marriage departs, the Christian is under no obligation to remain single. (1 Cor. 7:15)
39. Wives, submit to your own husbands, as fit in the Lord (Col. 3:18; Eph. 5:22-24; 1 Pet. 3:1) and reverence your husband. (Eph. 5:33)
40. Submit to one another in the fear of God. (Eph. 5:21)
41. Husbands, love your wives. (Eph. 5:25, 28, 33) Do not be bitter against them (Col. 3:19). Honor them so your prayers will not be hindered. (1 Pet. 3:7)
42. It is not a sin to marry or to stay single. (1 Cor. 7:28-38)
43. Do not marry an unbeliever. (1 Cor. 7:39)
44. Do not practice polygamy. (1 Tim. 3:2; Tit. 1:6)
45. Young women, love your husbands and children, be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to your own husbands. (Tit. 2:4-5)

Tithes and Money

46. Everyone should give; not grudgingly, or of necessity. (2 Cor. 9:7)
47. Bring offerings on Sunday. (1 Cor. 16:2)
48. Give financially to Bible teachers. (Gal. 6:6)
49. Owe no man anything. (Rom. 13:8)

Church Government

50. Pastors and deacons should be the husband of one wife, not a novice, blameless, non-violent, holy, good teacher / debater, sound in doctrine. (1 Tim. 3:2-10; Tit. 1:6-9)
51. Come together with Christians for study. (Heb. 10:25) Desire serious Bible study to become mature. (1 Pet. 2:2)
52. Do not argue. Instruct with meekness and patience. (2 Tim. 2:24-25)
53. Warn the unruly, comfort the feeble-minded, support the weak, be patient toward all men. (1 Thess. 5:14).
54. Fellowship with those who are weak in the faith, but do not allow them to argue. (Rom. 14:1)

55. Women do not preach or pastor a church. (1 Cor. 14:34-35; 1 Tim. 2:11-12)
56. Avoid heretics after the second warning. (Tit. 3:10-11; 1 Cor. 5:4-5; Rom. 16:17; 2 Thess. 3:6; 1 Tim. 6:3-5)
57. Teach truth and call out heretics by name. (Eph. 5:11; Acts 20:28-31)
58. Desire spiritual gifts, especially prophesying (1 Cor. 12:31, 14:1) and use them to edify the church. (1 Cor. 14:12)
59. Only speak in tongues if there is an interpreter present. (1 Cor. 14:13, 27-30) Do not forbid speaking in tongues. (1 Cor. 14:39)
60. Practice spiritual gifts decently and in order. (1 Cor. 14:40)
61. Be filled with the Holy Spirit. (Eph. 5:18)

Sin Lists

62. The law is fulfilled in this: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." (Gal. 5:14; Rom. 13:9)
63. Fornicators, idolaters, homosexuals, thieves, covetous, drunkards, revilers, shall not inherit the kingdom of God. (1 Cor. 6:9-10)
64. Do not fornicate. (1 Cor. 6:18, 10:8; 1 Thess. 4:3)
65. Do not test God / Christ. (1 Cor. 10:9)
66. Do not complain or argue. (1 Cor. 10:10; Phil. 2:14)
67. Avoid pride, envy, and provoking one another. (Gal. 5:26; Phil. 2:3)
68. Do not commit adultery or murder. (Rom. 13:9; Jam. 2:11)
69. Do not show partiality. (James 2:1; 1 Tim. 5:21)
70. Avoid rioting, chambering, strife, and envy. (Rom. 13:13)
71. Do not slander. (1 Tim. 3:11)
72. Do not lie. (Eph. 4:25)
73. Do not steal. (Eph. 4:28)
74. Do not covet. Be content. (Heb. 13:5; 1 Tim. 6:8)
75. Do not be a stumbling block. (1 Cor. 8:9)
76. Do not seek vengeance. (Rom. 12:19-21)
77. Do not love worldly things. (1 Jn. 2:15)
78. Do not be slothful. (Rom. 12:11)
79. Do not swear oaths. (Jam. 5:12)
80. Avoid a 'root of bitterness' (Heb. 12:15, Jam. 3:14)
81. Avoid guile and hypocrisy. (1 Pet. 2:1)
82. Avoid filthy or foolish talking and joking. (Eph. 5:3-4)
83. Put off anger, wrath, and blasphemy. (Col. 3:8)
84. Avoid a busybody. (1 Pet. 4:15)
85. Evil is this: For men shall be lovers of their own selves, unthankful, without natural affection, incontinent, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God. (2 Tim. 3:2-4)
86. Do not eat with a "Christian" who practices sin: fornicator, covetous, idolater, railer, drunkard, or extortioner. (1 Cor. 5:9-11)

Christian Life

87. Repent, and be converted. (Acts 2:38, 3:19, 17:30)
88. Reprove those who sin. (Eph. 5:11)
89. Prefer fellowship of Christians. (Rom. 12:10; 1 Cor. 16:22)
90. Preach and testify of Jesus. (Acts. 10:42)
91. Transform / renew your mind by the Word. (Rom. 12:2)
92. Be humble and think soberly. (Rom. 12:3)
93. Pray: without ceasing (1 Thess. 5:17; Col. 4:2), in the Spirit (Eph. 6:18; Jude 20), about everything (Phil. 4:6), without wrath and doubting. (1 Tim. 2:1-2, 8)
94. Show brotherly love to one another. (Rom. 12:10)
95. Bear the infirmities of the weak. (Rom. 15:1)
96. Do not receive God's grace vain. (2 Cor. 6:1)
97. Grow to maturity, comfort each other, be of one mind, and live in peace. (2 Cor. 13:11)
98. Do not grieve the Holy Spirit. (Eph. 4:30)
99. Do not quench the Spirit (1 Thes. 5:19)
100. Do not despise prophesyings. (1 Thes. 5:20)
101. Keep away from everything evil. (1 Thes. 5:22)
102. Be humble. (Phil. 2:3-8; James 4:10; 1 Pet. 5:6)
103. Work. Do not depend on others. (2 Thess. 3:10-12)
104. Take care of your own family. (1 Tim. 5:4-8)
105. Seek righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. (1 Tim. 6:11)
106. Speak evil of no man. (Tit. 3:2)
107. Do not pray for people who have died. (1 John 5:16)
108. Study Scripture. (2 Tim. 2:15)
109. Practice good works. (Tit. 2:6-8, 3:8, 14)
110. Avoid an evil heart of unbelief. (Heb. 3:12)
111. Daily exhort each other to avoid being hardened. (Heb. 3:13)
112. Be patient in tribulation. (Rom. 12:12; James 1:3-4)
113. Show hospitality without grudging. (1 Pet. 4:9)
114. Submit to elders in true humility. (1 Pet. 5:5)
115. Be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience. (Tit. 2:2)
116. Be holy. (1 Pet. 1:15-16; Heb. 12:14)
117. Cleanse yourself from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. (2 Cor. 7:1)
118. Forgive. (Col. 3:13; Eph. 4:32)
119. Bear each other's burdens, this fulfills the law of Christ. (Gal. 6:2)
120. Love each other with a pure heart perfectly. (1 Pet. 1:22)
121. Live a quiet life and support yourself. (1 Thess. 4:11-12)
122. Have a good reputation among unbelievers. (Col. 4:5; 1 Pet. 2:12, 3:16; 1 Thess. 4:11-12)
123. Be gracious in speech, but truthful, knowing how to answer each man correctly. (Col. 4:6)
124. Be ready to answer the spiritual questions of others. (1 Pet. 3:15)