

How to Keep the Two Greatest Commandments

Shalom Family, let's dive into this topic together and see what the Word of Yah reveals.

Loving Yahuah and Loving Your Neighbor

When asked which commandment is the greatest, Yahshua gave a simple but profound answer:

- *Matthew 22:37–40 – “You shall love Yahuah your Elohim with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Torah and the Prophets.”*

These commandments are not new, they come directly from the Torah:

- Love Yahuah – Deuteronomy 6:5
- Love your neighbor – Leviticus 19:18

Yahshua emphasized that all the commandments of Scripture flow from these two: loving Yahuah guides our relationship with Him, and loving our neighbor guides our relationships with others.

1. Loving Yahuah

Loving Yahuah is more than emotion, it is obedience, devotion, and worship in every part of life.

Steps to Love Yahuah:

1. Obey His Commands – John 14:15: “If you love Me, guard My commands.”
2. Worship Him Alone – Exodus 20:3: Avoid all idolatry.
3. Study His Word and Meditate – Psalm 1:2–3: Let Scripture shape your heart and mind.
4. Trust and Submit – Proverbs 3:5–6: Depend fully on His guidance.
5. Keep His Appointed Times – Observe the Sabbath and feasts as acts of devotion (Exodus 31:13; Leviticus 23:2).

Summary: Loving Yahuah means putting Him first in everything, your thoughts, actions, and priorities.

2. Loving Your Neighbor

The second commandment focuses on our relationships. Loving others is inseparable from loving Yahuah.

Steps to Love Your Neighbor:

1. Do Justice, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly – Micah 6:8: Treat people fairly and with compassion.
2. Forgive Others – Matthew 6:14–15: Release grudges and resentment.
3. Serve and Care for Others – James 1:27: Help those in need, like the widows, orphans, and poor.
4. Speak Truth in Love – Ephesians 4:15: Encourage and correct wisely.
5. Treat Others as Yourself Would Want to Be Treated – Matthew 7:12: The Golden Rule is a practical application of loving your neighbor.

Summary: Loving your neighbor means actively seeking their good and treating them with respect, compassion, and fairness.

3. How the Two Commandments Relate to the Ten Commandments

The Ten Commandments are fully encompassed by the two greatest commandments:

- Love Yahuah fulfills commands such as:
 - “You shall have no other gods before Me” (Exodus 20:3)
 - “You shall not take the name of Yahuah in vain” (Exodus 20:7)
 - “Remember the Sabbath day” (Exodus 20:8)
- Love Your Neighbor fulfills commands such as:
 - “You shall not murder” (Exodus 20:13)
 - “You shall not steal” (Exodus 20:15)
 - “You shall not bear false witness” (Exodus 20:16)

Thus, loving Yahuah and others is not optional, it is the heart of all Torah instructions.

4. Keeping Other Commandments Helps Fulfill These Two

Every commandment Yahuah gave strengthens our ability to love Him and others:

- Observing the Sabbath demonstrates love for Yahuah by honoring His timing.
- Living morally pure shows love for others by protecting them from harm.
- Giving tithes and caring for the poor expresses devotion to Yahuah and compassion for neighbors.

In short, obedience to all His instructions flows out of love, love for Yahuah and love for our neighbor.

Conclusion

To keep the two greatest commandments:

1. Love Yahuah fully – with your heart, soul, and mind, obeying His Word and putting Him first.
2. Love your neighbor actively – through justice, mercy, forgiveness, service, and respect.

When we obey these commandments, we fulfill the Ten Commandments and all other instructions Yahuah gave. Every act of obedience demonstrates love for Him and for those around us.

“On these two commandments hang all the Torah and the Prophets.” (Matthew 22:40)

Loving Yahuah and loving your neighbor is the foundation of holiness, showing the world that we are set apart for His purposes.

Until we meet again, may we continue to walk in the undeniable truth of Yah’s Word.

Shalom,

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Daily Checklist: How to Keep the Two Greatest Commandments

Part 1: Loving Yahuah

Obey His Commands

- Daily reminder: Ask yourself, “Am I following Yahuah’s instructions today?”
- Scripture: John 14:15 – “If you love Me, guard My commands.”

Worship Him Alone

- Avoid idols or worldly distractions that take your focus from Yahuah.
- Scripture: Exodus 20:3 – “You shall have no other mighty ones before Me.”

Study and Meditate on His Word

- Read Torah/Scripture daily. Reflect on how it applies to your life.
- Scripture: Psalm 1:2–3 – “But his delight is in the Torah of Yahuah, and in His Torah he meditates day and night.”

Trust and Submit to His Guidance

- Make decisions with prayer and acknowledgment of Yahuah’s direction.
- Scripture: Proverbs 3:5–6 – “Trust in Yahuah with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding.”

Keep His Appointed Times

- Observe the Sabbath and other feast days as acts of devotion.
- Scripture: Exodus 31:13; Leviticus 23:2

Part 2: Loving Your Neighbor

Do Justice, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

- Treat people fairly, show compassion, and remain humble in actions.
- Scripture: Micah 6:8

Forgive Others

- Release grudges and extend forgiveness daily.
- Scripture: Matthew 6:14–15

Serve and Care for Others

- Look for opportunities to help the needy, widows, orphans, and those in trouble.
- Scripture: James 1:27

Speak Truth in Love

- Encourage, correct wisely, and avoid harmful speech.
- Scripture: Ephesians 4:15

Treat Others as Yourself Would Want to Be Treated

- Practice the Golden Rule in every interaction.
- Scripture: Matthew 7:12

Part 3: Connecting Obedience to Holiness

- Every commandment you obey strengthens love for Yahuah and others.
- Observing Sabbath, feasts, moral purity, and service to others are practical ways to fulfill these commandments.
- Scripture: Matthew 22:40 – “On these two commandments hang all the Torah and the Prophets.”

Tip for Daily Use:

- Review this checklist each morning or evening.
- Ask: “Did I love Yahuah today? Did I love my neighbor?”
- Take small steps daily, holiness grows through consistent practice, not perfection.