

**Psalm 119:43, Patient Endurance Sustains Believers Who Defer
People Testing to the Supreme Court of Heaven, Lev. 19:18; Mt.
7:12; Mk 12:28-30; Aggressive Love for God**

- 15) We see Him first refer to Leviticus 19:18 in His Sermon on the Mount in:

Matthew 7:12 - "Therefore, however you want people to treat you, so treat them. This is the Law and the Prophets."

- 16) Note that the Lord only quotes the last half of Leviticus 19:18. He makes reference to the positive mandate which follows two negative mandates.

Leviticus 19:18 - "You shall not take vengeance, nor bear a grudge against your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord."

- 17) Obviously, if you keep the latter, the former two will not occur.

- 18) Further, the Lord introduces us to the tandem problem-solving devices which emerge from this Law in:

Mark 12:28 - One of the Scribes came and heard them arguing and recognizing that Jesus had answered them well, asked Him, "What commandment is the foremost of all?"

- 19) This man was probably a Pharisee because one of the major debates among those theologians was which among all the commandments summarized the whole?
- 20) There are 613 commandments in the Mosaic Law, 365 are negative mandates and 248 are positive.
- 21) He wants the Lord to resolve their debate by stating a general commandment which if followed would enable one to summarize the entire Law.
- 22) Our Lord's response begins with one's required relationship with God which results in the divinely required relationship He expects to occur among men.

Mark 12:29 - Jesus answered, “The foremost is [**Deuteronomy 6:4-5, the *Sh’mah***], ‘Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is the unique One.

v 30 - ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’”

- 23) This is the foremost mandate and it requires an all-encompassing personal love for each Member of the Godhead.

NOTE: No personal love toward God means no unconditional love toward your fellow man. No unconditional love toward your fellow man means no application of Leviticus 19:18 and consequently no patient endurance under undeserved suffering. Therefore, personal love for God is a requirement and a prerequisite for fulfilling the Royal Law.

- 24) Personal love for God falls into two categories:

- a. Aggressive Love: This is the attitude required of the believer who actively seeks to pursue the plan of God. In doing so he must check his agenda at the door and operate exclusively on God’s agenda. This requires enduring devotion to God expressed through intensive love.

NOTE: Aggressive Love can be characterized as “enduring devotion,” an aggressive and vigorous pursuit of truth by means of the Grace Apparatus for Perception. Such devotion is the “intensive love” and “profound dedication” one has toward inculcation of divine truth on a consistent basis.

This type of love is characterized by enduring loyalty to truth, consecration of purpose, and dedication to the cause of fulfilling the plan.

NOTE: “Consecration” has to do with devoting yourself to the achievement of “harmonious rapport” with God by means of knowing His Word. The end result is the advance to πληρομα status before God.