

## The Greatest Commandments

### Matthew 22:34-40:

34 But when the Pharisees had heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together.  
35 Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying,  
36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law?  
37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.  
38 This is the first and great commandment.  
39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.  
40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

### Mark 12:28-34:

8 And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all?  
29 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:  
30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.  
31 And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.  
32 And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he:  
33 And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.  
34 And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no man after that durst ask him any question.

### Luke 10:25-37:

25 And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?  
26 He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou?  
27 And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.  
28 And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.  
29 But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour?  
30 And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.  
31 And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.  
32 And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.  
33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him,  
34 And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.  
35 And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.  
36 Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?  
37 And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

See also Deut. 6:5; 11:1, 13, 22; 13:3; 19:9; 30:6, 16, 20; Josh. 22:5; 23:11; Psa. 31:23; 97:10; 116:1.