



Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God,  
 the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God  
 with all your heart, and with all your soul, and  
 with all your might. Keep these words that I am  
 commanding you today in your heart. Recite them  
 to your children and talk about them when you  
 are at home and when you are away, when you lie  
 down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on  
 your hand, fix them as an emblem on your  
 forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your  
 house and on your gates.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9  
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## “Following the Instructions”

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God wants His Kingdom to come both \_\_\_\_\_ you and \_\_\_\_\_ you.

We dislike instructions because...

- 1) They are \_\_\_\_\_!
- 2) They need to be \_\_\_\_\_!
- 3) They go against \_\_\_\_\_ way of doing things!  
 Oftentimes, instructions seem to be our \_\_\_\_\_.

The Israelites felt the \_\_\_\_\_ about the instructions given to them!  
 Deuteronomy: “\_\_\_\_\_ law”

Dallas Willard’s “Highpoints” of the Law:

- The 10 Commandments (Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5)
- The “Shema” (which means “\_\_\_\_\_”) in Deuteronomy 6
- Love \_\_\_\_\_ in Leviticus 19

The responses of the Israelites to God’s instructions:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ the instructions.

Hosea 11:1-4

Even in our lowest moments, when we feel the most unlovable, God  
 loves us with a love that knows no limits.

- 2) Follow the instructions without really \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Whenever we follow the instructions without following God, we miss  
 the \_\_\_\_\_ point of the instructions.

These instructions were given to help us live out our identity as the  
 \_\_\_\_\_ people of God and to bring us closer to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

Now What? Why Does This Matter?

- 1) We will fall more in love with the \_\_\_\_\_ of the instructions.  
 Justin Gravitt: “Spiritual disciplines are, and must remain, the means  
 not the end.”
- 2) We would look at the instructions \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) Treasure and \_\_\_\_\_ the instructions.

Action Steps

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ the 10 Commandments.
- 2) Have \_\_\_\_\_ conversations with family and friends.

According to Jesus, we are closest to building God’s Kingdom whenever  
 we are loving God and neighbor. #1Cfridays