

## TOP PRIORITY

Intro. One of the prob of life and esp Xn is prob of priority. See it in matters of time, energies. Xn wants to relate that to Bible and thus practice becomes dependent on what you think is most imp command of Bible. Matt 28 or Jn 13:34 or Eph 4:32 or 2 Cor 6:17.

I. The ~~questz~~ Request, 28.

A. Scribe. Matt says lawyer. A Pharisee.

All scribes Phar but not vice versa. Guardians of the law. They were (1) jurists--theoretical development of the law; (2) teachers of it; (3) judges in court. Under (1) illus of light switch in Israel. Great respect for scribe--"respect for a teacher should exceed respect for a Father"

B. Motive. Prob good. Had heard ques. of tribute and res that preceeded and since spent life in law here was chance to get another opinion.

C. Question. 613 commandmts. 365 neg. 248<sup>in the CB</sup> (body) positive. Sabb, circ, sac. offerings most imp. Ques. was "of what kind is greatest". Expected Lord to say greatest concnd sabbath or sometzz group. Lord's says THIS is, not this kind.

## II. The Reply, 29-31

A. Definite. Above.

B. True bec X answered.

C. Clever bec didn't single out one and yet did and not from decalogue.

D. Comprehensive bec ones szgn cited covered all.

E. Complete bec Lord gives 1st 2 imp ones.

(1) Love Lord.

Who? True God, Deut 5:4. Jehovah typical

name by which God known in Mosaic period.

Relates to His power to redeem, Ex 3:14;6:4.

We know Him more fully today and not in relatn to earthly redemptn but heavenly.

What? Love Him.

How? With everything in us. Body (strength), heart, soul, mind.

(2) Love neighbor, Lev 19:18. In another place

(Lk 10) Lord says neighbor is anyone who needs help.

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III. Reactions, 32-34.

Scribe realized this was right answer.  
Lord encouraged him.

Concl. What is love.

Seeking good in one loved.

Cuddling or slapping child is love.

Thus can love without liking.

Love God is to want the best for Him.

What is best. It's His will.

Want His will seen. With all heart  
strength, mind, soul. Study.

Can't study. When sit down get tired  
but doesn't happen other times, so  
not cut out for study. Love God with  
your strength.

Love neighbor. In dorm but esp  
around us. What is best for neighbor.

Lead him to X. What is God's will  
-that none should perish.

If you give top priority to most imp  
commandts while in this school I bel  
it will involve showing your love for  
God in studies and life in school and  
showing love for neighbor by desire,  
nor requirement, to witness.

Pray make me a blessing.

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