



“...a net...cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind.” Matthew 13:47

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**THE GOSPEL COMMANDMENTS OF LEADERSHIP—**

This is a great list of qualities that we all need. Although the author is unknown, the thoughts are right on. Let this be an encouragement to you.

1. People are illogical, unreasonable and self-centered. **Love and trust them anyway.** (Luke 23:34)
2. If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. **Do good anyway.** (Matthew 11:16-19)
3. If you are successful, you will win false friends and true enemies. **Succeed anyway.** (Luke 19:36-38; John 19:15)
4. The service you render today will be forgotten tomorrow. **Serve people anyway.** (Luke 17:17)
5. Honesty and frankness will make you vulnerable. **Be honest and frank anyway.** (Luke 12:51; Luke 13:5)
6. The biggest men with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest men with the smallest ideas. **Think big anyway.** (Luke 22:22,24)
7. People pretend to love the “little” people but sell their souls to the “big” people. **Fight for the “little” people anyway.** (Matthew 19:14)
8. What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight. **Build anyway.** (Matthew 26:48,49,56)
9. People really need help but may attack you if you do help. **Help people anyway.** (Luke 4:18,19,28,29)
10. Give the world the best you have and you’ll get kicked in the teeth. **Give the world the best you have anyway.** (Matthew 27:17,21)

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**ON VOTING—**The very first Supreme Court Justice, John Jay, said, “Americans should select and prefer Christians as their rulers.”

Consider these Bible verses before casting your ballot in November.

Psalms 33:12, “*Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.*”

Proverbs 2:7, “*He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly.*”

Proverbs 11:23, “*The desire of the righteous is only good: but the expectation of the wicked is wrath.*”

Proverbs 12:5, “*The thoughts of the righteous are right: but the counsels of the wicked are deceit.*”

Proverbs 14:9, “*Fools make a mock at sin: but among the righteous there is favour.*”

James 4:17, “*Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.*”

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**A COVENANT OF SALT—**The LORD made a Covenant of Salt with Aaron and his offspring in Numbers 18. The Covenant of Salt comes from an ancient practice when people carried with them a small pouch of salt. When two or more people would enter into an agreement they would each take some salt from their

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pouch and mix it together. They would then break some bread and dip it into the salt and eat it together. When they were finished they would gather up the remaining salt, divide it equally and put it back into their pouches. The only way to break the salt covenant would be to separate each grain of salt from the other’s pouch and return it to its original owner’s pouch. Since this was impossible to do, the Covenant of Salt remained in effect forever and could never be broken.

Such are the promises of God. When life gets you down and leaves you feeling broken, you can always stand on the unbreakable promises of God. He has promised, “*...thou shalt not be forgotten of me*” Isaiah 44:21. “*...I am with you always...*” Matthew 28:20. “*...I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee*” Hebrews 13:5. “*...I will help thee...*” Isaiah 41:10, and “*...I will preserve thee...*” Isaiah 49:8.

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**LITTLE IS MUCH—**In 1954 Ray Kroc (1902-1984), a 52-year-old high school dropout selling milkshake mixers, visited a restaurant owned by brothers Dick and Maurice McDonald. Impressed with the potential of their operation, Kroc began working for the brothers as a franchising agent. Before long Kroc began opening his own McDonald’s restaurants across America. Desiring greater expansion, he bought out the McDonald brothers in 1961. Under Kroc’s leadership the McDonald’s Corporation grew to 1,500 franchises worldwide by the end of the 1960s. When this high school dropout died at age 81, his estimated worth was \$500 million and the McDonald’s Corporation was worth \$8 billion. He proved that it’s not what you have that counts, it’s how you use what you have.

Like Ray Kroc, Jesus’ disciples didn’t have college degrees, yet they were the greatest of all preachers. They used what little they had for the glory of God and God blessed it. “*...Go, and do thou likewise*” (Luke 10:37). Little is much in the hands of God.

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**JUST DO IT!—**John 2:5, “*His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.*”

Twenty-five years ago a well-known shoe company ran a successful campaign with these words as a slogan—Just Do It! Those words called for action. They intimated that excuses should not be made. There should be no questions or debates on what was to be done. Mary told that to these servants, long before there were shoe companies or advertising to “Just Do It!” This was said after Jesus had lovingly reminded her of who He was when she wanted Him to do her will. She told the servants to do whatever Jesus told them to do. So it is with us today. We need to be told, as servants of the Lord Jesus Christ, to do whatever He says to do. We need to do it without

excuses. We need to do it without questions or conditions. We need to do it whether we understand why or not. We need to do it if it is difficult or easy. We need to do it and then see what Jesus will do. We should not be surprised when we see Him work as we obey His Word. Just do it!

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**BROADCASTING GOD**—(Note: Fisher-Mund liked to read after Vance Havner, a preacher from a previous generation. The following article was from a time when radio was “king” in the world. Today it is still a vital means of communication. Written September 30, 1931.)

I walk down the streets of a little town. Almost every house has a radio and every one seems to be broadcasting. The president of the United States is speaking. I pass by a palatial residence and from it comes his voice through a costly set. Along to more modest houses I still hear the same voice from the cheaper loud speakers. Then along to the poor folk’s row, and yet the chief executive’s voice sounds out through plain rooms and out broken windows to me. All sorts of homes—but the voice is the same. Radio outfits are of varied makes and values but the message is one.

Life is like that. I like to think that, no matter what street we live on, what price our house, we are as near God as anybody else. The same voice that one hears from the mansion by radio is all around the cheapest house in town, waiting to be received and expressed. God is no respecter of persons. He is as near the back alley as the boulevard, and wherever an humble heart will accept and transmit His message He will speak. The eternal voice will come into our modest little dwelling, your simple heart, as gladly as into the cultured, prosperous folk on Main Street. They have no monopoly on God. They may have the edge on you in money, finery, furnishings, but as the same programs come through cheap sets as well as exquisite cabinets, so the heavenly music will come to your house no matter where you live. “...*The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart.*...” Romans 10:8 (and similarly in Deuteronomy 30:14).

What a fine world if we could walk along by every home and from every human heart the Chief Magistrate of the Universe were speaking! Is God broadcasting from your house? Alas, there is jazz and gossip and business and stock market reports and profanity and falsehood emanating, for most lives are not tuned in on God. Even on Sundays, if the sermon grows too long they switch off to some more congenial theme. When the orchestra of heaven is ever on the air, what tragedy that most of us should only, at best, catch fleeting strains of divine music as we range up and down the dial listening for horse races and foxtrots.

What are you catching in the radio of your heart? What programs do you broadcast from the set of your soul? Do your children ever hear the finer things, the eternal features on the programs of time, or do they catch nothing from you but the trivial advertisements of the temporal? Do your neighbors ever know that you tune in on heaven? When you visit and talk with men around you, what is the theme? How pitiful that we should pass through this world so full of opportunities to broadcast God, and yet those around us never hear from us a voice of heaven.

Someone greater than the president is “on the air”. The God of all the earth is broadcasting. Yield your little heart radio to Him and keep tuned in. When care and trouble

and temptation would move the dial, keep ever on your guard that no other program ever shall come through. And above all things, don’t put up a station of your own and send out your own programs! Your business is to rebroadcast God.

I like to think that heaven will be a fair city where one, walking along the streets, shall never catch any strains of evil, but from every dwelling place shall ring out one happy chorus of praise to Him who has redeemed us. No discords of sin and heartache and trouble but everywhere the harmony of lives perfectly attuned to God!

What is going out over the air from your house and your heart? Are you broadcasting God? --VH

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**WORDS AND MORE**—Since school classes have again begun for a new term, English Grammar students may be learning about the humor in malapropisms. A malapropism is the use of an incorrect word in place of another, especially when the incorrect word sounds similar to the correct one. President George W. Bush is remembered for a Bushism in 2000, “We cannot let the terrorists and rogue nations hold this nation hostile...” (hostage). A former Chicago mayor once spoke about “...tantrum bicycles...” (tandem). After losing a boxing match in 2002 Mike Tyson said, “I might just fade into Bolivian...” (oblivion).

Another grammar term, oxymoron, can make you laugh. It might sound like a schoolyard insult, but it’s not. An oxymoron refers to a word, phrase or use of language that seems to directly contradict itself. Some are so common in our speech that we don’t realize they’re totally contradictory. Some examples:  
--old news --exact estimate --extinct life  
--awfully good --grow smaller --only choice  
--civil war --random order --bittersweet  
--definite possibility --and probably our favorite, jumbo shrimp.

Even the dreaded “typo” is always with us. Students will have so much fun, they won’t even know their learning (they’re--they are).

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#### **MORE “COUNTRY” SPEAKING**

--Into every life a little rain must fall. (Expect difficulties.)  
--I have some tissues in my pocketbook if you need one. (Pocketbook=purse.)  
--I’ve got a hitch in my get-along. (I’ve pulled a muscle or my arthritis is flaring up.)  
--I’ll be there directly. (I am coming soon.)  
--I’m fair to middlin’. (This refers to cotton grades and is average.)  
--I wish I had some earbobs to match this necklace. (Earbobs=earrings.)  
--You just better get glad in the same britches you got mad in! (Change your attitude and change it soon.)  
--Reckon I’ll mosey on down the road. (I’m leaving.)

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**FISHY QUESTION**—Last edition asked what wealthy man in the Bible had fourteen thousand sheep. The answer of Job is found in Job 42:12. This edition will test your early math skills with a math limerick.

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