

Unexpected Commands

(Matthew 20:19-20)

- Introduction:
1. Becoming a disciple doesn't demand that we know all the commandments of God.
 2. It does however demand that we have a resolve to obey him in all things.
 3. All of us realize that some commandments are easier to obey than others.
 4. And what I want to demonstrate in this lesson is that some commands are more unexpected than others, yet they must be obeyed.

I. Stop Praying

- A. (Exodus 14:10,15).
- B. Praying is good.
- C. We're commanded to pray (1 Thessalonians 5:17).
- D. But sometimes, it's time to stop praying and move forward.

II. Don't Feed The Hungry

- A. (2 Thessalonians 3:10).
- B. Am I serious? Surely the Lord would never command this.
- C. But he did.
- D. Again, there comes a point when we stop "helping" some individuals by enabling them to escape their responsibilities.
- E. We should always help a person in need, but help doesn't always come in the form they want.

III. Stop Preaching

- A. (Matthew 7:6).
- B. Jesus actually tells us to stop preaching to some people.
- C. These are people upon whom the gospel will have no effect.
- D. This will require judgment on our part, and isn't it ironic that it comes in the same chapter that states, "Judge not..."

- Conclusion:
1. While these commandments may sound unlikely, or unexpected, they were commanded by God.
 2. Let us give diligence to obey all the commands of God.