



Sermon Discussion Guide¹

Leviticus 19 | Kevin DeYoung

“The Levitical Law of Love”

Sunday Morning, April 30th, 2023

Big Idea: Love your neighbor as yourself (Lev 19:18b, Mk 12:30-31).

Outline ~ 5 Levitical “love languages”

(1) **Possessions** (2) **Words** (3) **Actions** (4) **Judgements** (5) **Attitudes**

1. **Holiness~Love:** Kevin said, “The way to walk with God in holiness is inextricably linked with the Levitical law of love.” Had you ever considered how *love* and *holiness* relate to one another in the Christian life?
 - a. What does *holiness* look like without *love*?²
 - b. What would *love* without like without *holiness*?
2. **Examples:** “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Jesus quotes this more than any other verse in the OT. How does Christ himself fulfill this commandment? Have you seen anyone in particular live this commandment out recently?
3. **Margins:** “As God’s people, we should deliberately plan our financial lives so that we have extra leftover for those in need, (...) that we would not grasp tightly onto every last penny we earn or are given but let some of it slip through our fingers.” How have you benefitted from the margins of another Christian?
4. **Priorities:** Kevin offered a guide for prioritizing one’s business dealings: (1) Principles, (2) People, (3) Products, (4) Profits. Have you ever been a part of a company that had these priorities mixed up? ...a company that has had these priorities well-ordered?
5. **Parents & Children:** The general commandment for children towards their parents is “honor.” For parents towards children, it is not to “provoke” (or, exasperate) them (see Eph 6:1-4). What do these commands say about each one’s tendency?
6. **Garage-Sale:** “We often have a garage-sale mentality with God.” That is, we want to give God what is left over and used rather than the first fruits. What does a “garage-sale mentality” reveal about one’s heart?
7. **Law~Love:** Why are *law* and *love* so often seen as contradictory? How does John 14:15 help us understand the relationship between *law* and *love*?
8. **Reflection:** *Law* and *love* meet perfectly in the Person of Christ:

“If you want love, get to know the law; and if you want love, get to know the only one who kept the law perfectly. Only one man ever loved his neighbor fully as himself. Only one man was always generous, always honest, always helpful, always fair. Only one man can forgive us of all our pettiness, all of our selfishness, all of our disobedience; because only one man has ever loved perfectly, and only one man has ever satisfied the Father’s impartial standard of justice. That man is the Lord Jesus Christ. The only one who has the power to forgive you, the power to change you, the power to enable you, the power by his Spirit to give you a new heart that you might love your neighbor as yourself. Only Jesus spoke all the five love languages with perfect fluency. And only Jesus can help us to speak them too.”

*Consider closing with the *Doxology*

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² Kevin also said, “Love is holiness lived out for the good of others.” Strictly speaking, love or holiness without the other is not true love or holiness at all. But for the sake of conversation, what might the *appearance* of one without the other look like?