

ROOMMANS

SEEING WHAT IS RIGHT • THROUGH GOD'S EYES



**What
is
this?**





**Change
the
accent a
little and
you just
said
welcome
in
Swahili!**



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Are You Well Dressed?



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Remember the Context!

The Context

The Mercy of God! “Done!”

- ❖ **Module 1 – “Condemned” God’s Righteous Judgement Ch. 1-3**
- ❖ **Module 2 – “Credited” Righteousness through Faith Ch. 4-5**
- ❖ **Module 3 – “Resurrected” Living Righteously through Christ Ch. 6-8**
- ❖ **Module 4 – “Secured” God Righteously Determines Ch. 9-11**

Responding to The Mercy of God! “Do!”

- ❖ **Module 5 – “Transformed” Righteousness Through Christ Ch.12-16**



The Context

- 1. Chapter 12 - What does 'well dressed' look like in the church?
(not the building)**
- 2. Chapter 13 - What does 'well dressed' look like in society?**



The Context

Chapter 13 - What does 'well dressed' look like in society?

- ✓ 8-10 – The Positive – it looks like.....
- ✓ 11-14 – The Negative – it is not



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Are You Well Dressed?

Romans 13:8-14

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Are You Well Dressed? 13:8-14

- 1. Love not Law v 8-10**
- 2. Clear not Cloudy v 11-14**



1. Love Not Law v 8-10



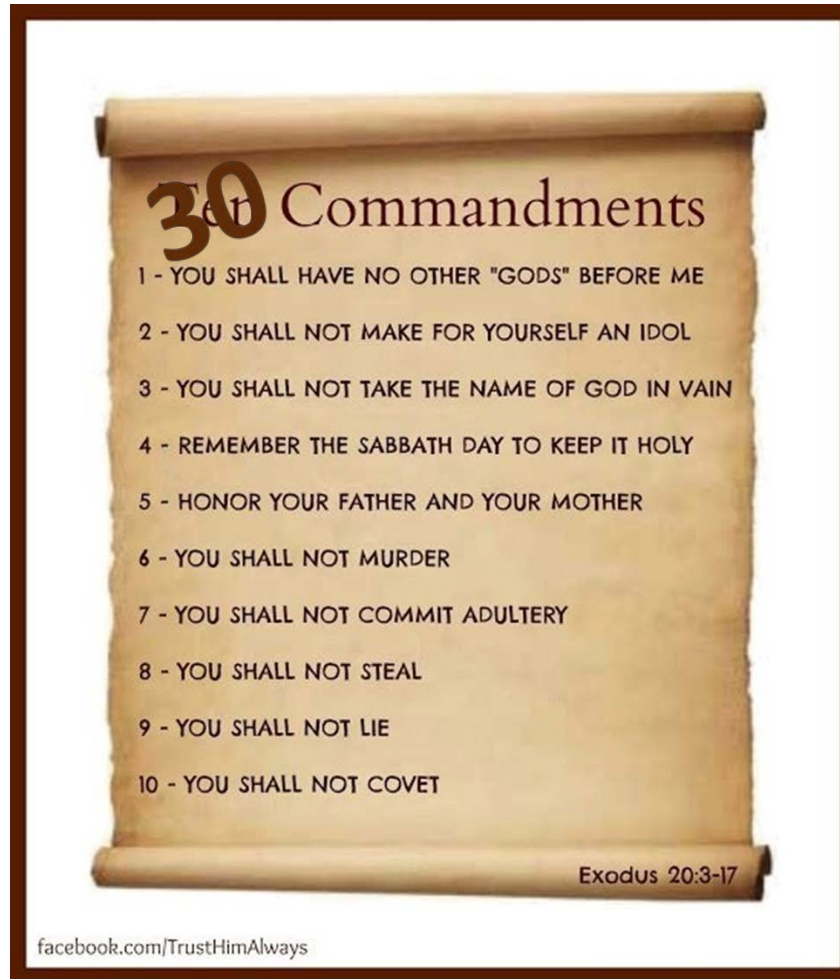
We love lists!

Show me what I must do!

**Oh how it oppresses me
when I fail!**



1. Love Not Law v 8-10



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**I have so much
work to
do?????**

Or

**Lord make me
like my Saviour!**



1. Love Not Law v 8-10

- Debt v 8 - stick to the context- not a lesson of whether we should borrow money – read proper passages for the subject of borrowing
- If anything, owe to no one, would refer to not cheating people!

““ ‘Do not defraud your neighbor or rob him. “ ‘Do not hold back the wages of a hired man overnight.’” (Leviticus 19:13, NIV84)



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“Look! The wages you failed to pay the workmen who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty.” (James 5:4, NIV84)



1. Love Not Law v 8-10

“Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to **love** one another, for he who **loves** his fellowman has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “Do not commit adultery,” “Do not murder,” “Do not steal,” “Do not covet,” and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: “**Love** your neighbor as yourself.” **Love** does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore **love** is the fulfillment of the law.” (Romans 13:8–10, NIV84)

Do we get the point????



1. Love Not Law v 8-10

**Something new and
revolutionary????**



1. Love Not Law v 8-10

Creation Module

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”” (Genesis 1:27–28, NIV84)



1. Love Not Law v 8-10

Fall Module

*“Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, **Be fruitful and increase** in number and **fill** the earth.”*

*“**Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed**; for in the image of God has God made man.”*

(Genesis 9:1, 6, NIV84)



1. Love Not Law v 8-10 Formation Module

““ ‘Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.’
(Leviticus 19:18, NIV84)



1. Love Not Law v 8-10 Kingdom Module

“With what shall I come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” (Micah 6:6–8, NIV84)



1. Love Not Law v 8-10

Return Module

“And when you were eating and drinking, were you not just feasting for yourselves? Are these not the words the LORD proclaimed through the earlier prophets when Jerusalem and its surrounding towns were at rest and prosperous, and the Negev and the western foothills were settled?” And the word of the LORD came again to Zechariah: “This is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another. Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the alien or the poor. In your hearts do not think evil of each other.’” (Zechariah 7:6–10, NIV84)



1. Love Not Law v 8-10

Incarnation Module

“Jesus replied: “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: **‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’** All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”” (Matthew 22:37–40, NIV84)



1. Love Not Law v 8-10

Mission Module

Paul

“Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.” (Romans 13:10, NIV84)



1. Love Not Law v 8-10

Restoration Module

“Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.” (Revelation 22:14–15, NIV84)



Love Not Law v 8-10

Love is not some flimsy mushy emotion that means you accept anything and everything.

“Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.” (1 John 4:8, NIV84)

Therefore:

Love is also righteous, can make judgements, discipline etc.



Love Not Law v 8-10

““For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16, NIV84)

“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her” (Ephesians 5:25, NIV84)

1 Corinthians 13:1-8 **Love is....**



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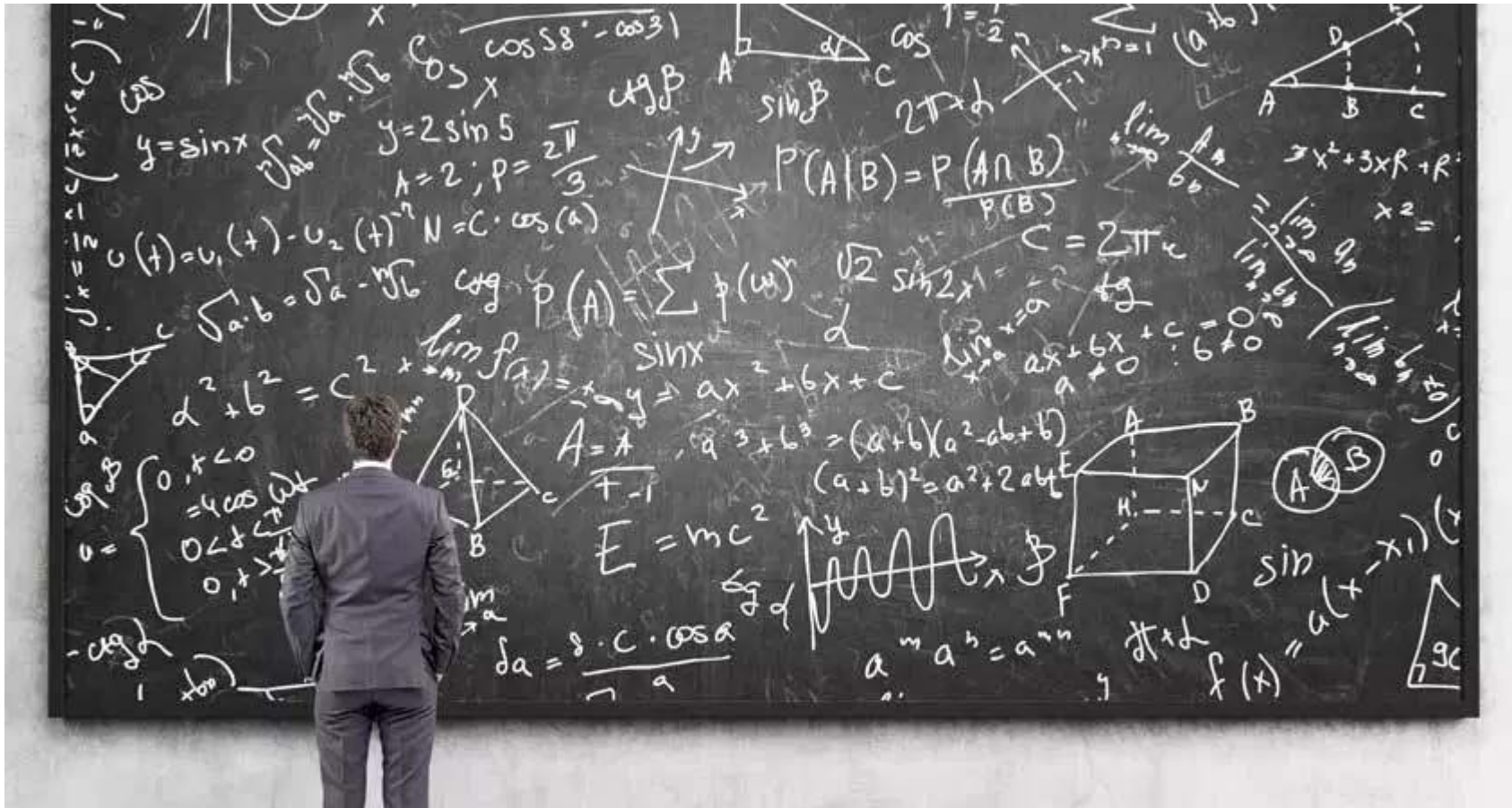
Not a checklist

Simply...

Who is first – you or others?



2. Clear Not Cloudy v 11-14



Living a transformed life is not Rocket Science



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Notice the Contrasts – how we live!

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“Let us behave decently, **as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy.” (Romans 13:13, NIV84)**



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6. **Put Off – Put On (reflecting on Christ)**

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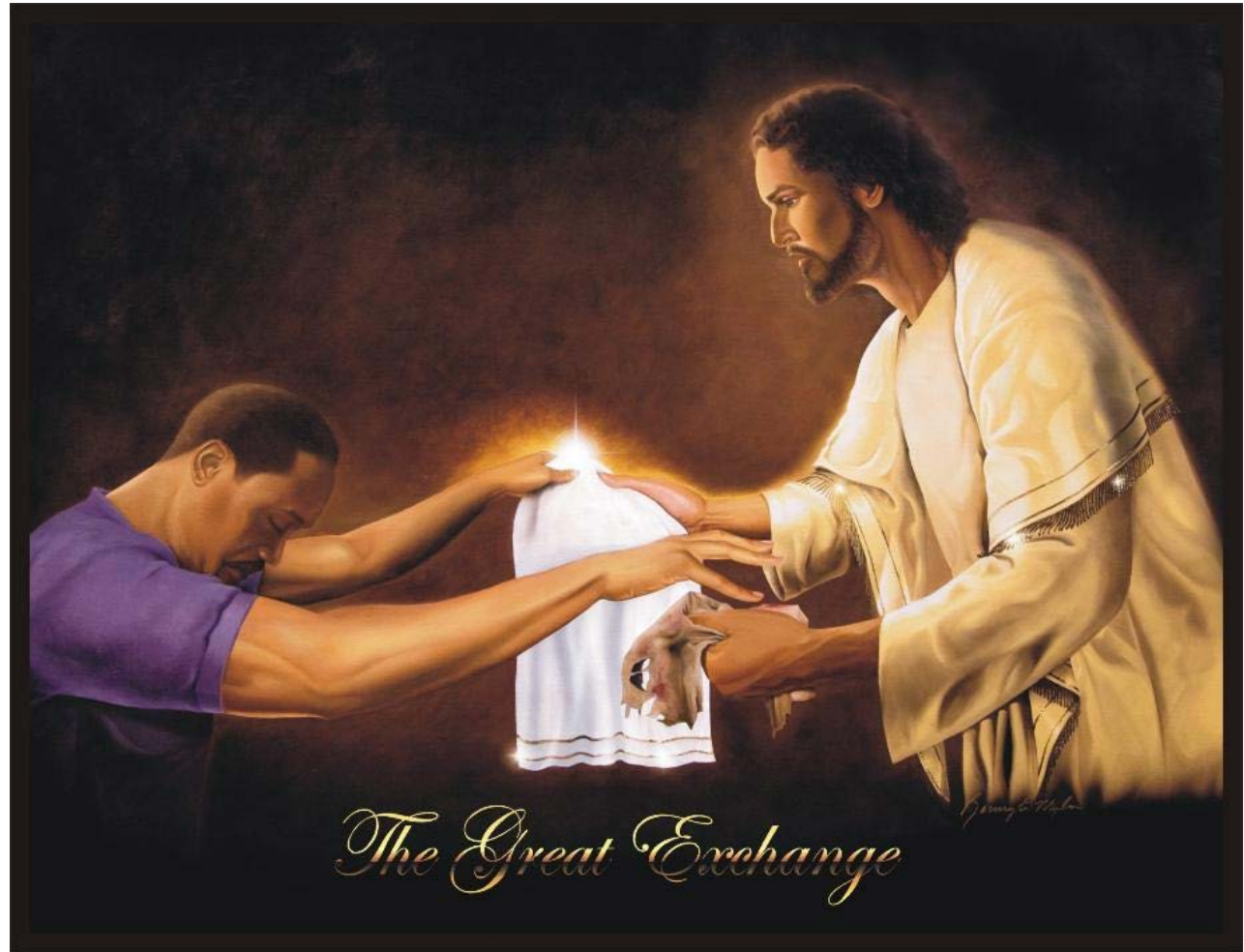
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