

Chapters (rough draft)

The theme of all Scripture is to love God with all of our hearts and to love one another. (See Matthew 22:40 and John 13:34.) Each chapter will be crafted around this theme, based on the 49 commands of Christ and their associated character qualities:

Keep My Commandments—*John 14:15*—Diligence
Let Your Light Shine—*Matthew 5:16*—Generosity
Honor God’s Law—*Matthew 5:17–18*—Love
Love the Lord—*Matthew 22:37–38*—Enthusiasm
Love Your Neighbor—*Matthew 22:39*—Gentleness
Seek God’s Kingdom—*Matthew 6:33*—Initiative
Fear God, Not Man—*Matthew 10:26*—Boldness
Render to Caesar—*Matthew 22:19–21*—Gratefulness
Ask, Seek, and Knock—*Matthew 7:7–8*—Resourcefulness
Ask in Faith—*Matthew 21:21–22*—Patience
Love Your Enemies—*Matthew 5:44*—Creativity
Be a Servant—*Matthew 20:26–28*—Availability
Go to Offenders—*Matthew 18:15*—Justice
Forgive Offenders—*Matthew 18:21–22*—Forgiveness
Judge Not—*Matthew 7:1*—Discernment
Beware of Covetousness—*Luke 12:15*—Contentment
Be Wise as Serpents—*Matthew 10:16*—Wisdom
Do Not Cast Pearls—*Matthew 7:6*—Discretion
Make Disciples—*Matthew 28:20*—Flexibility
Repent—*Matthew 4:17*—Humility
Be Born Again—*John 3:7*—Security
Follow Me—*Matthew 4:19*—Meekness
Rejoice—*Matthew 5:12*—Joyfulness
Be Reconciled—*Matthew 5:24–25*—Responsibility
Keep Your Word—*Matthew 5:37*—Truthfulness
Go the Second Mile—*Matthew 5:38–42*—Deference
Be Perfect—*Matthew 5:48*—Sincerity
Practice Secret Disciplines—*Matthew 6:1–18*—Faith
Lay Up Treasures—*Matthew 6:19–21*—Thriftiness
Do Unto Others—*Matthew 7:12*—Sensitivity
Choose the Narrow Way—*Matthew 7:13–14*—Decisiveness
Hear God’s Voice—*Matthew 11:15*—Attentiveness
Take My Yoke—*Matthew 11:29*—Obedience
Beware of Leaven—*Matthew 16:6*—Virtue
Deny Yourself—*Luke 9:23*—Determination
Receive God’s Power—*Luke 24:49*—Orderliness
Despise Not Little Ones—*Matthew 18:10*—Tolerance
Honor Marriage—*Matthew 19:6*—Loyalty
Pray For Laborers—*Matthew 9:38*—Compassion
Be a House of Prayer—*Matthew 21:13*—Persuasiveness

Bring in the Poor—*Luke 14:12-14*—Hospitality
Await My Return—*Matthew 24:42-44*—Punctuality
Take, Eat, and Drink—*Matthew 26:26-27*—Thoroughness
Beware of False Prophets—*Matthew 7:15*—Alertness
Do Not Commit “Adultery”—*Matthew 5:29-30*—Self-Control
Honor Your Parents—*Matthew 15:4*—Honor/Reverence
Watch and Pray—*Matthew 26:41*—Endurance
Feed My Sheep—*John 21:15-16*—Dependability
Baptize My Disciples—*Matthew 28:19*—Cautiousness

No, I don't know the details of how each command will apply; I'm going to start with the first one in the order I've arranged them, and work my way through! ☺

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