

“Modern Day 'Shalt Nots'”

Luke 10:27

Introduction

- I. It is no secret that over time, God told Israel things that they were not to do (e.g. The Ten Commandments (Exo. 20:3-17).
- II. Modern Israel, the church of Christ, has also been told things that we are not to do.

Discussion

- I. We are not to get discouraged.
 - A. Thinking on what Jesus endured for us, should help us not to get discouraged (Heb. 12:2-3).
 - B. Bible study should help us not to get discouraged (Acts 20:32).
 - C. Brotherly exhortation should help us not to get discouraged (Heb. 3:12-13).
 - D. Praying to the Father should help us not to get discouraged (Heb. 4:16).
- II. We are not to quit.
 - A. Christians must remember that we are not “losers” (Rom. 8:31).
 - B. Christians must continue to abound in the work of the Lord (1 Cor. 15:58; 16:13).
 - C. Quitting means forfeiture of salvation (Heb. 4:1).
- III. We are not to stop praying.
 - A. Prayer should be a regular part of our lives (1 Thess. 5:17; Luke 18:1; Col. 4:2).
 - B. Open communication with the Father is a blessing all too often not enjoyed (cf. Eph. 1:3; Phil. 4:6).
- IV. We are not to have fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness.
 - A. Light and darkness are opposites of one another, and Christians are children of light (Eph. 5:8, 11; 1 Thess. 5:5).
 - B. Our daily lives must be lived in the light (1 John 1:5-7).
 - C. We must make sure to avoid trying to fellowship brethren who have returned to darkness (2 Pet. 2:20-22; 2 Thess. 3:6, 14-15).

Conclusion

- I. These are just a few modern day “shalt nots.”
- II. Let us strive to follow God's Word in all things.