

*Paul's Letter to the*  
**Romans**

*Ch. 13:8-10*





## 2 COMMANDS EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD SEEK TO OBEY.

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1. Owe Nothing.
2. Love Your Neighbor.





# ROMANS 13:8-10



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10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.



# IS THIS AN INJUNCTION ON CARRYING ANY DEBT?



No. Lending and borrowing were permitted in the OT:

- ✓ Ex. 22:26 "If you lend money to My people, to the poor among you, you are not to act as a creditor to him; you shall not charge him interest."
- ✓ Deut. 15:7-9 "If there is a poor man with you, one of your brothers, in any of your towns in your land which the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart, nor close your hand from your poor brother; but you shall freely open your hand to him, and shall generously lend him sufficient for his need in whatever he lacks...."



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No. Lending and borrowing are found in the NT:

- ✓ Matt 5:42 "Give to him who asks of you, and do not turn away from him who wants to borrow from you."
- ✓ Luke 6:35 "But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return"
- ✓ Concept of investment borrowing is found in Matt 25:14-27 (Parable of the Talents.)



# WHAT ABOUT....

Proverbs 6:1 “My son, if you have become surety for your neighbor, Have given a pledge for a stranger....”



Proverbs 22:26 “Do not be among those who give pledges, Among those who become guarantors for debts.”

- ❖ This is telling us not to make yourself responsible for the debts of someone you don't know.
- ❖ In other words, don't Co-signing on a loan for a stranger.



# SO, IS LENDING AND BORROWING PERMISSIBLE?

- ✓ Yes!
- ✓ But with a warning...



Proverbs 22:7 says “The rich rules over the poor,  
And the borrower becomes the lender’s slave.”



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1. Pay your obligations...
2. Love!



# WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

Luke 10:25–29

25 And a lawyer stood up and put Him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”

26 And He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?”

27 And he answered, “YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND; AND YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.”

28 And He said to him, “You have answered correctly; DO THIS AND YOU WILL LIVE.”

29 But wishing to justify himself, he said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”





# LUKE 10:30-37

30 "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among robbers, and they stripped him and beat him, and went away leaving him half dead.



31 "And by chance a priest was going down on that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32 "Likewise a Levite also, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 "But a Samaritan, who was on a journey, came upon him; and when he saw him, he felt compassion, 34 and came to him and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them; and he put him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 "On the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I return I will repay you.'...



# WHO WAS THE NEIGHBOR?

36 "Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers' hands?" And he said,

37 "The one who showed mercy toward him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do the same."







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YOU DON'T NEED TO  
LOVE?



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