

## **Disciple, Part 7**

### **Loopholes**

#### **Matthew 15:1-7**

Then some Pharisees and teachers of the law came to Jesus from Jerusalem and asked, <sup>2</sup>“Why do Your disciples break the tradition of the elders? They don’t wash their hands before they eat!”

<sup>3</sup>Jesus replied, “And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition? <sup>4</sup>For God said, ‘Honor your father and mother’ and ‘Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.’ <sup>5</sup>But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is ‘devoted to God,’ <sup>6</sup>they are not to ‘honor their father or mother’ with it. Thus you nullify the word of God for the sake of your tradition. <sup>7</sup>You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you...”

#### **John 13:34**

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”

#### **Romans 13:8**

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.

**What does love require of me?**