

## An Exercise in Hermeneutics

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- \_\_\_ 1. Greet one another with a holy kiss (Rom. 16:16; 1 Cor. 16:20; 2 Cor. 13:12; 1 Thess. 5:26).
- \_\_\_ 2. Be baptized (Acts 2:38).
- \_\_\_ 3. If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out (Matt. 5:29).
- \_\_\_ 4. If anyone strikes you on the right check, turn to him the other also (Matt 5:39).
- \_\_\_ 5. Give to him who begs from you (Matt. 5:42).
- \_\_\_ 6. Love your enemies (Matt. 5:44).
- \_\_\_ 7. Abstain from fornication (Acts 15:29).
- \_\_\_ 8. Lay hands on individuals when commissioning them for a specific task (Acts 6:6; 13:2).
- \_\_\_ 9. Wash on another’s feet (John 13:14).
- \_\_\_ 10. Lift your hands when praying (1 Tim. 2:8).
- \_\_\_ 11. Prohibit women from wearing braided hair, gold, pearls, or costly attire (1 Tim. 2:9).
- \_\_\_ 12. Permit no woman to teach or to have authority over men (1 Tim. 2:12).
- \_\_\_ 13. Support widows at least 60 years old with the church budget (1 Tim. 5:9).
- \_\_\_ 14. Pay elders (1 Tim. 5:17-18).
- \_\_\_ 15. Ministers should rebuke publicly elders who persist in sin (1 Tim. 5:20).
- \_\_\_ 16. Drink wine for your stomach and frequent ailments (1 Tim. 5:22).
- \_\_\_ 17. Let everyone be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger (James 1:19).
- \_\_\_ 18. Show no favoritism to the rich (James 2:17).
- \_\_\_ 19. Do not make any oaths (James 5:12).
- \_\_\_ 20. Anoint the sick with oil (James 5:14).
- \_\_\_ 21. A man should pray and prophesy with his head covered (1 Cor. 11:4).
- \_\_\_ 22. A woman should pray and prophesy with her head covered (1 Cor. 11:5, 10).
- \_\_\_ 23. Long hair on a man is degrading (1 Cor. 11:14).
- \_\_\_ 24. Take the Lord’s Supper in remembrance of Jesus (1 Cor. 11:24).
- \_\_\_ 25. Take the Lord’s Supper as part of a meal (1 Cor. 11:17-34).
- \_\_\_ 26. Take the Lord’s Supper on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7).
- \_\_\_ 27. Use unleavened bread for communion (Luke 22:1, 7, 13, 19).
- \_\_\_ 28. Use wine for communion (Luke 22:1, 7, 13, 19; 1 Cor. 11:21).
- \_\_\_ 29. Take communion in a large upper room (Luke 22:12).
- \_\_\_ 30. Drink communion from a single cup (Luke 22:17).
- \_\_\_ 31. Take communion on Passover (Luke 22:7, 14, 23).
- \_\_\_ 32. Sometimes take the cup before the bread (Luke 22:17-19; 1 Cor. 10:16, 21).
- \_\_\_ 33. Have seven deacons (Acts 6:3).
- \_\_\_ 34. Go to the synagogue on Saturday (Acts 13:14, 42, 44).
- \_\_\_ 35. Have all things in common with the church (Acts 2:44).
- \_\_\_ 36. Pray at fixed times (Acts 3:1).
- \_\_\_ 37. Take formal religious vows (Acts 18:18).
- \_\_\_ 38. Preach in Jewish synagogues (Acts 14:1).
- \_\_\_ 39. Cast lots to make decisions (Acts 1:26).
- \_\_\_ 40. Ministers should appoint elders (Acts 14:23; Titus 1:5).
- \_\_\_ 41. Do not own property, but meet in house churches (Acts 12:12; 16:40; Rom. 16:5; 1 Cor. 16:19; Col. 4:15; Phlm. 2).
- \_\_\_ 42. Don’t become angry (Matt. 5:22).
- \_\_\_ 43. Earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy (1 Cor. 14:1, 5).
- \_\_\_ 44. Say “Amen” at the end of prayers (1 Cor. 14:16).
- \_\_\_ 45. Each member should bring a song, lesson, etc. to share with the church during worship (1 Cor. 14:26).
- \_\_\_ 46. Women should keep silent in the churches (1 Cor. 14:34).
- \_\_\_ 47. Preach two by two (Mark 6:7).
- \_\_\_ 48. Keep yourself pure (1 Tim. 5:22).
- \_\_\_ 49. Tell people that unless they are born again, they cannot enter heaven (John 3:3).
- \_\_\_ 50. Owe no one anything (Rom. 13:8).
- \_\_\_ 51. Advise married couples to stay married and not divorce (1 Cor. 7:10-11).
- \_\_\_ 52. Advise engaged couples not to seek marriage (1 Cor. 7:25-27, 37-38).
- \_\_\_ 53. Call the church “The Way” (Acts 9:2; 19:9, 23; 22:4; 24:14, 22).
- \_\_\_ 54. Call the church the “church of Christ” (Rom.

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\_\_\_ 55. Sing songs, hymns, and spiritual songs (Col. 3:16).  
\_\_\_ 56. Wives, be subject to your husbands (Eph. 5:22).  
\_\_\_ 57. Slaves, obey your earthly masters (Eph. 6:5-8).  
\_\_\_ 58. Give thanks in all circumstances (1 Thess. 5:18).  
\_\_\_ 59. Do not quench the Spirit (1 Thess. 5:19).  
\_\_\_ 60. When you fast, anoint your head and wash your face (Matt. 6:17).