



ULTIMATE MAKEOVER

Owe nothing to anyone—except for your obligation to love one another. If you love your neighbour, you will fulfil the requirements of God’s law. For the commandments say, “You must not commit adultery. You must not murder.

You must not steal. You must not covet.” These—and other such commandments—are summed up in this one commandment: “Love your neighbour as yourself.

Romans 13:8-9



If someone judged you on a “first impression” of your car, desk, bedroom, or work/uni relationships – what would they conclude?

1. Read **Romans 13:1-7** Paul encourages believers to honour all governing authority – in what ways do you think Christians should respectfully honour authority while still being faithful to God when those two things come into conflict?
 - What can we learn from **Daniel 6:10** and **Acts 5:27-29** about balancing respect for authority with obedience to God?
 - What authority/law do we struggle to obey, or think is silly/should be changed?
 - When you consider that everywhere we go we represent Jesus, does that change your attitude and approach to authority?
 - People are constantly watching us to see if our faith is genuine, if they observed your home life, driving, workplace, school/uni, sporting club, online searches what would they conclude?
2. In **Romans 13:8-10** Paul says that love fulfils the law – what do you believe that means?
 - How does genuine love prevent us from harming others?
 - Why is the debt of love never fully paid?
 - Looking back over the last week, where did you intentionally make deposits of love in someone's life? How could you do better?

3. **John 13:34-35.** Jesus said that people will recognise His followers by their love – why do you think that is such a powerful witness?
- How is true Christian love different to ordinary kindness?
4. In **Romans 13:11-14** Paul urges believers to wake up & clothe themselves with the Lord Jesus Christ – what do you think that looks like in our every day lives?
- Why are we warned about Spiritual complacency in this passage?
 - What do you think are some of the warning signs of this?
 - The message challenged us to not wait until someday, but to live intentionally today – is there an area of your faith that you should correct – what is it?
 - What is one small intentional step you can take to make that happen this week?
5. Read **Colossians 3:12–17**. Paul describes qualities like compassion, kindness, humility, patience and forgiveness. Which of these do you most want God to grow in your life right now, and why?
- If you were to actively “put on” the above each day, how would it “look” in these situations:
 - Responding to criticism
 - How you parent
 - Dealing with difficult customers/work mates/uni colleagues
 - Social media posts
 - Family Conflict

Application: *Imagine someone spent a whole week with you—at work/uni, at home, online, and in your neighbourhood. What would they conclude about Jesus from the way you lived? Is there one practical change God is prompting you to make this week?*

The Christian life isn't primarily lived inside church buildings—it's lived in homes, workplaces, uni's, schools, cafés, sporting clubs and neighbourhoods. People may never read the Bible, but they will read our lives.

This week, ask yourself each morning:

How can I represent Jesus well?

How can I make a deposit into someone's life?

How can I use today to point someone toward Christ?

