

# Commands 4-7



## Commands of Christ

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Bible Verse Chants

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# Command 4: Rejoice

*From Matthew 5:12*

“**Blessed** are those / who are **persecuted** / because of **righteousness**, / for theirs is the **kingdom of heaven**.”

“**Blessed** are you / when **people insult** you, /**persecute** you and **falsely say all kinds of evil** against you / because of me. / <sup>12</sup>**Rejoice** and be **glad**, / because **great** is your **reward** in **heaven**, / for in the same **way** / they **persecuted** the **prophets** / who were before you.

## What this Command says to us

- Different value systems can easily clash.
- Severe disagreements are often inevitable.
- God has an understanding and sympathy with those who follow an opposite path from the world.
- Handling persecution and forgiving bring peace.
- Human nature doesn't like people who are different.
- Rejoice because your strength in God can pull believers through difficult times.
- Believer's reward is in heaven.
- Jesus Rejoiced, and he also experienced persecution.


**Compression** with ending /t/ and beginning *you* or *your*.

Examples: Insult you= /insultchew/. Persecute you = /persecutechew/.

Against you= Againstchew.

**Vocabulary**

**Word Thermometer.**

	<p><i>Torture. Genocide. Murder.</i></p> <p><i>Persecution</i></p> <p><i>Victimization</i></p> <p><i>Abuse</i></p> <p><i>Ill-treatment. Mal-treatment.</i></p> <p><i>Discrimination</i></p> <p><i>Bullying</i></p> <p><i>Intimidation</i></p> <p><i>Insult. Taunt. Shout at. Badmouth.</i></p>
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**Christian Values include**

Service	Thankfulness	Compassion	Endurance
Creativity	Justice	Peace	Wisdom
Hope	Humility	Truth	Love
Right Conduct	Non-Violence		

1. Value System: One's **value system** / is molded by one's virtues or vices. A person's standards and self-discipline set, / based on the common sense / and the wisdom of knowing / what the proper moral rules and discipline are, / and the amount of willingness / to see themselves / and others abide by them.
2. Clash: Confrontation. Argument. Fight. Quarrel. Disagreement.
3. Inevitable: Unavoidable. Destined. Can't be prevented.
4. Persecution: Hostility. Bad treatment. Harassment, especially because of race, or political or religious beliefs.
5. To handle (handling): Feel or manipulate with the hands. Manage a problem. Control or defend yourself. (Verb usage)
6. To experience: Contact with and observation of facts or events. *He experienced loneliness in the first months of being in the USA.*

### **Respelling and pronunciation of**

Righteous = /**rai** chuhs/

Righteousness = **rai** chuhs nus/

Persecution: /pur suh **kyoo** shn/

Suffering = /**suf** fer ring/

Blessed = as a verb /blest/; adjective / **bles** id/,

adverb blessedly/ **bles** id ly/, and noun blessedness /**bles** id nus/.

We generally use only the adjective and the verb forms.

**Formal English**

**Fast Casual English**

Righteous people are suffering persecution.

Righteous people will be suffering persecution.

' be sufferin'

Righteous people are going to be suffering persecution.

're gonna be

**Matthew 5:12 Chant**

Rejoice and be glad,	because great is your reward in heaven
for in the same way	they persecuted the prophets who were before you.
Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way / they persecuted the prophets who were before you.	
<p style="text-align: right;">Reference: Matthew 5:12</p>	

# Command 4: Rejoice (continued)

From James 1:2-4

Trials and Temptations

<sup>2</sup>**Consider** it **pure joy**, / my **brothers** and **sisters**, / whenever you **face trials** of many kinds, / <sup>3</sup>because you **know** / that the **testing** of your **faith** / **produces perseverance**. / <sup>4</sup>**Let perseverance** / **finish** its work / so that you may be **mature** / and **complete**, / **not lacking anything**.

## What this Command says to us

- Consider it Joy does not mean it is Joy.
- This value judgment is a mental one. It means to think about it or regard it as an occasion to be turned to our highest good.
- All will face troubles and trials. But we learn something from them.
- James, the brother of Jesus, and a leader in Jerusalem uses the address, my brothers and sisters, as an equal to them.
- Trials and persecution are both taking place at this time.
- Comes from the conviction that adversity strengthens character.
- The proverb, *Every cloud has a silver lining*, also expresses this thought.
- Perseverance matters. Humans often resist that.

### Formal English

Faith produces perseverance.

Faith will produce perseverance

Faith will have produced perseverance

### Fast Casual English

'ul produce

'ul'uv produced

## Respelling and pronunciation of

1. Pure. / pu<sup>w</sup>ere. Phyou were/ /w/ glide
2. Joy. / jo<sup>w</sup>e. joe wee/
3. Trials. / tri<sup>y</sup>als. Try yuls/ /y/ glide
4. Perseverance. / Purr suh vere unce/

## James 1: 2-4 Bible Verse Chant

(Work on body language and various tones of voice.)

<b><i>Group 1</i></b>	<b><i>Group 2</i></b>
Come on! Really? Troubles and sickness do not bring joy!	But they will always be a part of life. They help us keep on going and understanding more.
Right!! (Disbelieving!) I would just as soon skip that.	You can make the best of things by being pleasant and not always complaining.
That's hard to do.	Yes, but you actually persevere in your work and in your family.
Well, yes, I do. Yes. Sure. I do learn lots when I have to buckle down and finish all the parts of life. It's work.	And that is not always easy, but it is worth it. Ask God to give you joy and strength in your struggles. <u>Consider it is not IS.</u>
I do have the joy of the Lord and He gives me strength and peace. Joy matters. I need to practice it more.	Don't we all. Sounds like growing in maturity to me. Joy matters and God is good.





*What??*

*Come on!?*

*Eyebrow lift.*

*What is his face  
Showing in each  
picture?*

*Considering?*

*Listening.*

*Figuring out a way.*

*Making it all work  
out.*



### **Idioms in the Chant**

1. Just as soon skip: To prefer or want to choose not to do something. *I'd just as soon skip the cookies tonight.*
2. Buckle down: Work really hard on a task with determination. *I need to buckle down and get the kitchen cleaned really well.*
3. Don't we all: Something a lot of people agree on. *I like chocolate. Sure, don't we all!*

# Command 5: Let your light shine

*From Matthew 5:16*

<sup>14</sup>“You are the **light** of the **world**. A **town built** on a **hill** cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Neither do **people light** a **lamp** and **put** it under a **bowl**. Instead they **put** it on its **stand**, and it **gives light** to **everyone** in the **house**.

<sup>16</sup>In the **same way**, **let** your **light shine** before **others**, that they may **see** your **good deeds** and **glorify** your **Father** in **heaven**.

## What this Command says to us

**Matthew 5:14-16 The Message (MSG)** (Use your body language.)

- <sup>14-16</sup> “Here’s another way to put it: You’re here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world.
- God is not a secret to be kept. We’re going public with this, as public as a city on a hill.
- If I make you light-bearers, you don’t think I’m going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I’m putting you on a light stand.
- Now that I’ve put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine!
- Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you’ll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.

### Formal Spoken English

**People light a lamp.**

**People will light a lamp.**

**People should light a lamp.**

**People have got to light a lamp.**

### Fast Casual English

People'ul light a lamp.

People shud light a lamp

People gotta light a lamp!

### Irregular Verbs

Present	Past	Past Participle
You are	You were	You have been
You build	You built	You have built
You light	You lit	You have lit
You hide	You hid	You have hidden
You put	You put	You have put
You give	You gave	You have given
You let	You let	You have let
You shine	You shone	You have shone
You see	You saw	You have seen

Read the verses of Matthew 5: 14-16 again. Use body language and power English with energy and expression.

# Command 6: Honor God's Law

*From Matthew 5:17-19*

**Honor God's law—Matthew 5:17-19. New International Version**

<sup>17</sup> "Do **not think** / that I have **come** to **abolish** the **Law** / or the **Prophets**; / I have **not come** to **abolish** them / but to **fulfill** them. / <sup>18</sup>For **truly** I tell you, / until **heaven** and **earth disappear**, / **not** the **smallest letter**, / **not** the **least stroke** of a **pen**, / will by **any means disappear** from the **Law** / until **everything** is **accomplished**. / <sup>19</sup>Therefore **anyone** / who **sets aside one** of the **least** of these **commands** / and **teaches others accordingly** / will be **called least** in the **kingdom** of **heaven**, / but **whoever practices** / and **teaches these commands** / will be **called great** in the **kingdom** of **heaven**.

**The Message Bible**

"**Don't suppose** for a **minute** / that I have **come** to **demolish** the **Scripture**— / either **God's Law** / or the **Prophets**. / I'm **not here** to **demolish** but to **complete**. / I am **going** to **put it all together**, / **pull it all together** in a **vast panorama**.

<sup>18</sup>**God's Law** is **more real** and **lasting** / than the **stars** in the **sky** / and the **ground** at your **feet**. / Long after **stars burn out** / and **earth wears out**, / **God's Law** will be **alive** and **working**. / <sup>19</sup>"**Trivialize even** the **smallest item** in **God's Law** / and you will **only have trivialized** yourself. / But **take it seriously**, / **show the way** for **others**, / and you will **find honor** in the **kingdom**.

## Vocabulary

1. Abolish: To make no longer true or valid.
2. Stroke: *A stroke of a pen.* One single mark or cross out.
3. To set aside something: To ignore or not do something.
4. Accordingly: For that reason. As a result. Consequently.
5. Demolish: To completely take down, away or erase.
6. Trivialize: Make something seem less important. Make something so unimportant it can be ignored or forgotten.
7. Vast: Very big.
8. Panorama: Very wide view of something.

## Communication

A **University of Pennsylvania study** reported that the majority of **communication** is transmitted non-verbally.

70% of **communication** is body language,

Facial expressions, clothing and outside appearance, body movements

23% is voice tone and inflection, and only

Sound angry? Happy? Concerned? Serious? Questioning?

7% is your spoken words!

The goal is to have your **non-verbal** message match your verbal message.

# Command 7: Be Reconciled

*From Matthew 5:23-25. NIV*

<sup>23</sup>Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

<sup>25</sup>“Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison

## What this Command says to us

- Jesus continues his *Sermon on the Mount* by helping his listeners know what they should do.
- If a person plans to worship God, he must be right with his fellow men, his brothers.
- Disagreements lead to trouble, perhaps, hate, and perhaps murder.
- Settle the matters another person has against you.
- Pay your bills. Speak honestly and kindly.
- Make peace between you and your “enemies.”
- If not, the problem may only grow.
- Jesus takes this as far as the court system, and there the person might just lose and go to prison or jail.
- Make peace. Then bring your gifts to God.

## Matthew 5: 23-25. Bible Verse Chant

(Work on body language and various tones of voice.)

<i><b>Group 1</b></i>	<i><b>Group 2</b></i>
Hey, can I come in and talk to you?	What about? I have work to do.
Please listen. I need to tell you how sorry I am that I yelled at you and made you feel really bad in that meeting last week.	Well, yes.
I don't feel right going to church knowing I hurt you. Will you forgive me?	Well. OK. Actually, I already prayed about it, and I have forgiven you. I just didn't want to see you again.
Is everything OK with us, now.	Yes, I think we can work this out. I appreciate you coming by.
Thanks, and let's try to be friends.	I appreciate your coming by.
Groups 1 and 2  First go and <b>be reconciled</b> to them; then come and offer your gift.	

# Goals

- Develop clarity and understandability
- Improve comprehension
- Clear and strong consonants and vowels
- Increase stamina in speaking
- Develop an English voice
- Speak using sound units
- Link the words within a sound unit
- Use focal words
- Use appropriate volume
- Speak with Power English
- Hear fast spoken conversational English correctly