



## **Lesson 42** **“Christian Zeal”**

**Romans 12:9-13**

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Read Colossians 3:23-24. How are we to work at everything we have before us?

Why?

Read Matthew 22:35-40. What question was asked of Jesus?

What was His response?

What is the *second* greatest command?

What does Jesus say these two commandments “sum up”?

Read 1 Peter 4:8-10. Why should we keep loving each other, according to Peter?

How should we show hospitality?

What should we do with the gifts we have been given?

Read John 13:34-35. How will the world know that we belong to Christ?

Read 1 John 3:17-19. What does John warn us about our words and our lives?

Read Luke 14:12-14. Who does Jesus say we should show hospitality to?

Why will we be blessed by this?

Read Matthew 6:1-4. How does Jesus tell us we should “practice” righteousness?

How should we give to those who are in need? Why?

As you spend time with God today, thank Him for His provision in giving us the body of Christ to come alongside us to encourage and sharpen each of us. Ask Him to help you to align your priorities with His, and ask Him to show you where those priorities have been askew. Ask Him to help you to serve the body of Christ for HIS glory, not yours, and, as He shows you where your motives

may be self-focused, repent and ask Him to correct that attitude in your heart. Ask Him to help you to be aware of the opportunities that are around you for you to encourage and strengthen His body, and ask Him for the courage and strength to act when He calls you to act.