

The Debt-Free Debtor (Romans 13:8-14)

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8 Owe no one anything except to love one another For he who loves another has fulfilled the law.

9 For this matter of, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet"— and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this statement, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

10 Love does not produce what is bad for a neighbor, so love is the fulfillment of the law.

11 In fact you *should* do this, since you know the time, that the hour for us to awake out of sleep is here. For now our deliverance is nearer than when we believed.

12 The night has moved on, the day has drawn near. So let us take off the works of the darkness, and clothe ourselves with the equipment of light.

13 Let us walk circumspectly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual misbehavior and licentiousness, not in strife and jealousy.

14 Instead, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and take no forethought to *accommodate* the desires of the flesh.

Conclusion