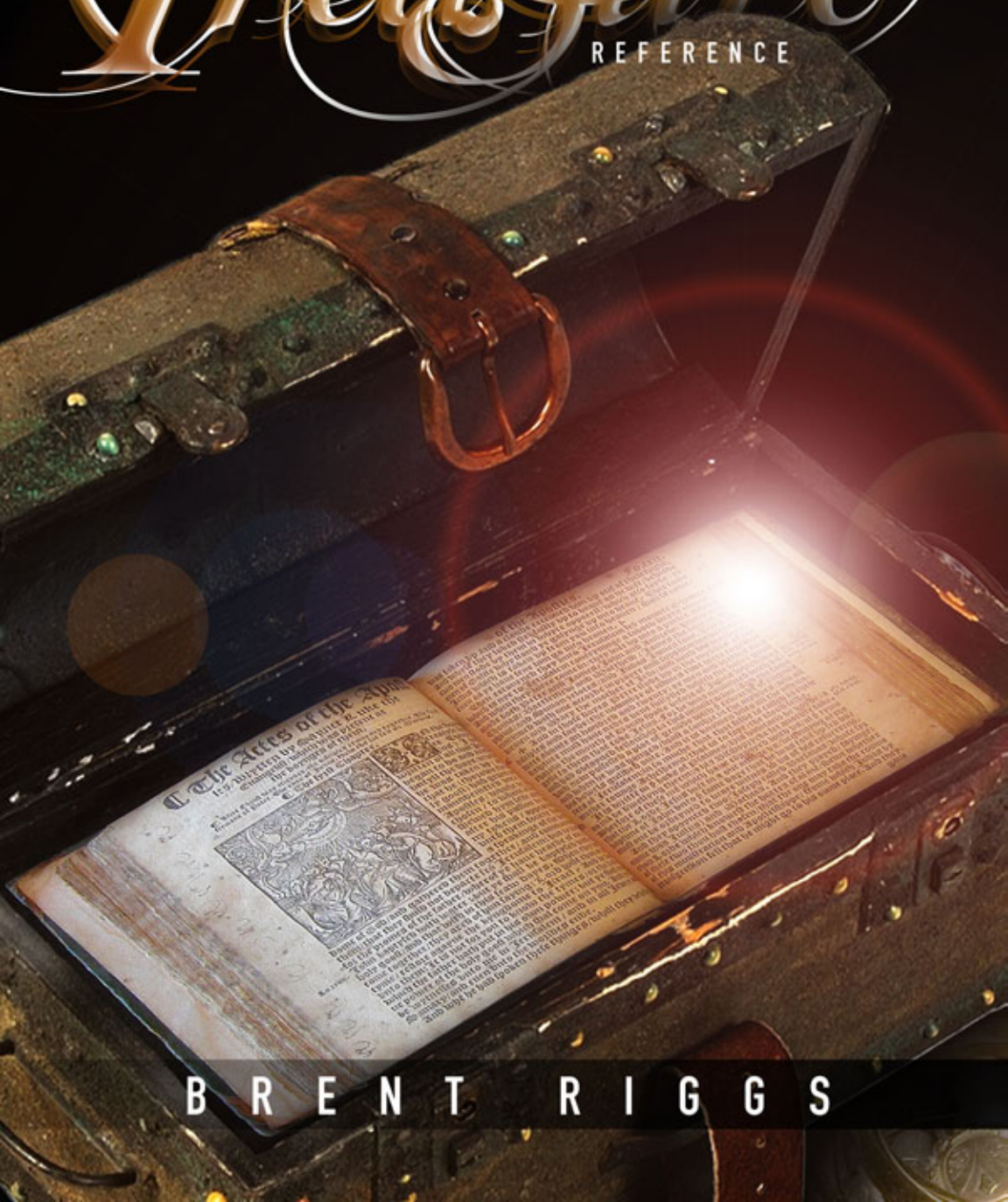


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Dear Friend,

A good Scripture reference is a priceless treasure helping you mine the golden truth from the Bible that will make you spiritually and emotionally rich.

In this little book, you'll find collections of my favorite verses, a topical categorizing of verses that apply to everyday life, and several other messages/teachings I believe speak to the most common areas of the daily Christian walk.

The table of contents is the place to start. The topics are clearly labeled, and the messages have titles that give plain indication of what they are about.

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I hope this information will bless you as much as it has blessed me to create it.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brent". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "B" and a trailing flourish.

Knowing the Will of God

1 John 2:17 - And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever. (NKJV)

One of the most common questions from the average Christian is "how do I know what God's will is?" The answer is two part, with the first part being "simple"; and the second being an exercise in "working out your salvation".

Philippians 2:12 - Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; (NKJV)

The rendered Greek for "work out" means to continually make an effort to bring something to pass or completion". From other Scripture, we know this can't be speaking of earning your salvation by "works". It refers to a Christian diligently seeking ("working out") God's will and then obeying it in order to become more Christ-like (sanctification).

Knowing God's will is hard work. In our day and age of "fast", "easy" and "convenient" everything, there are few people who want to do the hard work of knowing the mind of Christ. The two parts of God's Will are:

1. God's plain, revealed Will in Scripture

Examples: Should I cheat on my taxes? Should I get divorced because I love someone else? We're engaged, can we sleep together? Is it okay to get drunk occasionally?

2. God's Will for the "gray" areas NOT plainly and directly addressed in the Bible

Examples: Is it a sin to drink a glass of wine? Should kids go to public school or be home schooled? Can you ever see a Rated-R movie, or any movies at all? What clothing is appropriate? Should you celebrate Halloween or Christmas? Can a Christian be in the military and kill someone in a war?

We'll do the "simple" part today, and begin tomorrow looking at how to determine God's will for the "gray" areas. The "simple" part is the where our questions are directly and plainly answered in Scripture. It's only "simple" however in the sense that we can know God's will; obedience however is frequently NOT so simple.

Now I want you to prepare yourself. I'm about to impart to you some incredible, ground-shaking wisdom. Here goes: when it comes to knowing God's Will about those things that are plainly and directly addressed in Scripture...

Find out what the Bible says, and do it.

Okay, that wasn't exactly original or earth shattering, but it is beautiful in its simplicity and incredible in its effectiveness. And, I have to confess, I didn't make it up either.

James 1:22 - But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. (NKJV)

While in concept "finding and doing" is simple, it is NOT simple to actually do it. You have to diligently search the Scriptures (2Tim 2.15; Acts 17.11) and when you find a plain answer, you must obey it, or you are in danger of deceiving yourself about your walk with God.

Obedience has many benefits:

- You can know you are in God's will
- You can be assured God is pleased with you
- You don't have to worry you're doing the wrong thing
- It brings assurance of salvation (1 John 5.2)
- You can trust that you aren't deceived about your faith (James 1.22)

For questions to which there is a plain answer in Scripture, we must not fall prey to "relativism" where we decide that in "some" situations, exceptions can be made to plain Scripture. We fallen and sinful humans are masters at making excuses and justifying sin. Once we open the door of "relative truth" then everything is up for grabs because we can always formulate a "reason" why we are the "exception" to God's Word.

Let me give a few examples where the Bible gives a black and white answer to certain questions about God's will:

- Can I divorce my spouse because of "irreconcilable differences"? No (Matthew 5:31; 1 Corinthians 7:10-16)
- Can I lie if it is for a "good" reason? No (Colossians 3:9)

- Can we sleep together if we're engaged and in love? No (Col 3.5; Heb 13.4)
- Is it okay to gossip for any reason? No (Matt 12.36; Prov 17.9)
- Am I supposed to read my Bible EVERY day? Yes (2Tim 2.15; Acts 17.11)
- Should we go to church? Yes (Heb 10.25)
- Should I care for widows and orphans? Yes (James 1.27)
- My employer treats me bad, do I still have to work hard? Yes (1Thess 4.11-12; Col 3.17; 1Pet 2.18-19)
- Is it okay to treat some people better than others based on their social status or income? No (James 2.2-4)

These are just a few examples of God's will where the answer is "black and white". But you can't know these plain answers if you don't diligently search the Bible for them. God has promised to reward the sincere seeker of Scriptural wisdom though (James 1.5).

How can we know God's will? First, find out if God's Word has a plain and direct answer to your question or circumstance. If it does, then obey God regardless if you like it, agree with it or how you feel about it.

If there is no plain or direct answer in Scripture... ask yourself:

Is it really necessary?

Is the thing, choice or action you are considering really necessary, or is it just something "extra" that you would LIKE to do, but there is really no "necessity" involved?

- Can you live without it?
- Is it really very important?
- If you gave it up, would anything suffer or be neglected?
- Should you give it up in order to leave room or time for something better?

We burden ourselves unnecessarily with TOO MANY things, too many choices, too many commitments, too many activities. God never meant for us to live a million miles an hour (1Thess 4.11).

Sometimes it's easy to answer this question when it comes to the "non-sacred". We might easily conclude that more work, more sports or more possessions aren't really necessary but it will take some deeper spiritual maturity to determine when more church, more ministry and more Christian activity is too much. God has promised to give us the answer though when we ask in faith (James 1.5).

Hebrews 12:1 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, (NKJV)

We are running a race. The Christian life is a race to the finish line: Jesus Christ. If the choice or decision you are pondering is one that involves holding on to sin, then we have a plain answer in Hebrews 12.1: **lay aside sin** because it ensnares you, traps you and trips you up. But what about when the choice is amoral (wouldn't be sinful either way)? Notice the admonition to those in the race:

Let us lay aside every weight!

The idea here is to throw off anything that will slow you down; anything that will make it harder and longer to reach the finish line which is PERFECTION, becoming like Christ. A runner doesn't carry around an extra 50 fifty pounds when he is trying to run and win a race. In fact, almost embarrassingly, runners today are wearing almost nothing, and certainly carrying nothing extra. Why? So that there is no extra weight or burden to slow them down. The ancient Olympic runners competed "buck nekkid" (that's Oklahoman for 'naked'). This extreme "laying aside of everything that will hinder us from running" is exactly the mental picture the original readers of this verse would have in mind.

So ask yourself: is it really necessary? Will it slow me down in my race to be Christ-like? Does it contribute to the goal of finishing the race and winning the race? Will my walk with God be hindered or helped if I toss aside, or better yet, never pick up the extra weight (responsibility, commitment, activity, etc.) associated with this decision?

Another way to help you answer the question "is it really necessary" is to determine "will it matter?" What I mean by that is best demonstrated with a series of questions. When considering a choice or decision ask yourself, "if I do this thing" (or say yes, or commit, or take on this responsibility):

- Will it matter tomorrow?
- Will it make a difference 2 weeks from now?
- Will I really care 2 months from now?
- Will it have any lasting benefit 2 years from now?
- Will it matter in 20 years?

- Does it matter from an eternal perspective?

After answering those, ask yourself the **NEGATIVE** versions of those questions: will it hurt tomorrow? Will I still be paying the consequences 2 months or 20 years from now? Will I lose eternal reward?

Remember, **these aren't quick and easy, magic-pill questions**. None of the questions we will consider over the next several days will give you an answer **by themselves**. But taken together you should be able to confidently determine God's Will in the vast majority of circumstances.

First, see if the Bible has a plain answer. If you can't find a clear, direct answer in Scripture, then start the process by asking: **Is it really necessary?** Or just a low priority? An unneeded, extra distraction? Will it matter 10 days or 10 years or 10 lifetimes from now?

Another question... when trying to discover God's Will about a question or circumstance, ask yourself:

How would Christ respond?

It is regretful that this idea has been hijacked by such a commercial fad. The "what would Jesus do" craze is dying out now but for a time was all the rage. Like most fads it probably started from a sincere and well-meaning effort, but in the end, like most popular trends, there was very little authenticity on a large-scale. For a time everyone you saw from the common guy on the street, to the world-famous sports star was wearing something that had W. W. J. D. plastered on it.

I can recall how ridiculous and hypocritical it was to see a famous and well-known female hip-hop artist at an awards show with W. W. J. D. showing very prominently. She was also half dressed, had just finished a very provocative and immodest dance number, and was surrounded by an entourage of dancers and band members who dressed and danced every bit as immorally as she did.

When she stepped up to the microphone of course the first thing she did was thank her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for blessing her with all this success. How utterly sad that this is such an accurate example of the mentality of a very large segment of Christianity today whose primary concern is prosperity, success and achievement in this lifetime. But that's a whole other lesson...

Regardless of the world's abuse of the phrase, it is still very applicable when trying to discern God's Will. What would Jesus do? **How can I respond or decide in a way that is Christ-like?**

Any time, and in any way, that we act like Christ, speak like Christ or make decisions that Jesus would make, then of course it is the right thing to do. But the trick here is knowing Christ well enough to be able to discern which decision He would make and of course that brings us back to the foundation of knowing God's Will: **Bible study, prayer and meditation**.

When we respond as Christ would respond, then we are walking the "worthy walk" (Col 1.10; 1Thess 2.12). Consider this:

1 John 2:5-6 - But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked. (NKJV)

We know we truly belong to Christ when we keep his Word and anyone who is in Christ should walk as Christ walked. In other words we should choose as Jesus would choose, speak the words that Jesus would speak, and act the way Jesus would act. In doing so, we will of course know, and be, in the Will of God.

Is it worthy of my epitaph?

An epitaph are the words that will be written on your tombstone. Often times this is the only lasting statement about a person. Most epitaphs are simply facts stating the name and the dates of birth and death. If you have your epitaph written and engraved now while you are alive, what would you have it say?

If it wasn't for the fact that an epitaph is written on a tombstone we would call it a "goal" (assuming you think it up BEFORE you die!). So an epitaph in a sense can become your life goal, in other words, if you could pre-write what people will say about you and what will be engraved on your tombstone for all the future to read, what would you LIKE for it to say? I would like something like this:

"Here lies old Brent Riggs. He wasn't much of anybody, but he was devoted to prayer and God's Word in simple, consistent, disciplined daily devotion. He didn't achieve much in this world, but his life was marked by increasing holiness and purposeful sacredness in everyday life. Brent had his priorities in line and lived a life worthy of our Lord's commendation, "Thou good and faithful servant".

Knowing what I would like people to read about me when I'm gone can help me to know God's Will and make the right decisions while I'm still young. Obviously this is only truly helpful if the epitaph you have written is one

that is concerned with living a holy life.

Another way of asking this question is to ask "**is it expedient?**". Expediency means "the quality being suited to the end in view". In other words when you're trying to figure out God's Will about something, it is helpful to see the "end" first, and make your decision on the desired result.

Knowing the end, helps us to make decisions about the beginning.

So think about your pending decision or circumstance and ask God to help you see the very best way your situation can end up **which means how can it bring the most glory to God**. Formulate clearly in your mind what the ideal Godly end is, and it will help you to determine God's Will right now because the present decisions will be made in light of the ideal Godly result.

1 Corinthians 6:12 - All things are lawful for me, but all things are not **helpful**. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. (NKJV, emphasis mine)

The word "helpful" in this verse carries with it the idea of expediency. When trying to discern God's Will, ask yourself if the decision you are considering will be **helpful, useful and productive in light of how you believe God would have things end up**. So while it may be permissible and moral for us to make certain decisions, that doesn't necessarily mean it is helpful or useful (expedient).

Will others be drawn to Christ or turned away?

We don't live in a vacuum. Every action and decision that we make is constantly being viewed and evaluated by our friends, family, and all those around us.

It is a paradox that while on the one hand it only matters what God thinks about our decisions, it remains a fact that those who view our life can frequently either be drawn closer to God by our actions or, unfortunately, may be turned away from God. We make a personal determination about what we believe to be the will of God based solely on whether or not God is pleased with our decision, while keeping in mind that each choice we make is part of our overall personal evangelism.

Of course if we correctly choose God's Will, the decision will serve God's purpose whether we see it or recognize it at all (even if we make the wrong choice, God's purpose will be served!).

We consider the "evangelism" factor because it helps us to discern God's Will and reminds us of our primary mission as Christians.

When we profess Christianity our entire life becomes a journey of evangelism. It is a mistake to compartmentalize this aspect and think that only when you are sharing the Gospel are you engaging in evangelism. Every word that comes out of your mouth, every choice that you make and every determination of God's Will that you make becomes an evangelistic statement to those around you. As you go about trying to determine God's Will keep in mind that unbelievers may possibly be

drawn to God, or turned away from Him by what they see you do. As well, other Christians can either be encouraged or discouraged by watching how you choose God's Will.

It's not the only factor to consider, but definitely part of it.

Of course we always enjoy and desire the positive effects we have on others, especially when they become more interested about the Lord because of something they see in us. But the "negative" reality is that they can be just as easily pushed away from God by something they see in us.

Colossians 4:5 - Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time. (NKJV)

Let's examine the Greek rendering of each word in the verse to discover its meaning and application:

- **Walk** (peripateo): to move forward, to make your way, to progress or to regulate one's life
- **Wisdom** (sophia): intelligence, knowledge or skill as it pertains to the management of affairs; in particular knowledge of God for upright living
- **Towards** (pros): to the advantage of, or with regards to
- **Those who are outside** (exo): to be outside of, away from or a stranger to; being outside the doorway
- **Redeeming** (exagorazo): to pay a price to recover something, to buy for one's use, to make a wise and sacred use of opportunity
- **Time** (kairos): a measured or definite period of time, the right time or the do measure of time.

Now taken altogether we might have an explanatory sentence of this verse that goes something like this:

We should live our lives determined each day to discover and obey the knowledge of God keeping in mind that there are those outside of the Kingdom of God who are watching. In this way we are properly using (and in a sense repaying) the opportunity our time all of which belongs to God. There is only a short, fixed amount of time and we should treat it as very valuable.

In other words we need to realize that our lives are being watched by those are unsaved. God has allotted to each of us a finite period of time bought by His grace and mercy and that time belongs to Him. By treating each moment of that time as an opportunity to draw others to God, we are in a sense "buying back" or repaying God for purchasing it for us.

So as you try to discover God's Will for your life always weigh into the decision whether or not it will draw the unsaved around you closer to God or will push them even further away.

Do you want to know God's Will?

- First, search the Bible for a clear and direct answer.
- If there is none, then ask yourself "is this really necessary?" and "how can I respond like Christ?".
- Try to determine the ideal Godly result, and ask yourself "what decision will help me achieve that result?" And "is this helpful or useful, or merely a simple desire that will make no real contribution to the end I know will glorify God the most?".
- Ask yourself how your decision will affect the unsaved who are watching you. Will they be more or less interested in God by watching you?

Discovering God's Will can be pretty hard work but always worth the effort.

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2009 Preface

I love to rewrite the Puritan and Reformation prayers into modern English, utilizing my own particular style that God has blessed me with. I believe God has impressed me to write a modern version of one of the greatest sermons of all time – “Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God”.

Make no mistake – the thoughts and the outline of this message are originally Jonathan Edward’s (from God first of course). As a teacher, I would not be worthy to do his laundry. I just felt, given our different vocabulary and reading skills of today, it was time to write a version of his sermon for the 21st century Christian.

This is NOT a word for word translation, but a paraphrase of his message in my own words and style. I have followed the outline and thought pattern of his message, and adding my own thoughts where I believed them to be applicable to our times (*my additions are identified by italics type*).

This message by Jonathan Edwards is not only a classic, but it was also the spark that lit a revival all across America in his time.

Why not a revival today? America has been soft pedaled a feel-good, “Jesus will improve your life”, positive-self-esteem Word of God for many decades. The result is a weak Church, a worldly people, and a far too casual attitude about sin... accompanied by a lack of fear

about the reality of hell for those who do not obey God.

It is simply not “American”, “civilized” or “polite” to reveal the jealous, angry God who hates sin and MUST by His own character, repay sin with the appropriate compensation – DEATH. (Rom 3.23).

But this IS the God we so easily dismiss. Yes, He is loving; but He is an all consuming jealous God. Yes, He is patient and merciful; but He is also fearsome and terrible to those who reject His Son. Yes, He will bless you with an abundant life of contentment and peace; but He will condemn to the eternal flames of hell those who do not turn from their wickedness.

There is no second chance. There is no other way. The only thing between you and hell is our God, who is angered by sin and will not fail to punish every single person who does not obey HIS message of salvation.

This is the Gospel that our country needs to hear, and perhaps we will repent, as individuals, as families, as communities and as a nation; then God will hear, and heal our land and bless our homes and nation.



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Deuteronomy 32:35 Vengeance is Mine, and recompense; Their foot shall slip in due time; For the day of their calamity is at hand, And the things to come hasten upon them.' (NKJV; emphasis mine)

In this verse, God promises to punish the wicked, unresponsive and unbelieving Israelites. In the Old Testament times, the Israelites were God's people on earth; they were His chosen children who lived under God's protection and grace.

But despite all of God's wonderful blessings, they denied God and pretty much kicked Him out of their nation and society (*sound familiar in our world today?*). Even though God did everything He could to be patient and bring the Israelites back in line, they still persisted in their wickedness and sin. (*sound anything like the world today?*)

In our opening verse, you see the phrase "their foot shall slip in due time". There are four things this phrase seems to imply about the punishment and destruction that was about to come on the Israelites for their continued disobedience (*as you read these, consider whether or not God would punish our wickedness today in the same manner... after all, He has never failed to punish an evil nation... is America [or other countries] somehow exempt from God's justice?*)

If you are standing on slippery surface, are you not predisposed to slipping? If you put yourself into wicked situations, are you not prone to sinning? If you continue to do wrong, are you not destined to be punished? The phrase "their foot shall slip in due time" seems to imply that because the Israelites had chosen to ignore God, was it not only a matter of time before God would respond appropriately?

The phrase also implies that God's judgment would be sudden, and unexpected. Just like walking on an icy sidewalk, you never know when you are going to slip and fall. It could happen at any time, and it will happen very quickly when it does. You have no idea when it will occur; then 'whoosh!', down you go!

Psalms 73:18-19 Surely You set them in slippery places; You cast them down to destruction. Oh, how they are brought to desolation, as in a moment! They are utterly consumed with terrors. (NKJV)

Another implication is that people fall because of themselves, not because someone pushes them down. When a person goes down on a slippery sidewalk, they only need their own body weight. No outside push is necessary.

We also find that the fall comes at the time that GOD has determined. "In due time" means "at the appointed time". Who is capable of determining that time? God of course. It's not that God will push them down; no, it will be that God will simply no longer hold them up. Sinners fall by their own weight, God does not cause it. They only reason it doesn't happen sooner is God's mercy and patience.

So here is the point I want you to understand about this: there is nothing that keeps the wicked and sinful person from dying and going straight to hell this very moment but the mere pleasure of God.

What does "mere pleasure" mean? It means His sovereign pleasure. God can do whatever He wants and is under NO obligation to seek our approval. He is hindered by no one, and no thing.

The fact that the preservation of the wicked from hell for one single moment, or the delaying of the sinner's death and consignment to hell this very second is due solely to pleasure of God can be seen as true when we consider the following:

There is certainly no lack of power or ability in God to cast sinful men into hell at any moment that He chooses. Obviously He could do this, so the fact that He does not, displays His pleasure in delaying.

If God chose to cast us in to hell, we would be powerless to stop it. God can do it, and do it easily if He so chooses.

Sometimes an earthly authority has trouble getting an outlaw under control who has some means of fighting back, or perhaps has recruited a group of criminals to fight with him. But this is not true for God.

There is no place to hide from God, or place to hole up and fight Him off. Even if every person on earth decided to join together to go against God, they won't last a single second longer than if it was only one person.

Anyone attempting to go against God will be like a blade of grass in a tornado; or like dry hay in a firestorm. It would be easier for God to defeat all the armies of the world that it would be for you or I to crush a worm on sidewalk by stomping on it.

How easy would it be for you to burn a single piece of thread in two that held something up in the air? Just put a lighter to it for one second and the thing "hanging by a thread" would fall. So it would be infinitely easier for God to "let go" of the thread that keeps us from falling into hell.

Who are we to argue this truth to the God before whom the entire earth trembles, and the mountains are crumbled to the ground?

Second, the wicked DESERVE to be cast into hell; there is nothing "unfair" about it. If God chose to destroy all sinners this very moment, it would be perfectly just and right. In fact, justice CALLS for our punishment!

Justice says "let wickedness be punished!" and of course this is right.

The sword of justice could cut the strand that holds us from plunging into hell at any moment; and it is only the will of God that delays this from occurring.

The sinner is already condemned to hell, just like a criminal who is sentenced to jail. The sinner not only deserves hell, but the sentence and the pronouncement of condemnation has already been proclaimed. Why? Because it is the proper consequence of sin as it separates us from the eternal righteousness of God. Hell is already a certainty, a just certainty, and inevitable certainty for those who die without Christ.

John 3:18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. (NKJV)

Every person who dies without believing in and responding to Jesus Christ belongs in hell. *That is tough language in today's world of 'positive' religion and 'let's don't mention hell' seeker-friendly churches. But it is the truth; the real, awful truth. For example, consider this quote from one of today's most popular "Christian" leaders, Robert Schuller:*

"I don't think anything has been done in the name of Christ and under the banner of Christianity that has proven more destructive to human personality and, hence, counterproductive to the evangelism enterprise than the often crude, uncouth, and unchristian strategy of attempting to make people aware of their lost and sinful condition."
(Christianity Today, October 5, 1984)

John 8:23-24 And He said to them, "You are from beneath; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins." (NKJV)

The proper place of unrepentant sinners is hell; "you are from beneath". And there in hell the sinner is trapped because it is

the proper place where God's justice must be served... that is the result of His unchangeable law that proclaims clearly what the penalty of sin is (*Rom 3.23*)

The unbelieving sinner is the object of the very same anger and violence that is found in the torments of hell. The only reason the sinner does not go to hell today, is not because God, who is in control of all, does not have, right now at this very moment, the very same hellish anger towards their sin. *Don't believe that God is not angered over sin just because He is silent for a short time, or because no hellish consequences have been delivered.*

No, don't mistake God's patience for apathy because even now many miserable and eternally lost people are already experiencing the torments of hell. *Billions of unrepentant sinners can already attest to the fierceness of God's holy anger.*

Because we have the revealed Truth at our fingertips today, no doubt that God is even a great deal more angered with the multitudes on earth today who ignore or deny Him. There is no question that even a great many who read this sentence at this moment are in danger of God's anger to an even greater degree than those who already suffer in hell. Why? Because many in hell already did not have the vast resources of the Bible and the Gospel message that we enjoy today. We have no excuse.

Do not be mistaken... it is not because God is ignoring wickedness today, or that He doesn't notice it, that keeps every sinner from being cut loose into hell at this moment. God is not like us, so we must not harbor any foolishness that He is forgetful or thinks lightly of our sin.

The wrath of God burns with full fury in preparation for the careless, rebellious or ignorant sinner. Hell is prepared to receive those who deserve to be there. The sentence has been pronounced, the

torments are waiting. Hell rages and glows hot in anticipation.

Even now, as the unbelieving sinner dangles over those flames, the Sword of Wrath has been sharpened and the Swordsman is ready to sever the thread that keeps sinners from the plunge. Hell is open wide to receive its eternal inhabitants.

Satan stands ready at this moment to seize for himself as many souls as he can. He cherishes each lingering moment that God permits him to claim more for his possession and dominion. The devils watch and wait, ever vigilant to see who will make the fall next. They stand watching like hungry lions awaiting their prey, expecting to have it any second... but for some reason are held back, if only for a moment.

At any moment, if God decided to remove His restraining hand from the ravenous devils, they would pounce on the poor souls. Hell stands ready and only God keeps it from swallowing up those who could slip in at this very second.

The hearts of sinful men contain the principles of wickedness that would already have them fuel the fires of hell if it were not for God's merciful restraint. The very nature of the flesh is the foundation of the torments of hell.

There is that rotten part of man's heart, which man can use to great destruction that are the seeds of hell's fire. These wicked tendencies are active and powerful in the race of men, exceedingly violent, and again, only God's restraint keeps that wickedness from flaring up into a great consuming fire to receive the same torments as those souls who are already damned.

In other words, every heart in every man has the potential and capability for great wickedness; and the wickedness would quickly send each of us to hell if it were not for God's merciful decision to keep this from happening this very moment.

The souls of wicked men are like the stormy sea (Isa 57.20). For a little while God restrains their sinfulness in the same way that He can speak to the stormy waters saying, "the raging water can come only to this point, and no further"; but if God were to let the waters go without restraint, it would flood and destroy everything in its path without mercy.

Sin is what destroys and ruins lives; it's very nature and purpose is to destroy things. If God decided not to intervene and restrain it, then there is no way that every one of us would not totally wreck our lives.

This teaching of this truth is almost non-existent today. Think about it. The nature of sin is TO DESTROY EVERYTHING IT TOUCHES. We are all sinful. If God did not mercifully restrain the effects of sin in each of our lives, we would most certainly destroy ourselves in a very short time.

Jeremiah 17:9 "The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it? (NKJV)

The wickedness in our hearts has no boundaries or moderation; and as long as sinful people inhabit the earth, it will be like a fire that is held back by God, which if let loose would consume the entire world. The heart of man is a place of sin, and if God wasn't keeping us from it, our soul would quickly be consumed in the fire.

There is no comfort for the wicked man just because immediate danger or death can not be seen. In the same way, just because a person is healthy now, the wise man knows that at any moment he could die from an accident even those he's sees no immediate cause for concern.

Yet it is the common experience of mankind that we do not think about the fact that we stand on the very edge of eternity, one step away from leaving this world. The number and variety of ways

that we could die this very moment are so many, you can't even count them.

Unsaved people do not see that they walk over top of hell on a thin, rotting floor that is so weak it can barely hold their weight and threatens to break and cave in at any moment, sending them plummeting to eternal torment.

When is the last time you heard the truth of this? Think about it. There are a thousand thousand ways a person could die at any given moment. For the unsaved, it's like walking a tightrope over the fires of hell. At any moment, they could lose their balance, trip, the rope could break, a gust of wind could blow them off... any number of things could send them into eternal torment of hell at any moment. And only the mercy of God keeps it from happening this very second.

When was the last time you heard, or presented, this part of the Gospel?

The potential to die comes at us from all angles, every moment of the day, and yet most are unseen to us because God protects us. There are so many ways that a person can die unexpectedly and be immediately in hell, that it should almost be considered a miracle that any wicked person live one minute longer.

All the ways that a sinner can die this second and be in hell are so numerous, and so much in God's hand, under His power and control, that if He were to quit caring or being concerned for even one moment, then every sinful person would be killed and go immediately to hell.

That is a point you should not lightly pass over. There are countless ways a person can die at this very second. Each of these ways, like everything, are under the power, control and providence of Almighty God. If God were to quit caring, quit restraining, or withdraw His attention for even a moment, then every sinner would no doubt be killed instantly and forever be lost in the tormenting fire of hell.

Our desire or ability to preserve or protect our lives will not secure one extra second of existence for us. It is the common experience of all men that this is indeed true. No amount of money, talent, fame or power can ensure that you will extend your life for one second past the time God allots you.

Man's wisdom certainly gives us no protection from death. If that were true, then we would see some difference between the wise and powerful compared to others; but we don't. All men die with equal opportunity regardless of status or privilege.

Ecclesiastes 2:16 For there is no more remembrance of the wise than of the fool forever, Since all that now is will be forgotten in the days to come. And how does a wise man die? As the fool! (NKJV)

The wise and powerful die just as surely and suddenly as the fool.

All the efforts and tricks that evil men use to avoid hell, even while they continue to reject Jesus Christ will not keep them from hell even one second less.

Almost every person who hears about hell imagines that it somehow doesn't apply to them and entertains the idea that they will escape it somehow; perhaps by being a "good" person. Or perhaps they convince themselves that they will do something in the future that will change things.

People dream up all sorts of plans and ideas that allow them to either escape hell or to be convinced it doesn't exist at all. They believe that what they have thought up is a good idea and must be true. In our day when one person's "truth" is as good as another's, people just deny that hell exists, or believe that a "loving God" wouldn't send anyone there, or they just make up their own religion that declares their safety from hell.

Either way, instead of accepting what God has declared about the reality of hell,

foolish men somehow believe they can just make up their own reality, and even though it will cost them their soul for all eternity, their pride will not allow them to believe otherwise.

Sinners hear God's Word that only a few will be saved (compared to how many will be lost) and they hear that the greater part of mankind who has died chose hell over God, but still hold onto the foolish belief that THEY will be different; that hell was for others, but not them.

It is not their intention to choose hell; they do not believe they will end up there. They have every intention and plan to take care of things in the future and arrange life in such a way that hell will not be their destination.

But this is complete foolishness! Men deceive themselves by their own plans rather than simply following God's. They rest their fate in their own wisdom and strength. They place their trust in nothing more than a dream.

The majority of people who have died, having the same grace offered to them by God as we have, have no doubt rejected that grace and are now in hell; not because they were less wise than we are, but because they simply chose to trust themselves, and not Christ.

If we could ask each person, one by one, who is now in hell whether or not they expected to end up there in misery and torment (even though they had been adequately warned while alive), we would no doubt hear them reply:

"No, I never thought I would end up in hell. I had it all figured out. I thought I had things taken care of. I had intended to do something about it, but death came unexpectedly. I wasn't looking for it when it happened; it came when I wasn't ready. Death out-smarted me, and God's wrath came too quickly for me to avoid. What a fool I was! I thought I had it all figured out, deceiving myself with my

ignorant ideas; and just when I thought all was well.... Hell came calling.”

No person plans to end up in hell. To the contrary, we all convince ourselves that we don't deserve it, and that somehow, some way, certainly we will escape it (I'm speaking of those without Christ). We ignore, change the rules, rationalize or put off dealing with it for a future day. No one plans to go to hell. No one intends to go to hell. No one WANTS to go to hell. Not one person there right now thought they would be there.

God has not promised to keep the unrepentant sinner from death and hell for even one moment. God has made no promises outside of Christ and the New Covenant to preserve any life, to give any reward, or to save any person from eternal death.

And it is true that most people have no interest in Christ, no interest in the New Covenant or the Mediator of that Covenant; and so God is under no obligation to extend to them one less second in hell.

Given these things, it is plainly true that no matter how much human effort is made, no matter how much religious effort is made, no matter how many prayers are offered up, no matter how much sincerity is involved... until, and unless, a person believes in Jesus Christ for salvation, God is under no obligation to save them from the hell they themselves have chosen.

This applies to a person no matter how "good" they are as well. It has become popular today to preach a religious of morality and goodness resurrecting the age old damnable lie that if a person is simply "more good" than He is bad, that a god who is truly loving could never justly condemn them to hell. "Goodness" does not save. Belief and obedience in the Gospel of Jesus Christ does; that, and that alone.

So the truth is, regardless of our opinion of it, is that every person is held by the

hand of God over the fires of hell. We deserve to be dropped into the pit, and our sin has already secured our just and rightful place in the fire.

God is very angry over our sin, and rightfully so. His anger is just as great towards us as it is towards those who are already suffering in hell. We have done nothing to diminish God's anger, neither is God obligated in any way to keep us from being dropped into hell at this very moment. *(again, I speak of those outside of Christ)*

The Devil wants each of them. Hell is open wide. The flames burn fiercely.

The sinner craves their sinfulness and has no interest in God. They could fall into hell at any moment and have no promise of one more second of delay. They have no place of safety they can run to; nothing to hold on to that will keep them from falling.

All that keeps them from hell this very moment is the will, mercy and pleasure of God; the same God who has no obligation or promise to protect them for one more second; the same God who is very, very angry over sin.

So how does this truth apply to us? How should we respond?

We don't hear a lot of straightforward talk about hell today. It's not considered polite or "friendly". My word, folks! Of course it's not friendly! You're talking about confronting someone with the awful reality of eternal condemnation that could start any second!

By discussing this terrible subject, it might certainly wake up the unrepentant sinners who hear about hell; for what we have said to this point is true for every person outside of Jesus Christ.

The place of misery, full of fire and torment and the raging wrath of God is waiting below each and every person who has not yet responded to Christ's Gospel. Hell is the horrible pit of fire, burning, waiting to devour you. You have

nothing to keep you safe from it; there is nothing but thin air between you and hell. Only the power and wish of a merciful God keeps you from going there right this moment.

You probably aren't even aware of this; you know you aren't in hell, but you don't realize that only the hand of God keeps you from it. Instead you focus on the state of your physical existence, your health, your possessions and everything you do to take care of yourself.

But these things are nothing! If God moves His hand, they will no more keep you one second from hell than thin air can keep you from falling!

Your wickedness weighs you down so that you are headed even more surely downward towards hell; if God decides to let go, you would plunge with great speed into the bottomless pit... then what would your worldly possessions mean? Your health and riches cannot slow down or stop your fall any more than a spider web could stop a falling boulder.

If it was not for the mercy and will of God, you would not be on this earth one second longer. You are a part of the sinful curse that causes the creation to groan in death; for the whole world is in bondage to sin. The sun does not shine on you and give you light so that you may sin against its Creator; it only does so because of the curse of sin. The Earth does not willingly produce food so you can grow strong and pursue your wickedness; it does so because of the curse of sin. Air was not created to fill your lungs so you could curse God.

God's creation was created for good, all things in it were made to help man serve and worship God. The creation and its creatures groan because they are now forced to help wicked men profane the name of God by their wickedness.

The world would spew out the wicked if it were not for God's hand keeping it from happening. The black clouds of

God's anger hang directly overhead of the wicked; the storm of wrath is raging and were it not for God's restraint, it would consume every sinner in an instant.

The sovereign pleasure of God, for a while, holds back the storm; otherwise it would rush upon us with destruction like a hurricane or tornado on a pile of hay.

The anger of God over sin is alike a great body of water that is held back by a dam; the water keeps rising and rising until it finds some way to escape. The longer the source of water is held back, the more intense and quickly it will travel when finally let loose.

It is often true, that punishment is delayed for a sinner's wickedness; God's judgment is withheld for a time; but your guilt and punishment are building up constantly and becoming more and more intense. Only the mercy of God keeps your punishment from coming immediately and swiftly.

If God should simply move His hand, the floods of His fierce wrath would wash us away with inconceivable fury; they would rush on you with all the power of God. If you were one million times stronger than you are now or even if you were the strongest being who has ever existed on earth or in heaven, you still could not withstand God's rage for even one second.

The bow of God's anger is flexed, and an arrow of fury is drawn back, pointed straight for your heart. Only God keeps the arrow from its flight. Even though He is angry over your sin, and He is under no obligation to restrain the arrow, it is only His mercy and restraint that keeps the arrow from plunging into your heart.

Make no mistake, every person who has not been given a new heart by Christ; every person who is not indwelt with the Holy Spirit of God; every person who is not born again into a new creature of Christ, saved sin; every person who has

not experienced the life and light of God are right now at this very moment in the hands of an angry God.

No matter how many things you have changed in your life, no matter how religious you have been, no matter if you have played "church" all your life, it doesn't matter. If you have not believed and obeyed Jesus Christ you are only one moment from being swallowed up into eternal hell.

It really doesn't matter whether you are convinced of this truth now; you will be. Every single person who has ever died in their sins knows the truth about hell. The truth came upon them suddenly and with complete finality. One moment they were denying that hell existed, and the next moment they were regretting it. While the words "peace and safety" were coming from their lips, the very things they were placing their hope and trust in disappeared into empty shadows.

God holds you from falling into hell much the same way someone would hold a spider or creepy insect over a fire. This same God hates your sin and is terribly angry at your wickedness. His wrath burns to be satisfied, to cast the sinner into the flames, worthy of nothing but death because the eyes of God are too holy to look upon sin.

Our sin is ten thousands time more awful to God than the worst rottenness in the world is to us. We offend God infinitely more than any other human has ever offended us no matter terrible or destructive their offense may be. And yet, if you do not belong to Christ, it is the hand of this very same offended God that keeps you from going to hell this very moment.

There is no other reason than God that a lost sinner is not this very moment entering the flames of hell; or that they woke up this moment here and not in torment. There is no other reason than God that death has not come at some point on this day to take the sinner to

hell. There is no other reason than the good will of God why any lost person reading this very sentence does not die instantly and be lost forever.

Listen to me! Think about the terrible danger you are in if you have not obeyed the words of Jesus Christ. You are one moment from being in the flames of hell, the bottomless pit, the fire of God's wrath which has been inflamed as much by your sin as the sin of those who are already in hell.

You are held from hell by slender thread with the flames rising up all around. At any moment the fire could burn the thread in two and drop you. How can you go on uninterested in God? No one else can save you, certainly not you yourself. Nothing about you, nothing you have ever done, nothing you possess can save you. Nothing about YOU can keep you from going to hell right this moment. Consider these things:

1. Whose anger are we talking about? The Infinite God's, that's who! If we were simply speaking of a man, even someone powerful like a president, then it would be comparatively easy to ignore. The wrath of a king or dictator who has the power of life and death in their hands no doubt is a scary thing.

Proverbs 20:2 The wrath of a king is like the roaring of a lion; Whoever provokes him to anger sins against his own life. (NKJV)

The person who enrages a tyrannical dictator is probably going to suffer, maybe even be tortured cruelly. But the very worst that any earthly power can inflict on man even with all the resources of wickedness at their disposal is nothing more than an insignificant speck of nothing compared to the power of the Creator of Heaven and Earth.

In reality, there is comparatively little harm men can inflict on each other, even at its very worst and most furious. All the power of all men on the whole earth is like a grasshopper compared to God;

we are like nothing, no, less than nothing!

The wrath of God is infinitely greater that all the power of man, as is His majesty and power:

Luke 12:4-5 "And I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, fear Him! (NKJV)

It is the intensity of God's wrath that the lost sinner is exposed to. Consider some of these descriptions of God's fury (emphasis mine):

Isaiah 59:18 According to their deeds, accordingly He will repay, Fury to His adversaries, Recompense to His enemies; The coastlands He will fully repay. (NKJV)

Isaiah 66:15 For behold, the Lord will come with fire And with His chariots, like a whirlwind, To render His anger with fury, And His rebuke with flames of fire. (NKJV)

Revelation 19:15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. (NKJV)

These are some pretty scary images! The "wrath of God" is fearsome enough but notice it says the "fierceness and wrath of Almighty God." The fury of God, the burning anger of Jehovah... how awful and frightening that must be!

Who can imagine what that really means? No matter how terrible we can imagine it, it must be exponentially worse. It's not just "wrath" but "fierceness and wrath"! Think of how bad it would be to feel the fierceness and

wrath of some terrible human dictator who unleashed all of his anger and torment on some poor victim...

How much more terrible must it be then for those who feel the fierceness and wrath of God? What will become of the pitiful soul who is the target of the fury of God? Who could endure it? Whose heart will not melt?

Can you imagine the depth of misery that will be experienced by any poor creature who is object of God's anger? If you have not repented of your sins and obeyed Jesus Christ, think about this:

God will turn His anger and fury on you without pity, without mercy, without relenting.

When God looks down on you in all your suffering and sees that it is infinitely too much for you to bear, that your suffering is immense compared to your ability to endure it, that your soul is crushed and broken in infinite gloom and despair... He will have NO compassion on you. None.

God will not stop nor lessen His execution of anger, torment and wrath upon you in the slightest amount. There will be no breaks, no relief, no mercy. In no way at all will God let up pouring out His vengeance on the soul who has denied Him.

God will have no regard or care for you except for one thing: you will not suffer beyond what strict holy justice requires. Nothing will be withheld no matter how unbearable it will be.

Ezekiel 8:18 Therefore I also will act in fury. My eye will not spare nor will I have pity; and though they cry in My ears with a loud voice, I will not hear them." (NKJV)

Right now, this moment, God has pity on you. Today, God has mercy on you and offering you a chance to escape the coming storm. You can cry out to God this second and He will hear you and show you love and mercy.

But once the day of mercy has passed, it will not matter how much you beg and plead, or cry and repent, or scream and suffer... it will be too late. You will be completely lost and God will not take you back. He will not be concerned with your welfare at that point.

God will have no other purpose or use for you than to see that you suffer. You shall exist for all eternity with no other reason than to be tormented and punished. You will be a container for God's wrath, good for no other use. God will be so deaf to your cries, and so far from showing you any mercy that it is said He will only "laugh and make fun" you (Prov. 1.25-26)

How terrible are these words! This is not the God that we hear about today. This wrath and fury are foreign to us today. And not by accident. How much more would sinful men stop and listen if they believed the truth about hell and eternity!

Consider how fearsome God's words are (emphasis mine):

Isaiah 63:3 "I have trodden the winepress alone, And from the peoples no one was with Me. For I have trodden them in My anger, And trampled them in My fury; Their blood is sprinkled upon My garments, And I have stained all My robes. (NKJV)

It is hard for us to think of words that describe contempt, hatred and fierce anger any better than what we find in this verse. Once in hell, God will simply not ignore your cries for pity, He will trample you under His feet even while you cry out.

And even though God will know full well that you are incapable of bearing the agony of His wrath, He will still ignore you and crush you under His feet with out mercy or hesitation. He will crush you to the uttermost so that your blood will fly in all directions and stain God's robes.

Do not make the mistake of thinking this is not true because of the symbolic language. The description in Isaiah is used simply to give us something we can comprehend in our finite minds. And even at this, we cannot possibly begin to conceive of how awful hell really will be, or we would faint dead at the thought.

God will not only hate you, but He will have the utmost contempt and disgust for you. There will be no place for you in God's presence and the only thing you will be worthy of is to be stomped down and crushed into nothing.

Once in hell, the misery you are exposed to is the same that will be inflicted for all eternity, without end or break. It is God's purpose to demonstrate the eternal and secure nature of His love, forgiveness and mercy. So how does it not make sense that it is also true that His wrath and punishment are eternal and sure? God has given plenty of warning.

Once in a while, an earthly king will set out to show how foolish it would be to provoke his wrath. He shows this by inflicting extreme punishments on those who make him mad. Nebuchadnezzar did this to Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego throwing them into a super-heated furnace that was seven times hotter than normal; as hot as humanly possible.

So if man is willing to show his willingness to punish, how much more capable is Almighty God to demonstrate that He most assuredly will execute a penalty on those who provoke Him?

Romans 9:22 What if God, wanting to show His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, (NKJV)

Understanding that both heaven and hell are God's design and plan, to show both his mercy and his justice, is to have no doubt that He will in fact do so without fail. There is a result and very real purpose behind the display of God's

wrath. When the Almighty of Heaven rises up and executes justice on those who have rejected Him, and exercises the full fury of His indignation upon the wicked... then the entire universe will be given notice to behold the majesty and supremacy of the God who is over all.

Isaiah 33:12-13 And the people shall be like the burnings of lime; Like thorns cut up they shall be burned in the fire. Hear, you who are afar off, what I have done; And you who are near, acknowledge My might." (NKJV)

Make no mistake; this is how it will be for those who reject Jesus Christ. The infinite power and terrible anger of the omnipotent God will be focused directly on you with the purpose of making you suffer. You will be tormented in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb whom you rejected (Jesus).

When this happens, the inhabitants of heaven will see the awful spectacle as a testimony to the terrible reality of God's wrath and fierceness; then, having seen it, they will fall down and worship the God of Heaven and Earth.

Isaiah 66:23-24 And it shall come to pass That from one New Moon to another, And from one Sabbath to another, All flesh shall come to worship before Me," says the Lord. "And they shall go forth and look Upon the corpses of the men Who have transgressed against Me. For their worm does not die, And their fire is not quenched. They shall be an abhorrence to all flesh. (NKJV)

God's anger towards the unsaved will NEVER end. It would be the most horrible of torments to suffer God's wrath for one second; the lost will suffer it for all eternity.

The will be no end to the unimaginable, unbearable, exquisite misery that is reserved for those who reject Jesus. *Why do we fail to tell people this?? We paint for them a picture of how Jesus will make their life better. We share with them the*

bliss of heaven; both of which are true, no doubt. But what how cowardly and miserably selfish and uncompassionate to allow a single sinner to go on about their life deceived or ignorant about the awful, horrible, terrible eternal punishment they will suffer one instant after death!

In hell, the wicked will look forward and see a long "forever", an endless duration which alone is sufficient torment. The lost will despair every moment realizing they have no hope of release, relief, escape or deliverance. You will fully realize that you must endure endless ages, millions upon millions of times, wrestling with this awful reality of eternal condemnation; and then when you have finally reached the end of ages upon ages upon ages, you will realize that it is but a fraction of a second gone in eternity.

Who can imagine being in this state? Who can grasp it? *It is so much harder today to imagine it because we have generations of humans who are convinced that a "loving" God would not send anyone to hell, much less for all eternity. Couple that with the fact that a large segment of "Christianity" today teaches a "temporary" hell of some type leading to eventual release to heaven... and we have reached an age where the reality of hell according the Bible is not only shunned, but laughed at.*

All that we can possibly say or teach about hell is but a faint and feeble glimpse at what it will really be like. It is inexpressible and inconceivable, for "who knows the power of God's anger"?

How scary it is for those who are in danger this very moment of dying and being lost in hell for all eternity! Sad as it is, this is the case for every single person who has not heard and responded in obedience to Jesus Christ, regardless of how good, moral or religious they are.

No matter how young or old you are, please consider the truth of these words. There is plenty of reason to believe that

many who are reading these words right now are in danger of the very hell they are reading about. No one knows for sure except God. No one knows your name, or what you are thinking at this moment. You may feel safe. You may read these words and think they are silly, or that they don't apply to you, or you may have no feeling at all about them.

You may even think in the back of your mind that there **MUST** be a way of escaping hell because it simply can **NOT** be true. If there is only one person in the whole world in danger of hell, it would still be a horrible awful thing. If we knew who that person was, we would have such pity on them! Surely we would lift up a loud and agonizing cry to them to warn them of the danger.

But instead of just one person, how many millions may read these words and remember them only when it is too late? Any how many of those millions will be in hell this year? This week? Today? No matter how long you live on this earth, it will seem like nothing in the very first instant that God's fury washes over you.

No matter how long you linger on this earth, hell will come quickly if you do not repent and obey Jesus Christ! The only real puzzle is why you are not there already; and you don't even see that the same God who keeps you safe now, will not keep you safe forever.

No doubt there are some people you have seen and known, that never deserved hell more than you, who are already there. They have no hope. They are crying out in extreme misery and complete despair; but here you are still living and still hearing the Word of God... you still have a chance for salvation. How much do you think those in hell would give for one more second of chance to say "yes!" to Jesus? You have that second. What will you do with it?

So right this minute you have an extraordinary opportunity... a moment still yours where Christ has opened the

doors of mercy wide and stands calling your name with a loud voice, "come poor sinners while there is still time!". Even now many are responding to His call from all corners of the world; people who were destined for hell just a short time ago. But now they are the happiest and most hopeful of all the world, their hearts filled with love for Him who loved them first and washed their sins with His sacrificed blood. The hope of the glory of God is now their destiny.

If you are reading this, the day of hope still exists for you. How awful to let it pass when it is yours for the taking. How terrible to watch others no more deserving than you accept the free gift of salvation while you let it pass yet again. How can you rest for one moment if your destiny is eternal punishment? Your soul is as precious as any who has ever come to Christ; so why not you? Why not now?

There are many older people reading this that have lived a long time in this world and have not yet obeyed Christ. They have done nothing with their entire lives except build up the wrath of God against themselves. Their situation is extremely dangerous! Their heart has been hardened to God's message and hope is slipping away.

Do you not see that in general the older someone gets, the less likely they are to turn to God in faith and repentance even though God's grace extends to all in this day of mercy? You need to wake up before it's too late! You cannot bear the wrath and fury of the Infinite God who is no respecter of your age or status!

And young men and women, listen up! Will you waste this precious opportunity to obey Christ while you have your whole life to give Him glory? Will you do what most other young people are doing, living for pleasure and foolishness? Many your age are turning to Christ and living a glorious life, will you be left behind?

You have an extraordinary opportunity... you have heard and understood salvation at a young age. But if you neglect it, you will end up like all the others who have lived a life of sin and become hard and blind to God's Word.

And children... you are no different. I know it's scary, but hell awaits all who have sinned. Many children from all over the world trust Christ for salvation every day and become children of the Most High King. Will you miss this opportunity today?

Let every single person who has not obeyed Christ understand their situation: there are suspended over the flames of hell this very moment. Whether young or old, men or women, adult or child... all of you hear the voice of God offering you salvation and eternal life.

This day is the day God is extending His saving grace to you; it will be a day of great rejoicing for some, and a day of great vengeance for others. Those who ignore this call today will have their hearts hardened at a quickened pace and they face the danger of having their eyes blinded forever to God's mercy.

God is quickly gathering His children from all parts of the world and most likely the greater part of all persons who will be saved have been, or will be in short time. The time of grace is drawing quickly to a close. Those who hear the call of God, the Elect, will be saved and the rest left for destruction.

If you pass up God's call today and end up in hell, you will curse this moment for all eternity... for salvation is but one decision of obedience from being yours. To pass up this opportunity will be to curse the day you born wishing that you had never seen or heard of the mercy of God which you refused and rejected.

No doubt that today is the same as it was in the day of John the Baptist, when the Lord said that every tree that did not bear fruit (meaning every person who did not respond to Him) would be cut down and thrown in the fire.

LET EVERY PERSON WHO HAS NOT SURRENDERED TO AND OBEYED CHRIST wake up and run from the wrath that is coming! The wrath of God is now waiting for many who are reading these very words. Don't let it be you. Run from evil! Run for your life into the arms of Jesus! Don't look back; escape to God lest you be lost in hell forever.

Saving Faith: Tests & Evidences

1 John 5:13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

2 Corinthians 13:5) Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified.

I am frequently asked the question, "how can you really know you are genuinely saved?" This is not a question about "once saved always saved." (eternal security). This question, more fully would go something like this:

"Is there any way I can look at my own life and person, and know for sure whether or not I'm genuinely saved?"

The answer is categorically, YES.

Like everything else in life we want to prove, determine, objectively evaluate or figure out, we can consider the EVIDENCE of our life, and then look at some TESTS revealed in Scripture to determine if we have genuine saving faith or not.

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Does this mean that genuine saving faith is an intellectual process only? Hardly.

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The answer is YES! The same way we can prove other things: tests & evidence. Of course, we can only prove this to OURSELVES with an open and honest heart. I cannot prove it for you, and you cannot prove it for me. God does not leaving us hanging with a blind hope that we might be saved. He gives us plenty of objective measurements to evaluate this in our own heart.

We are going to look at things that WILL BE TRUE for the genuine Christian, but are NOT proof of genuine saving faith because they can be true for the unsaved as well.

Isn't that a waste of time though? Not at all. All the things we will look at today SHOULD be part of your life if you are genuinely saved. But by these standards alone, you cannot have assurance of genuine faith. If you are MISSING these things, you need not go further because tomorrow's list can NOT be true for you if today's list is not. You'll see what I mean as we go along.

Things That Will Be True About a Genuine Christian But Don't PROVE You Are a Christian:

Good Works

A person can be part of and engage in all manners of apparent good works and still not be saved. We can easily see examples of all sorts of people, religious or not, that spend their life engaged in good works.

In the end, God will test each man's work with "fire" and only those works done for and by the righteousness of God that is given to the genuinely saved will survive. The rest will be burned up, shown to be worthless and dead. Just as a straw house may provide some temporary benefit, if it is put to the test, it is easily destroyed.

1 Co 3:12-13: Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. (NKJV)

Good works done by the unsaved are like that straw house. There is some temporary benefit and result, but in the end it is prove to be worthless eternally.

However, good works are absolutely part of the genuine Christian life. Some argue that emphasizing good works appeal to man's pride, or is an effort to earn salvation. That can be true of course, but for the genuine Believer, good works are the outward manifestation of a changed heart. Good works are the manifestation of appreciation for our salvation and showing of God's love to a hurting world. Oh yeah... we are commanded to do good works too, so that should end that argument (read the book of James too):

1 Ti 6:18: Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, (NKJV)

A Point of Decision

Often we point to some act, decision or moment that appears to prove our genuine faith. I said the sinners prayer; I was baptized; I went forward at a revival to receive Jesus in to my heart.

Of course some point of decision WILL be true for all the genuinely saved but a point of decision is not proof of salvation by stretch as evidenced by the multitudes of "decisions" that are never accompanied by any long term transformation of their life. Decisions can be made from emotion, intellect, coercion or impulsiveness with no accompanying spiritual motivation.

Religious interest or ministry involvement

Being interested in God or active in Christian ministry will be true of genuine Christians, but is not PROOF of genuine salvation. I don't have to explain the common experience of knowing folks who are routinely engaged in ministry or religious activity who are OBVIOUSLY not true Believers, or over the long haul prove they were not as their real life and real motivations come to light.

The Bible even tells us about wolves in sheeps clothing, tares among the wheat and false teachers who will all appear to be engaged in the business of the Kingdom. In Matt 25:1-10, the parable of the virgins, they were all participating in the wedding party, but in the end, the bridegroom did not recognize them as being included. In Matt 13:38-43, the tares are sown amongst the wheat, and

look like wheat but in the end will be separated and burned away.

The Bible makes is abundantly clear, and indeed warns us, that there will always be "fake Christians" who give appearance of genuine faith, and most probably even believe they really are saved (as opposed to malicious pretending).

Morality or Goodness

Morality and goodness are certainly true of genuine Christians, but the unsaved are capable of understanding right and wrong, and engaging in civil good. People who seem to lead hedonistic or even evil lives can at times show an understanding and response to what is "good". Even death row murderers abhor pedophiles and rapists. Just about every person is capable to some degree of being "good" and grasping morality.

Let rich young ruler was a shining example of goodness. A stalward citizen, a religious man, good in every way... but still lost:

Mt 19:16-26: Now behold, one came and said to Him, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments." He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, "'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have

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I would guess this unsaved man was actually "gooder" than most of us. But he was unsaved because his heart was not transformed and he valued something more highly than God.

If we have genuine saving faith, then goodness and high morals WILL be true of us but they are not PROOF of genuine saving faith.

Knowledge of the Facts

Having a working knowledge of Christian facts, the Gospel message or Biblical education is true for the genuinely saved, but can be true of the unsaved too. Religious organizations, colleges and churches can be filled with people who KNOW the right things but have not been transformed by them. The Bible tells us clearly of multitudes of people who should and do know about God intellectually and still reject Him:

Ro 1:20-21: For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew

God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. (NKJV)

We all know people who "know" about Jesus, who "know" the Gospel, who "know" the Truth but still reject or ignore it. You must have the right knowledge to have genuine saving faith, but that knowledge alone is no proof of genuine saving faith.

Contrition or Conviction About Sin

A person can be sorry about their sin, recognize it, and even try to do something about it without being genuinely saved. It is a fleshly act done in human power and will ultimately fail (just as all our decisions, convictions and efforts done separate from God's power ultimately fail).

Often we see people aware of their sin who try some human act of restitution, sacrifice or penance in an attempt to satisfy their genuine guilt and shame. While it seem selfless on the surface, it is in reality totally self-centered because it is an attempt to merit grace by our own acts/choices of contrition. It is ultimately prideful because it declares "I can pay for sin my own way, not God's."

Paul spoke the truth to Felix and he obviously was convicted about it but told Paul to get lost:

Ac 24:25: Now as he reasoned about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and answered, "Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you." (NKJV)

Personal Feeling of Assurance

A genuine Christian can experience true assurance of salvation (that's what this lesson is about) but even the unsaved can wrongly be "sure" they are saved because they are basing it on the wrong test, the wrong evidence or on the wrong reasons.

In Matt 23, the religious leaders were SURE of their standing with God for all the wrong reasons: self righteousness, birth, knowledge, privilege, etc. We can be SURE of our salvation based on many erroneous "proofs":

- I prayed a prayer
- I was baptized
- I'm part of the right group, church or organization
- Because of my family background
- I've always been told I was saved
- I really sincerely FEEL I am saved
- Someone else says I am saved
- Anecdotal evidence (my life is going well, so God must be pleased)

All the things we've looked at today are things that WILL be true of genuine saving faith, but are not PROOF of genuine saving faith. The unsaved can exhibit this things as well.

We are answering the question: "Can a Christian know for sure they have genuine saving faith?" The answer is YES. The Bible has many "tests" for us to apply and says much about the evidence that will be present in the life of the genuinely saved.

Last message, we looked at things that will be present in the lives of those who are saved, but do not by themselves prove that salvation is genuine. Today

we want to look at those things which ARE evidence of genuine salvation. If today's list is true in someone's life, then yesterday's list will be true as well.

Taking up your cross:

Mt 10:38: And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. (NKJV)

Taking up your cross is the idea of giving up your life for God. It means that everything else in life become subservient and inferior to the will of God. Only the genuinely saved are capable of this type of life.

Living sacrifice:

Ro 12:1: I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. (NKJV)

Dead sacrifices are no longer acceptable to God. As new creatures in Christ, our spirits are recreated, but our sin cursed body remains. It is to be offered up to God as "living sacrifice" wholly committed to whatever use God may have for it. Only a "new creation" is capable of such a sacrifice.

Love for God:

Ro 8:6-7: For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. (NKJV)

The unsaved cannot have a truly spiritual mind. The unsaved mind is at war with God. Only a genuinely saved person can have likemindedness and love for God.

Lk 10:27: So he answered and said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind," and 'your neighbor as yourself.'" (NKJV)

Again, this is only possible for the saved. The unsaved cannot possibly love God with all their heart, mind and soul for that is incompatible with being unsaved. Only God grants the power for this love, and He only grants it to His children.

Continual repentance:

2 Co 7:10: For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death. (NKJV)

Only the truly saved are capable of genuine repentance which is different from being contrite or sorry about sin (and its consequences). The genuinely saved REPENT and turn from sin because as new creations we are no longer SLAVES to sin.

1 Jn 1:8-10: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. (NKJV)

The genuinely saved do not lie about being sinful. We KNOW we are not sinless because the Truth in us illuminates our sin clearly. We see it, repent of it, and receive forgiveness all of which is impossible for the unsaved.

The unsaved typically have a high opinion of their goodness and have a hard time seeing their sin, whereas the genuinely saved are grieved because their sin is all too apparent.

A transformed life:

Ro 12:2: And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. (NKJV)

The truly saved life will experience genuine transformation because God is constantly renewing the mind. God does not indwell the unsaved so they have no

way to genuinely transform their life

Humility:

Jas 4:6: But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble." (NKJV)

The unsaved are by necessity full of pride. They cannot help it or change it. Therefore they can never have deep, sustaining humility. Genuinely humility is a sign of true salvation.

Spiritual fruit:

Lk 8:15: But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience. (NKJV)

The unregenerated is incapable of producing good fruit. Presence of measurable and obvious Christian fruit in a life is real evidence of genuine saving faith.

Ga 5:22: But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, (NKJV)

The consistent presence of the fruit of the Spirit is an obvious evidence of genuine salvation because it is impossible for the slave to sin to display any of these characteristics in more than a token form.

Devotion to God's glory:

1 Co 10:31: Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. (NKJV)

The genuinely saved see ALL their life as an opportunity to glorify God, an attitude that the unsaved are incapable of faking but for a short time, if at all.

Selflessness towards other:

1 Jn 4:7: Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who

loves is born of God and knows God.
(NKJV)

Only the genuinely saved can consistently love others and put themselves second. The unsaved cannot help but put their own interests first over the long run. It's difficult effort for the saved, and impossible for the unsaved.

Ro 12:10: Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; (NKJV)

Again, honor and preference are possible only when empowered by God to do so. If these attributes are present in your life, then they are solid evidence of genuine saving faith.

Effective Prayer:

Jas 5:16: Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. (NKJV)

If you can see the effects of prayer, and prayers being answered in your life, then this is evidence of genuine saving faith. Prayer is effective for the "righteous" man and righteousness only comes after the supernatural rebirth of the spirit.

Obedient Living:

Mt 7:21: "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. (NKJV)

It's not the people who SAY the right thing who are truly saved, but the people who DO the right thing; obedience as evidence of salvation is a common thread through all of Scripture.

Can you know if you are genuinely saved? Can you have assurance? Of course. Test yourself, evaluate your life. If these things are true about you, you can have assurance you have genuine saving faith.

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 - I prayed a prayer
 - I was baptized
 - I'm part of the right group, church or organization
 - Because of my family
 - I've always been told I was
 - I really sincerely FEEL I am
 - Someone else says I am
 - Anecdotal evidence (my life is going well, so God must be pleased)

Things That Are True About Genuine Christians and Are Evidence of Genuine Saving Faith

If the list above it true and the following list is not, there is reason to question if

faith is genuine and saving. If the list below is true, then the list above will be true as well.

For any long term degree and consistency the following list is impossible for the unsaved. God empowers us to do the following, and while we may be able to superficially "fake it" for a little while, we will not be able to consistently live out the following without being supernatural indwelt by the Holy Spirit.

Taking up your cross:

- Mt 10:38: And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. (NKJV)
- Taking up your cross is the idea of giving up your life for God. It means that everything else in life become subservient and inferior to the will of God. Only the genuinely saved are capable of this type of life.

Living sacrifice:

- Ro 12:1: I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. (NKJV)
- Dead sacrifices are no longer acceptable to God. As new creatures in Christ, our spirits are recreated, but our sin cursed body remains. It is to be offered up to God as "living sacrifice" wholly committed to whatever use God may have for it. Only a "new creation" is capable of such a sacrifice.

Love for God:

- Ro 8:6-7: For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because

the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. (NKJV)

- The unsaved cannot have a truly spiritual mind. The unsaved mind is at war with God. Only a genuinely saved person can have likemindedness and love for God.
- Lk 10:27: So he answered and said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind," and "your neighbor as yourself." (NKJV)
- Again, this is only possible for the saved. The unsaved cannot possible love God with all their heart, mind and soul for that is incompatible with being unsaved. Only God grants the power for this love, and He only grants it to His children.

Continual repentance:

- 2 Co 7:10: For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death. (NKJV)
- Only the truly saved are capable of genuine repentance which is different from being contrite or sorry about sin (and its consequences). The genuinely saved REPENT and turn from sin because as new creations we are no longer SLAVES to sin.
- 1 Jn 1:8-10: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. (NKJV)
- The genuinely saved do not lie about being sinful. We KNOW we

are not sinless because the Truth in us illuminates our sin clearly. We see it, repent of it, and receive forgiveness all of which is impossible for the unsaved.

- The unsaved typically have a high opinion of their goodness and have a hard time seeing their sin, whereas the genuinely saved are grieved because their sin is all too apparent.

A transformed life:

- Ro 12:2: And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. (NKJV)
- The truly saved life will experience genuine transformation because God is constantly renewing the mind. God does not indwell the unsaved so they have no way to genuinely transform their life

Humility:

- Jas 4:6: But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble." (NKJV)
- The unsaved are by necessity full of pride. They cannot help it or change it. Therefore they can never have deep, sustaining humility. Genuinely humility is a sign of true salvation.

Spiritual fruit:

- Lk 8:15: But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience. (NKJV)

- The unregenerated is incapable of producing good fruit. Presence of measurable and obvious Christian fruit in a life is real evidence of genuine saving faith.
- Ga 5:22: But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, (NKJV)
- The consistent presence of the fruit of the Spirit is an obvious evidence of genuine salvation because it is impossible for the slave to sin to display any of these characteristics in more than a token form.

Devotion to God's glory:

- 1 Co 10:31: Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. (NKJV)
- The genuinely saved see ALL their life as an opportunity to glorify God, an attitude that the unsaved are incapable of faking but for a short time, if at all.

Selflessness towards other:

- 1 Jn 4:7: Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. (NKJV)
- Only the genuinely saved can consistently love others and put themselves second. The unsaved cannot help but put their own interests first over the long run. It's difficult effort for the saved, and impossible for the unsaved.
- Ro 12:10: Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; (NKJV)
- Again, honor and preference are possible only when empowered by God to do so. If these attributes are

present in your life, then they are solid evidence of genuine saving faith.

Effective Prayer:

- Jas 5:16: Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. (NKJV)
- If you can see the effects of prayer, and prayers being answered in your life, then this is evidence of genuine saving faith. Prayer is effective for the "righteous" man and righteousness only comes after the supernatural rebirth of the spirit.

Obedient Living:

- Mt 7:21: "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. (NKJV)
- It's not the people who SAY the right thing who are truly saved, but the people who DO the right thing; obedience as evidence of salvation is a common thread through all of Scripture.

Assurance Tests in 1 John

- 1 John 2:3 Now by this we **know** that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.
- Obedience is proof
- 1 John 2:4 He who says, "I know Him," and **does not keep His commandments**, is a liar, and **the truth is not in him**.
- Obedience is proof
- 1 John 2:5 But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is

perfected in him. By this **we know** that we are in Him.

- Obedience is evidence
- 1 John 2:11 But he who hates his brother **is in darkness** and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.
- You cannot hate a brother and be in the light; love for brethren is evidence
- 1 John 3:14 We **know** that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death.
- Love for the brethren is proof
- 1 John 3:15 Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that **no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.**
- If you hate a brother, that is evidence of being lost
- 1 John 3:16 By this **we know** love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.
- If we are willing to lay down our lives for our brethren, that is evidence of genuine saving faith
- 1 Jn 3:18-19: My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. And by **this we know that we are of the truth**, and shall assure our hearts before Him. (NKJV)
- When we put love into real action and not just talk about it, that is evidence of genuine salvation
- 1 John 3:24 Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this **we know** that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.
- Obedience is evidence of saving faith
- 1 John 4:2 By this **you know** the Spirit of God: Every spirit that

confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God,

- Confession is evidence of genuine salvation
- 1 John 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and **everyone who loves is born of God** and knows God.
- Knowing God and loving God is evidence of genuine faith
- 1 John 4:13 By this **we know that** we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.
- If the work of the Holy Spirit is evident in our life, this is proof of our salvation

There are many more verses in 1 John that are “tests” for us to administer to ourselves to see if our faith is genuine.

Conduct of Genuine Saving Faith

Just a few things; you could list many more, and even many more verses for each of these... but the point is that when we have genuine saving faith, it affects our lives, not just how we live, but what we do with the TRUTH the brought us to salvation.

- **Tell people (don't be ashamed)** - Ro 1:16: For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. (NKJV)
- **Live the truth** - Php 1:27: Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel, (NKJV)
- **Fellowship together the truth** - Philp 1:5: for your fellowship in the

gospel from the first day until now, (NKJV)

- **Protect the truth** - Ga 1:6-8: I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. (NKJV)
- **Suffer for truth** - 1 Pe 4:12-13: Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. (NKJV)
- **Defend the truth** - Jud 3: Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. (NKJV)

Questions to consider:

How do you tend to approach "faith" ... through facts, intellect and logic? Or through emotions, heart and feeling? Do you ever find yourself thinking the "other" approach is not as legitimate?

Do you believe that these tests and evidences can REALLY, genuinely give us a true feeling of assurance? Or do we just have to "hope" we are saved and never really, seriously know for sure?

How does this assurance, or lack of it, affect our Christian walk on an everyday basis? (discuss the dangers and effects of false assurance; discuss the positive effects and benefits to your daily life if you have genuine assurance.)

The Declaration of Independence – Modern English Version by Brent Riggs

IN CONGRESS, July 4, 1776

Every State in America agrees with and declares the following,

When it becomes necessary during the normal course of human history that a specific group of People find it undeniable that they must completely end their relationship with another group of People and assume in this world an equal, separate and sovereign status among nations (to which the Laws of God entitle all mankind) - common and decent respect for humanity compels that group of People to clearly and publicly declare their reasons which have forced them to end the relationship in question.

We hold the following truths to be obvious and undeniable,

All men are created equal and have been equipped and supplied by the Creator with certain rights that cannot and must not be taken away which include: Life, Personal freedom (liberty), And the right to pursue happiness.

To secure these God-ordained rights, Governments are created and they derive their power and authority from the People they govern, who give them permission to govern, and willingly submit to their authority.

However, when any Government decides to take away the right of personal freedom and the pursuit of happiness, it is the right of the People under that Government to change the Government, or if necessary, get rid of the Government altogether, to recreate a Government which is once again founded upon the principles of freedom, and organized in such a way as to guarantee those freedoms.

Logic, caution and good judgment requires that established Governments should not be altered hastily, without good reason or for temporary circumstances. As well, experience has demonstrated that the People have a tendency to suffer Government evils, rather than change them, as long as the suffering is not too extreme. Why? Because People get used to things being a certain way, and it is difficult and takes great effort to change.

But... when a long series of abuses and stealing of freedoms has occurred by the Government, which are all meant to achieve the goal of putting the People under the rule of violent tyrants, it becomes the right of the People - even more it becomes the duty of the People - to defeat and cast away that Government and create a new Government and new safeguards to protect their freedom.

This is what has happened to the thirteen Colonies who have been patient in this matter of suffering. The Colonies have reached a point where they have no choice but to alter their current system of Government because their freedoms have been abused.

The King of England has a long history of recurring abuses and seizing freedom by violent threats. The King has one single objective: to take absolute, dictatorial control over the Colonies. To prove this, consider the following facts which we make public for the whole world to evaluate:

- The King has refused to sign into law a system where Courts administer justice
- The King has forbid his Governors to pass urgent laws that are extremely

important to us. They must delay the laws and get the King's permission first. Even when the Governors suspend the laws, the King still neglects to consider them anyway.

- The King has refused to sign or consider other laws that enact provisions for large groups of People unless those People give up their right to be represented in the Government - in other words, they must give up their freedom to get the King to pass the law... something only a Tyrant would ask the People to do.
- The King has called the Government leaders together in unusual and uncomfortable places, far from any legal resources or Public Records for the sole purpose of making them so tired and uncomfortable, they will simply agree with the King and do what he wants.
- The King has repeatedly shut down the parts of the Government that represent the People. Why? Because they have opposed him when he has abused the rights of the People they represent.
- The King has refused for long periods of time to allow other Representatives of the People to be elected after he himself dissolved their Representation. So the Representatives, who simply cannot walk away and forget those they represent or their duties, have returned to the People to do their service. Meanwhile, the country remains exposed to invasion by other countries, and intense turmoil and uncertainty from within.
- The King has tried to prevent people from coming to live in our States, obstructing Laws that allow foreigners to become citizens, refusing to sign laws that encourage foreigners to migrate to this country, and making new laws that make it more difficult to own or buy land here.
- The King has hindered the administration of law and justice by refusing to allow us to create Courts and appoint Judges.
- The King has appointed his own puppet Judges who will do nothing except what the King says to do. If not, he will remove them from office or not pay them.
- The King has created many new public offices in order to send large groups of Government officials to harass the People, and take their wealth.
- The King has kept his battle-ready Armies living among us, even in times of peace, without our permission or agreement.
- The King has declared that his Army is not subject to our laws or authority.
- The King has agreed to make us subject to the laws and authority of foreign Governments and disregarding our own laws, he gives his agreement to the foreign law makers.
- The King houses and feeds large Armies within our civilian population.
- The King protects his Armies from any punishment or prosecution by fake trials even if they are guilty of murdering our citizens.
- The King has cut off our trade with other parts of the world.
- The King has imposed taxes on us without our permission or agreement.
- The King often refuses our citizens the benefits of a trial by jury.
- The King will transport our citizens across the ocean and put them on trial for pretend violations of the law.
- The King has abolished our Government in one area only to set up his own Government. Then the King will enlarge the territory this new Government is responsible for, and claim that the citizens of this expanded area are now under the absolute rule of the Government the King set up.

- The King has taken away our own Government agreements, dismissed our most valuable laws, and fundamentally changed the way we govern ourselves by suspending our Legislatures and declaring that the King and his representatives now have the power to make law in all cases.
- The King has disowned and dismissed our Government, declaring that we are no longer under his protection as he wages war against us.
- The King has robbed our overseas trade, destroyed our coastal economy, burned our communities and ruined the lives of our people.
- The King is, at this very moment, sending large Armies of foreign soldiers of death to complete the work of destroying us, of ruining our country and establishing his tyranny over us. The King acts with a cruelty and betrayal that has seldom been matched in even the most barbaric of times... actions that are totally unworthy of a ruler in a civilized world.
- The King has captured our Citizens while out at Sea and has forced them to fight against their own country and to kill their friends and family - or face death.
- The King has stirred up rebellions among us and has gone about trying to convince the violent Indian populations to kill us. The Indians are well known to have only one rule of warfare: kill every man, woman and child without mercy no matter what their age or physical condition.

At every stage of our suffering and oppression under this King, we have humbly, repeatedly, officially and publicly asked for the ceasing of this oppression, and the correction of these abuses. Our requests have been met only with further injury and insult. A King who has this type of character and

morals is defined in only one possible way: a Tyrant, unfit to rule free People.

We have never failed to warn or inform our British brethren. From time to time, we tell them about the attempts of the King and their Government to extend their authority over us. We remind them of the reason why we left England to come to this new country. We have tried to appeal to their own sense of justice and goodness, and have sincerely asked them, based on our common ties of ancestry and family, to not agree with or cooperate with these violations of our freedom which deny that we are a separate Nation. We now consider our brethren in England, as we do all peoples of the world, Enemies if we are at war, and Friends if we have peace.

Therefore, as the Representatives of the United States of America, we, the General Congress, having assembled and prayed to God about the honor and rightness of our conclusions, publish and declare with grave seriousness by the name and authority of the People of these Colonies the following:

The United States have the right to freedom, and ARE free and independent. We denounce and separate ourselves from all authority or allegiance to the King of England and dissolve any political agreements or connections between America and Britain.

As free and independent States, we have the full right and authority to declare War, make peace agreements, build alliances with other countries, establish trade and commerce with the world... and do anything else that free and independent countries have the right to do.

In support of this Declaration, we rely on God to protect and provide for us. Together, we all promise our lives, wealth and honor as a pledge to uphold and honor this Declaration of Independence.

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Introduction to the Bill of Rights

Congress of the United States begun and held at the City of New-York, on Wednesday, March 4th, 1789

At the same time a number of States were meeting to adopt their Constitution, they communicated their desire that additional declarations and restrictions be added to prevent improper use and abuse of Constitutional power, ensuring that they will only be used for the good of the people it governs.

It was voted and agreed on by two-thirds of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America when Congress assembled, that the following Rights be proposed to the Legislatures of the States as additions (Amendments) to the Constitution of the United States. Any or all of the Amendments, upon being agreed to and sanctioned by three fourths of the State Legislatures, will for all intents and purposes become part of the United States Constitution, in other words...

When agreed to by the Legislatures of the States in accordance with Article Five of the original Constitution, these proposed Articles will become additions to the Constitution of the United States.

Citizen Right 1

Congress is not allowed to make any laws that will establish an official State religion, or in any way interfere with the right of individuals to practice religion freely. Nor will Congress create any laws that will deny the People freedom of speech; deny the right to publish opinion, news or information; deny the right to assemble together in peaceful groups, or deny the right to request compensation or amends from the

Government if the Government has committed violations or injustice against them.

Citizen Right 2

A lawfully governed Army, which is necessary to secure freedom, and the right of the People to purchase and use fire arms, is a right that cannot be denied or diminished.

Citizen Right 3

No military personnel during Peace time will be fed and housed in private homes without the permission of the Home Owner. This shall not happen during War time unless appropriate Laws have been passed and are followed.

Citizen Right 4

The People have a right to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures of their houses, documents, personal belongings and bodies. No Search or Seizure Warrant shall be issued without a sound reason based on oath or official confirmation which specifically describes the location to be searched, and exactly the persons or items to be seized.

Citizen Right 5

A person cannot be detained and put on trial for a capital crime or a crime that is notoriously bad unless a formal accusation of the crime has been presented by a Grand Jury, except when the case involves the Armed Forces or National Guard during actual war-time service or public danger. A person cannot be put on trial twice for the same crime, also known as "double jeopardy"; nor can a person be forced to testify or be a witness against one's self.

Individuals may not have life, freedom or property taken away from them by the Government unless it is in compliance with established Law; nor can their private property be taken from them for public use without appropriate compensation.

Citizen Right 6

A person accused of a crime has the right to a speedy, public trial where guilt will be decided by an impartial group of fellow Citizens petitioned by the State for jury duty. The trial must take place in the same previously and legally established district in which the crime was committed. The Accused must be told exactly what they are being prosecuted for and why they have been accused. The Accused must have the opportunity to hear the testimony of the witnesses against them, and have the opportunity to call, and coerce if necessary, witnesses to testify on their behalf. The Accused also has a right to have an Attorney for legal defense.

Citizen Right 7

In Lawsuits where the amount of money in question exceeds twenty dollars, the Accused will have the right to choose a Trial by Jury. Once the facts of the Lawsuit are decided on by a Jury, those facts cannot be tried again in any Court of the United States, unless it is in keeping with the rules of the common law.

Citizen Right 8

A sum of money cannot be required by the Government for a promise to appear in Court (bail) that is not proportionate to the seriousness of the crime, nor can excessive financial penalties be imposed. Cruel and unusual punishment may not be imposed by the Government.

Citizen Right 9

The numbered list of certain rights in the Constitution shall not be defined and used as a reason to deny or denounce the other rights that people have.

Citizen Right 10

Governing power that is not specifically assigned to the United States as a country by the Constitution, or not specifically denied as a State power by the Constitution, are to be reserved for the State level, or to the People.

A Few of My Favorite Verses

I keep these verses in a database, and they appear in random order every time I get on the computer. For years, I have enjoyed seeing them over and over. I hope you will be blessed by them too. Highlight your favorites, and revisit them often

Leviticus 19:11

Do not steal. Do not lie. Do not deceive one another.

1 Corinthians 11:32

When we are judged by the LORD, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned with the world.

1 Corinthians 15:21

For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.

1 Corinthians 16:13

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong.

1 Corinthians 2:12

We have not received the spirit of the world but the spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.

1 Corinthians 2:9

However, as it is written: No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him.

1 Corinthians 7:3

The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband.

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 2:10

Whoever loves his brother lives in the light, and there is nothing in him to make him stumble.

1 John 2:12

I write to you, dear children, because your sins have been forgiven on account of his name.

1 John 2:17

The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.

1 John 3:20

Whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

1 John 3:22

And receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him.

1 John 3:3

Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.

1 John 3:5

But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin.

1 John 4:10

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

1 John 4:19

We love because he first loved us.

1 John 5:11

And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

1 John 5:13

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

1 Kings 8:56

Praise be to the LORD, who has given rest to his people Israel just as he promised. Not one word has failed of all the good promises he gave...

1 Peter 1:21

Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

1 Peter 1:22

Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart.

1 Peter 1:3

Praise be to the God and Father of our LORD Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:8

Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy.

1 Peter 2:11

Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul.

1 Peter 2:20

But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God.

1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

1 Peter 2:6

For in Scripture it says: See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.

1 Peter 3:4

Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.

1 Peter 4:16

However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name.

1 Peter 4:9,10

Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each on should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

1 Samuel 15:29

He who is the Glory of Israel does not lie or change his mind; for he is not a man, that he should change his mind.

1 Thessalonians 4:1

Finally, brothers, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the LORD Jesus to do this more and more.

1 Thessalonians 4:16

For the LORD himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

1 Thessalonians 4:3

It is God's will that you should be holy: that you should avoid sexual immorality.

1 Thessalonians 4:9

Now about brotherly love we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other.

1 Timothy 2:3,4

This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

1 Timothy 5:8

If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

1 Timothy 6:6

But godliness with contentment is great gain.

2 Chronicles 15:2

...The LORD is with you when you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will forsake you.

2 Chronicles 15:7

But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded.

2 Corinthians 1:20

For no matter how many promises God has made they are Yes in Christ. And so through him the Amen is spoken by us to the glory of God.

2 Corinthians 1:5

For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows.

2 Corinthians 4:16,17

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

2 Corinthians 5:1

Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

2 Corinthians 5:21

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:7

We live by faith, not by sight.

2 Corinthians 6:18

I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty.

2 Corinthians 9:7

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not

reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Kings 17:39

Rather, worship the LORD your God; it is he who will deliver you from the hand of all your enemies.

2 Kings 6:16

Don't be afraid, the prophet answered. Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.

2 Peter 1:5

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge.

2 Peter 1:8

For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our LORD Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 3:9

The LORD is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you...

2 Thessalonians 1:3

We ought always to thank God for you, brothers, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love every one of you has for each other is increasing.

2 Thessalonians 3:16

Now may the LORD of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way...

2 Timothy 1:10

But it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

2 Timothy 2:13

If we are faithless, he will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself.

2 Timothy 2:15

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does

not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:22

Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the LORD out of pure heart.

Acts 10:43

All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

Acts 17:27

God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us.

Acts 18:10

For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city.

Acts 20:35

In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the LORD Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

Colossians 1:27

...which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Colossians 1:6

All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth.

Colossians 2:10

And you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority.

Colossians 3:15

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

Colossians 3:18,19

Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the LORD. Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.

Colossians 3:20

Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the lord.

Colossians 3:21

Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.

Colossians 3:8

But now you must rid yourself of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.

Colossians 3:9,10

Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

Deuteronomy 11:19

Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Deuteronomy 20:4

For the LORD your God is the one who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to give you victory.

Deuteronomy 27:16

Cursed is the man who dishonors his father or his mother.

Deuteronomy 28:12

The LORD will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands.

Deuteronomy 28:7

The LORD will grant that the enemies who rise up against you will be defeated before you. They will come at you from one direction but flee from you in seven.

Deuteronomy 29:9

Carefully follow the terms of this covenant, so that you may prosper in everything you do.

Deuteronomy 30:4

Even if you have been banished to the most distant land under the heavens, from there the LORD your God will gather you and bring you back.

Deuteronomy 4:31

For the LORD your God is a merciful God; he will not abandon or destroy you or forget the covenant with your forefathers, which he confirmed to them by oath.

Deuteronomy 5:16

Honor your father and mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you...

Deuteronomy 5:33

Walk in all the way that the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live and prosper and prolong your days in the land that you will possess.

Deuteronomy 6:3

Hear, O Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your fathers, promised you.

Deuteronomy 7:12

If you pay attention to these laws and are careful to follow them, then the LORD your God will keep his covenant of love with you, as he swore to your forefathers.

Deuteronomy 7:9

Know therefore that the LORD your God is God: he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands.

Deuteronomy 8:18

But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today.

Ecclesiastes 11:1

Cast your bread upon the waters, for after many days you will find it again.

Ecclesiastes 4:4

And I saw that all labor and all achievement spring from man's envy of his neighbor. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

Ecclesiastes 4:6

Better one handful with tranquillity than two handfuls with toil and chasing after the wind.

Ecclesiastes 5:10

Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is meaningless.

Ecclesiastes 7:9

Do not be quickly provoked in your spirit, for anger resides in the lap of fools.

Ephesians 1:7

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace.

Ephesians 2:1

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins.

Ephesians 4:26

In your anger do not sin: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry.

Ephesians 4:31,32

Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Ephesians 5:25

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.

Ephesians 5:28

In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

Ephesians 5:31

For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.

Ephesians 6:1

that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.

Ephesians 6:24

Grace to all who love our LORD Jesus Christ with an undying love.

Ephesians 6:4

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the LORD.

Exodus 23:1

Do not spread false reports. Do not help a wicked man by being a malicious witness.

Exodus 23:25

Worship the LORD your God, and his blessing will be on your food and water. I will take away sickness from among you.

Ezekiel 34:28

They will no longer be plundered by the nations, nor will wild animals devour them. They will live in safety and no one will make them afraid.

Ezekiel 36:27

And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

Galatians 1:4

Who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father.

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 3:14

He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

Galatians 3:26

You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 5:24

Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.

Galatians 5:26

Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

Galatians 6:3

If anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

Galatians 6:8

The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

Galatians 6:9

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Genesis 18:19

For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just...

Genesis 2:3

And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

Habakkuk 3:18

Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior.

Hebrews 10:23

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

Hebrews 10:36

You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

Hebrews 11:6

...anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Hebrews 11:6

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Hebrews 12:6

Because the LORD disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son.

Hebrews 13:2

Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it.

Hebrews 13:4

Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.

Hebrews 13:5

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.

Hebrews 13:6

So we say with confidence, The LORD is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?

Hebrews 5:9

And, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Hebrews 6:12

We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patient inherit what has been promised.

Hebrews 8:12

For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.

Hosea 14:4

I will heal their waywardness and love them freely, for my anger has turned away from them.

Hosea 14:5

I will be like the dew to Israel; he will blossom like a lily. Like a cedar of Lebanon he will send down his roots.

Isaiah 11:4

But with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth...

Isaiah 14:3

One the day the LORD gives you relief from suffering and turmoil and cruel bondage.

Isaiah 25:1

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done marvelous things, things planned long ago.

Isaiah 26:19

But your dead will live; their bodies will rise. You who dwell in the dust, wake up and shout for joy. Your dew is like the dew of the morning; the earth will give birth to her dead.

Isaiah 29:19

Once more the humble will rejoice in the LORD; the needy will rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 3:10

Tell the righteous it will be well with them, for they will enjoy the fruit of their deeds.

Isaiah 30:19

...How gracious he will be when you cry for help! As soon as he hears, he will answer you.

Isaiah 30:21

Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, This is the way; walk in it.

Isaiah 32:17

The fruit of righteousness will be peace; the effect of righteousness will be quietness and confidence forever.

Isaiah 40:29

He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

Isaiah 41:13

For I am the LORD, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.

Isaiah 43:1

he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel; Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine.

Isaiah 43:25

I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.

Isaiah 43:4

Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you...

Isaiah 44:3

For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants.

Isaiah 46:11

...What I have said, that will I bring about; what I have planned, that will I do.

Isaiah 46:4

Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you.

Isaiah 48:9

For my own name's sake I delay my wrath; for the sake of my praise I hold it back from you, so as not to cut you off.

Isaiah 5:21

Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight.

Isaiah 51:11

The ransomed of the LORD will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

Isaiah 51:12

I, even I, am he who comforts you. Who are you that you fear mortal men, that sons of men, who are but grass.

Isaiah 54:13

All your sons will be taught by the LORD, and great will be your children's peace.

Isaiah 54:14

In righteousness you will be established: Tyranny will be far from you; you will have nothing to fear. Terror will be far removed; it will not come near you.

Isaiah 54:15

If anyone does attack you, it will not be my doing; whoever attacks you will surrender to you.

Isaiah 54:17

No weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and this is their vindication from me, declares the LORD.

Isaiah 54:4

Do not be afraid; you will not suffer shame. Do not fear disgrace; you will not be humiliated.

Isaiah 55:12

You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

Isaiah 55:7

Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

Isaiah 57:19

...Peace, peace, to those far and near, says the LORD. And I will heal them.

Isaiah 58:10

And if you spend yourselves on behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.

Isaiah 58:9

Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I...

Isaiah 60:10

...Though in anger I struck you, in favor I will show you compassion.

Isaiah 62:5

As a young man marries a maiden, so will your sons marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you.

Isaiah 65:24

Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear.

James 1:12

Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

James 1:13

When tempted, no one should say, God is tempting me. For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone.

James 1:19,20

My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires.

James 3:16

For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

James 4:6

But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.

James 5:16

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

Jeremiah 20:13

Sing to the LORD! Give praise to the LORD! He rescues the life of the needy from the hands of the wicked.

Jeremiah 29:12

Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.

Jeremiah 29:13

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 31:3

The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying: I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving kindness.

Jeremiah 31:34

...For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.

Jeremiah 32:41

I will rejoice in doing them good and will assuredly plant them in this land with all my heart and soul.

Jeremiah 33:8

I will cleanse them from all the sin they have committed against me and will forgive all their sins of rebellion against me.

Job 11:17

Life will be brighter than noonday, and darkness will become like morning.

Job 11:6

...Know this: God has even forgotten some of your sin.

Job 12:12,13

Is not wisdom found among the aged? Does not long life bring understanding? To God belong wisdom and power; counsel and understanding are his.

Job 21:11

They send forth their children as a flock; the little ones dance about.

Job 22:26

Surely then you will find delight in the Almighty and will lift up your face to God.

Job 22:27

You will pray to him, and he will hear you...

Job 22:29

When men are brought low and you say,
Lift them up! then he will save the
downcast.

Job 35:13

Indeed, God does not listen to their
empty plea; the Almighty pays no
attention to it.

Job 36:11

If they obey and serve him, they will
spend the rest of their days in prosperity
and their years in contentment.

Job 36:15

But those who suffer he delivers in their
suffering; he speaks to them in their
affliction.

Job 40:12

Look at every proud man and humble
him, crush the wicked where they stand.

Job 5:17,18

Blessed is the man whom God corrects;
so do not despise the discipline of the
Almighty. For he wounds, but he also
binds up; he injures, but his hands also
heal.

Job 5:19

From six calamities he will rescue you; in
seven no harm will befall you.

Job 5:20

In famine he will ransom you from death,
and in battle from the stroke of the
sword.

Job 5:22

You will laugh at destruction and famine,
and need not fear the beasts of the earth.

Job 5:26

You will come to the grave in full vigor,
like sheaves gathered in season.

Job 8:20,21

Surely God does not reject a blameless
man or strengthen the hands of
evildoers. He will yet fill your mouth
with laughter and you lips with shouts of
joy.

Job 8:22

Your enemies will be clothed in shame,
and that tents of the wicked will be no
more.

Joel 2:26

You will have plenty to eat, until you are
full, and you will praise the name of the
LORD your God, who has worked
wonders for you; never again will my
people be shamed.

John 1:12

Yet to all who received him, to those who
believed in his name, he gave the right to
become children of God.

John 10:27,28

My sheep listen to my voice; I know
them, and they follow me. I give them
eternal life, and they shall never perish;
no one can snatch them out of my hand.

John 11:25,26

Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection
and the life. He who believes in me will
live, even though he dies; and whoever
lives and believes in me will never die.
Do you believe this?

John 12:46

I have come into the world as a light, so
that no one who believes in me should
stay in darkness.

John 14:18

I will not leave you as orphans; I will
come to you.

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give
you. I do not give to you as the world
gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled
and do not be afraid.

John 15:10

If you obey my commands, you will
remain in my love, just as I have obeyed
my Father's commands and remain in his
love.

John 15:11

I have told you this so that my joy may
be in you and that your joy may be
complete.

John 15:7

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.

John 15:8

This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

John 16:13

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

John 16:22

...but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.

John 16:27

No, the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.

John 16:33

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

John 17:23

I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

John 17:9

Nevertheless, the righteous will hold to the ways, and those with clean hands will grow stronger.

John 20:29

Then Jesus told him, Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:18

Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only son.

John 3:36

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him.

John 4:14

But whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.

John 6:35

Then Jesus declared, I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.

John 6:47

I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life.

John 6:54

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

John 8:51

I tell you the truth, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.

John 9:41

Jesus said, If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains.

Joshua 1:9

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.

Lamentations 3:25

The LORD is good to those who hope in him, to the one who seeks him.

Lamentations 3:31

For men are not cast off by the LORD forever. Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love. For he does not willingly

bring affliction or grief to the children of men.

Leviticus 19:12

Do not swear falsely by my name and so profane the name of your God. I am the LORD.

Leviticus 19:16

Do not go about spreading slander among your people. Do not do anything that endangers your neighbor's life. I am the LORD.

Leviticus 19:3

Each of you must respect his mother and father.

Leviticus 19:35

Do not use dishonest standards when measuring length, weight or quantity.

Leviticus 25:17

Do not take advantage of each other, but fear your God. I am the LORD your God.

Luke 1:71

Salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

Luke 1:74

To rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear.

Luke 12:32

Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.

Luke 12:33

Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.

Luke 14:13,14

But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.

Luke 18:20

... Honor your father and mother.

Luke 6:38

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

Mark 1:15

The time has come, he said. The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!

Mark 10:21

Jesus looked at him and loved him. One thing you lack, he said. Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.

Mark 11:25

And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.

Mark 9:23

If you can? said Jesus, Everything is possible for him who believes.

Mark 9:41

I tell you the truth, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to Christ will certainly not lose his reward.

Matthew 1:21

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.

Matthew 10:28

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul..

Matthew 11:28

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 12:50

For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.

Matthew 18:4

Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 23:12

For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

Matthew 24:13

But he who stands firm to the end will be saved.

Matthew 25:40

The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Matthew 5:22

But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgement.

Matthew 5:5

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Matthew 6:14

For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

Matthew 6:33

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 6:6

When you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Matthew 6:8

Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

Matthew 7:21

Not everyone who says to me, 'LORD, LORD,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 7:7,8

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

Nahum 1:7

The LORD is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him.

Philippians 1:9

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight.

Philippians 4:7

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:9

put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Proverbs 1:10

My son, if sinners entice you, do not give in to them.

Proverbs 1:23

I would have poured my heart to you and made my thoughts known to you.

Proverbs 1:33

But whoever listens to me will live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm.

Proverbs 10:1

A wise son brings joy to his father, but a foolish son grief to his mother.

Proverbs 10:24

What the wicked dreads will overtake him; what the righteous desire will be granted.

Proverbs 10:27

The fear of the LORD adds length to life; but the years of the wicked are cut short.

Proverbs 10:4,5

Lazy hands make a man poor, but diligent hands bring wealth. He who gathers crops in summer is a wise son,

but he who sleeps during harvest is a disgraceful son.

Proverbs 11:13

A gossip betrays confidence, but a trustworthy man keeps a secret.

Proverbs 11:24,25

One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.

Proverbs 11:28

Whoever trusts in the riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf.

Proverbs 11:4

Wealth is worthless in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death.

Proverbs 12:11

He who works his land will have abundant food, but he who chases fantasies lacks judgment.

Proverbs 12:19

Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment.

Proverbs 12:2

A good man obtains favor from the LORD, but the LORD condemns a crafty man.

Proverbs 12:24

Diligent hands will rule, but laziness ends in slave labor.

Proverbs 13:1

A wise son heeds his father's instruction, but a mocker does not listen to rebuke.

Proverbs 13:21

Misfortune pursues the sinner, but prosperity is the reward of the righteous.

Proverbs 13:23

A poor man's field may produce abundant food, but injustice sweeps it away.

Proverbs 13:25

The righteous eat to their hearts' content, but the stomach of the wicked goes hungry.

Proverbs 13:4

The sluggard craves and gets nothing, but the desires of the diligent are fully satisfied.

Proverbs 13:7

One man pretends to be rich, yet has nothing, another pretends to be poor, yet has great wealth.

Proverbs 14:21

He who despises his neighbor sins, but blessed is he who is kind to the need.

Proverbs 14:30

A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones.

Proverbs 14:32

When calamity comes, the wicked are brought down, but even in death the righteous have a refuge.

Proverbs 14:5

A truthful witness does not deceive, but a false witness pours out lies.

Proverbs 15:1

A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

Proverbs 15:15

All the days of the oppressed are wretched, but the cheerful heart has a continual feast.

Proverbs 15:16

Better a little with the fear of the LORD than great wealth with turmoil.

Proverbs 15:19

The way of the sluggard is blocked with thorns, but the path of the upright is a highway.

Proverbs 15:33

The fear of the LORD teaches a man wisdom, and humility comes before honor.

Proverbs 15:5

A fool spurns his father's discipline, but whoever heeds correction shows prudence.

Proverbs 15:6

The house of the righteous contains great treasure, but the income of the wicked brings them trouble.

Proverbs 15:9

The LORD detests the way of the wicked but he loves those who pursue righteousness.

Proverbs 16:18

Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.

Proverbs 16:19

Better to be lowly in spirit and among the oppressed than to share plunder with the proud.

Proverbs 16:28

A perverse man stirs up dissension, and a gossip separates close friends.

Proverbs 16:32

Better a patient man than a warrior, a man who controls his temper than one who takes a city.

Proverbs 16:7

When a man's way are pleasing to the LORD, he makes even his enemies live at peace with him.

Proverbs 16:8

Better a little righteousness than much gain with injustice.

Proverbs 16:9

In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps.

Proverbs 17:22

A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.

Proverbs 17:5

He who mocks the poor shows contempt for their Maker; whoever gloats over disaster will not go unpunished.

Proverbs 17:6

Children's children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children.

Proverbs 18:10

The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.

Proverbs 18:8

The words of a gossip are like choice morsels; they go down to a man's inmost parts.

Proverbs 19:11

A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense.

Proverbs 19:17

He who is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward him for what he has done.

Proverbs 19:9

A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who pours out lies will perish.

Proverbs 20:11

Even a child is known by his actions, by whether his conduct is pure and right.

Proverbs 20:13

Do not love sleep or you will grow poor; stay awake and you will have food to spare.

Proverbs 20:19

A gossip betrays a confidence; so avoid a man who talks too much.

Proverbs 20:22

Do not say, I'll pay you back for this wrong! Wait for the LORD, and he will deliver you.

Proverbs 20:29

The glory of young men is their strength, gray hair the splendor of the old.

Proverbs 21:5

The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty.

Proverbs 22:2

Rich and poor have this in common: The LORD is the Maker of them all.

Proverbs 22:22

Do not exploit the poor because they are poor and do not crush the needy in court.

Proverbs 22:4

Humility and the fear of the LORD bring wealth and honor and life.

Proverbs 22:6

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

Proverbs 22:9

A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.

Proverbs 23:15,16

My son, if your heart is wise, then my heart will be glad; my inmost being will rejoice when your lips speak what is right.

Proverbs 23:17,18

Do not let your heart envy sinners, but always be zealous for the fear of the LORD. There is surely a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off.

Proverbs 23:22

Listen to your father, who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old.

Proverbs 23:24

The father of a righteous man has great joy; he who has a wise son delights in him. May your father and mother be glad; may she who gave you birth rejoice! My son, give me your heart and let your eyes keep to my ways.

Proverbs 24:28

Do not testify against your neighbor without cause, or use your lips to deceive.

Proverbs 25:18

Like a club or a sword or a sharp arrow is the man who gives false testimony against his neighbor.

Proverbs 25:21,22

If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; if he is thirsty, give him water to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head, and the LORD will reward you.

Proverbs 25:23

As a north wind brings rain, so a sly tongue brings angry looks.

Proverbs 26:12

Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act.

Proverbs 26:12

Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.

Proverbs 26:20

Without wood a fire goes out; without gossip a quarrel dies down. As charcoal to embers and as wood to fire, so is a quarrelsome man for kindling strife.

Proverbs 27:2

Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; someone else, and not your own lips.

Proverbs 27:23

Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds.

Proverbs 27:27

You will have plenty of goats' milk to feed you and your family and to nourish your servant girls.

Proverbs 28:19

He who works his land will have abundant food but the one who chases fantasies will have his fill of poverty.

Proverbs 28:20

A faithful man will be richly blessed, but one eager to get rich will not go unpunished.

Proverbs 28:22

A stingy man is eager to get rich and is unaware that poverty awaits him.

Proverbs 28:27

He who gives to the poor will lack nothing, but he who closes his eyes to them receives many curses.

Proverbs 28:6

Better a poor man whose walk is blameless than a rich man whose ways are perverse.

Proverbs 28:7

He who keeps the law is discerning son, but a companion of gluttons disgraces his father.

Proverbs 29:17

Discipline your son, and he will give you peace; he will bring delight to your soul.

Proverbs 29:25

Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is kept safe.

Proverbs 3:1,2

My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity.

Proverbs 3:12

Because the LORD disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in.

Proverbs 3:24

When you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.

Proverbs 3:25,26

Have no fear of sudden disaster or the ruin that overtakes the wicked, for the LORD will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being snared.

Proverbs 3:31

Do not envy a violent man or choose any of his ways.

Proverbs 3:34

He mocks proud mockers but gives grace to the humble.

Proverbs 3:5,6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

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In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 4:18

The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter until the full light of day.

Proverbs 5:15

Drink water from your own cistern, running water from your own well.

Proverbs 6:20

My son, keep your father's commands and do not forsake your mother's teaching.

Proverbs 6:23

For these commands are a lamp, this teaching is a light, and the corrections of discipline are the way to life.

Proverbs 8:13

To fear the LORD is to hate evil; I hate pride and arrogance, evil behavior and perverse speech.

Proverbs 8:17

I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me.

Proverbs 8:21

Bestowing wealth on those who love me and making their treasuries full.

Proverbs 8:32,33

Now then, my sons, listen to me; blessed are those who keep my ways. Listen to my instruction and be wise; do not ignore it.

Psalms 1:3

He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

Psalms 10:17

You hear, O LORD, the desire of the afflicted; you encourage them, and you listen to their cry.

Psalms 10:3

He boasts of the cravings of his heart; he blesses the greedy and reviles the LORD.

Psalms 102:17

He will respond to the prayer of the destitute, he will not despise their plea.

Psalms 103:12

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Psalms 103:13

As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

Psalms 103:17

But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children.

Psalms 105:8

He remembers his covenant forever, the word he commanded, for a thousand generations.

Psalms 106:3

Blessed are they who maintain justice, who constantly do what is right.

Psalms 107:41

But he lifted the needy out of their affliction and increased their families like flocks.

Psalms 111:5

He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

Psalms 112:7

He will have no fear of bad news; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the lord.

Psalms 112:8

His heart is secure, he will have no fear; in the end he will look in triumph on his foes.

Psalms 112:9

He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor, his righteousness endures forever; his horn will be lifted high in honor.

Psalms 113:7

He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap.

Psalms 118:15

Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!

Psalms 118:7

The LORD is with me; he is my helper. I will look in triumph on my enemies.

Psalms 119:160

All your words are true; all your righteous laws are eternal.

Psalms 119:21

You rebuke the arrogant, who are cursed and who stray from your commands.

Psalms 119:6

Then I will not be put to shame when I consider all your commands.

Psalms 119:89,90

Your word, O LORD, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faithfulness continues through all generations...

Psalms 121:7,8

he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

Psalms 125:3

The scepter of the wicked will not remain over the land allotted to the righteous, for then the righteous might use their hands to do evil.

Psalms 126:5,6

Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy. He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him.

Psalms 128:3

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your sons will be like olive shoots around your table.

Psalms 132:15

I will bless her with abundant provisions; her poor will I satisfy with food.

Psalms 138:7

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes, with your right hand you save me.

Psalms 145:8

The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

Psalms 146:7

He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets prisoners free.

Psalm 146:8

The LORD gives sight to the blind, the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down, the LORD loves the righteous.

Psalm 147:14

He grants peace to your borders and satisfies you with the finest of wheat.

Psalm 147:3

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

Psalm 147:6

The LORD sustains the humble but casts the wicked to the ground.

Psalm 149:4

For the LORD takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with salvation.

Psalm 18:2

The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Psalm 18:28

You, O LORD, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light.

Psalm 22:24

For he has not despised or disdained the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.

Psalm 23:6

Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Psalm 27:14

Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

Psalm 3:8

From the LORD comes deliverance. May your blessing be on your people.

Psalm 31:23

Love the LORD, all his saints! The LORD preserves the faithful, but the proud he pays back in full.

Psalm 31:24

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.

Psalm 31:24

Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the LORD.

Psalm 32:7

You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

Psalm 32:8

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you.

Psalm 33:21

In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.

Psalm 34:10

The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

Psalm 34:13

Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies.

Psalm 34:17

The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles.

Psalm 34:18

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Psalm 37:16

Better the little that the righteous have than the wealth of many wicked.

Psalm 37:21

The wicked burrow and do not repay, but the righteous give generously.

Psalm 37:24

Though he stumble, he will not fall, for the LORD upholds him with his hand.

Psalm 37:25,26

I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread. They are always generous and lend freely; their children will be blessed.

Psalm 37:3

Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

Psalm 37:37

Consider the blameless, observe the upright; there is a future for the man of peace.

Psalm 37:39

The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD; he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

Psalm 37:4

Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalm 37:40

The LORD helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in him.

Psalm 4:7

You have filled my heart with greater joy than when their grain and new wine abound.

Psalm 40:17

Yet I am poor and needy; may the LORD think of me. You are my help and my deliverer; O my God, do not delay.

Psalm 41:1

Blessed is he who has regard for the weak; the LORD delivers him in times of trouble.

Psalm 41:1,2

Blessed is he who has regard for the weak; the LORD delivers him in times of trouble. The LORD will protect him and preserve his life; he will bless him in the land and not surrender him to the desire of his foes.

Psalm 42:11

Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

Psalm 46:1

God is our refuge and strength, and ever present help in trouble.

Psalm 48:14

For this God is our God for ever and ever; he will be our guide even to the end.

Psalm 5:12

For surely, O LORD, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield.

Psalm 50:15

And call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me.

Psalm 52:2

Your tongue plots destruction; it is like a sharpened razor, you who practice deceit.

Psalm 55:17

Evening, morning and noon I cry out in distress, and he hears my voice.

Psalm 55:22

Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall.

Psalm 58:11

Then men will say, Surely the righteous still are rewarded...

Psalm 58:3

Even from birth the wicked go astray; from the womb they are wayward and speak lies.

Psalm 60:12

With God we will gain the victory, and he will trample down our enemies.

Psalm 63:5

My soul will be satisfied with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you.

Psalm 65:2

O you who hear prayer, to you all me will come.

Psalm 68:13

Even while you sleep among the campfires, the wings of my dove are sheathed with silver, its feathers with shining gold.

Psalm 68:3

But may the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; may they be happy and joyful.

Psalm 69:33

The LORD hears the needy and does not despise his captive people.

Psalm 71:20

Though you have made me see troubles, many and bitter, you will restore my life again; from the depths of the earth you will again bring me up.

Psalm 71:5

For you have been my hope, O Sovereign LORD, my confidence since my youth.

Psalm 71:9

Do not cast me away when I am old; do not forsake me when my strength is gone.

Psalm 73:23,24

Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me in to glory.

Psalm 73:26

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Psalm 84:11

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.

Psalm 85:8

I will listen to what God the LORD will say; he promises peace to his people, his saints.

Psalm 89:15,16

Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, O LORD. They rejoice in your name all day long; they exult in your righteousness.

Psalm 89:34

I will not violate my covenant or alter what my lips have uttered.

Psalm 9:10

Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.

Psalm 9:12

For he who avenges blood remembers; he does not ignore the cry of the afflicted.

Psalm 9:18

But the needy will not always be forgotten, nor the hope of the afflicted ever perish.

Psalm 9:9

The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a strong hold in times of trouble.

Psalm 91:10,11

Then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

Psalm 91:15

He will call upon me, and I will answer him...

Psalm 91:16

With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation.

Psalm 92:14

They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green.

Psalm 94:12, 13

Blessed is the man you discipline, O LORD, the man you teach from your law;

you grant him relief from days of trouble,
till a pit is dug for the wicked.

Psalm 97:10

Let those who love the LORD hate evil,
for he guards the lives of his faithful ones
and delivers them from the hand of the
wicked.

Psalm 97:11, 12

Light is shed upon the righteous and joy
on the upright in heart. Rejoice in the
LORD, you who are righteous, and praise
his holy name.

Revelation 1:3

Blessed is the one who reads the words
of this prophecy, and blessed are those
who hear it and take to heart what is
written in it, because the time is near.

Revelation 21:4

He will wipe every tear from their eyes.
There will be no more death or
mourning or crying or pain, for the old
order of things has passed away.

Romans 1:16

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because
it is the power of God for the salvation of
everyone who believes.

Romans 10:11

As the Scripture says, Everyone who
trusts in him will never be put to shame.

Romans 10:17

Consequently, faith comes from hearing
the message, and the message is heard
through the word of Christ.

Romans 12:11

Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your
spiritual fervor, serving the LORD.

Romans 12:13

Share with God's people who are in need.
Practice hospitality.

Romans 14:17

For the kingdom of God, is not a matter
of eating and drinking, but of
righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy
Spirit.

Romans 2:13

For it is not those who hear the law who
are righteous in God's sight, but it is
those who obey the law who will be
declared righteous.

Romans 5:3,4

Not only so, but we also rejoice in our
sufferings, because we know that
suffering produces perseverance;
perseverance, character; and character,
hope.

Romans 5:5

And hope does not disappoint us,
because God has poured out his love into
our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he
has given us.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift
of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our
LORD.

Romans 8:11

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus
from the dead is living in you, he who
raised Christ from the dead will also give
life to your mortal bodies through his
Spirit, who lives in you.

Romans 8:15

For you did not receive a spirit that
makes you a slave again to fear, but you
received the Spirit of sonship. And by
him we cry, Abba, Father.

Romans 8:28

And we know that in all things God
works for the good of those who love
him, who have been called according to
his purpose.

Romans 9:33

As it is written: See, I lay in Zion a stone
that causes men to stumble and a rock
that makes them fall, and the one who
trusts in him will never be put to shame.

Zechariah 8:17

Do not plot evil against your neighbor,
and do not love to swear falsely. I hate all
this, declares the LORD.

A Few of My Favorite Quotes

"If the Moral character of a people degenerate, their political character must follow. These considerations should lead to an attentive solicitude to be religiously careful in our choice of all public officers...and judge of the tree by its fruits." Elias Boudinot

It is hoped that by God's assistance, some of the continents in the Ocean will be discovered....for the Glory of God.
Christopher Columbus

"All persons living in this province, who confess and acknowledge the One Almighty and Eternal God to be the Creator, Upholder, and Ruler of the world, and that hold themselves obliged in conscience to live peaceably and justly in civil society, shall in no wise be molested or prejudiced for their religious persuasion or practice, in matters of faith and worship; nor shall they be compelled at any time to frequent or maintain any religious worship, place or ministry whatsoever." April 25, 1662- William Penn signed this to establish religious liberty in the new provence of (Pennsylvania).

"Everyone appointed to public office must say, "I do profess faith in God the Father, and in the Lord Jesus Christ His only Son, and in the Holy Ghost. In God who is blessed forevermore I do acknowledge the Holy Scriptures and the Old and New Testaments which are given by divine inspiration." Delaware Constitution of 1776

"It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded not by religionists but by Christians, not on religion but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We shall not fight alone. God presides over the destinies of nations. The battle is not to the strong alone. Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains

and slavery? Forbid it, ALMIGHTY GOD! Give me liberty or give me death!"
Patrick Henry of the Constitutional Convention

"A general dissolution of Principles and Manners will more surely overthrow the Liberties of America than the whole Force of the common enemy. While the people are virtuous they cannot be subdued; but when once they lose their virtue they will be ready to surrender their liberties to the first external or internal invader . . . If virtue and knowledge are diffused among the people, they will never be enslaved. This will be their great security."Samuel Adams, 1779

"Such being the impressions under which I have, in obedience to the public summons, repaired to the present station, it would be peculiarly improper to omit in this first official act, my fervent supplications to that Almighty Being, who rules over the universe, who presides in the council of nations, and whose providential aids can supply every human defect, that His benediction may consecrate to the liberties and happiness of the people of the United States.." " ...Every step by which they have advanced to the character of an independent nation, seems to have been distinguished by some token of providential agency" From President George Washington's Inaugural Address, April 30th, 1789, addressed to both Houses of Congress.

"It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible"
President George Washington, September 17th, 1796

"...The Smiles of Heaven can never be expected On a Nation that disregards the eternal rules of Order and Right, which

Heaven Itself Ordained." President George Washington

"Except the Lord build the house, They labor in vain who build it." "I firmly believe this." Benjamin Franklin, 1787, Constitutional Convention

"I have lived, sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth -- God Governs in the Affairs of Men, And if a Sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, Is it possible that an empire can rise without His aid?" Benjamin Franklin

"The religion which has introduced civil liberty is the religion of Christ and His Apostles.... This is genuine Christianity and to this we owe our free constitutions of government." Noah Webster

"Whether this [new government] will prove a blessing or a curse will depend upon the use our people make of the blessings which a gracious God hath bestowed on us. If they are wise, they will be great and happy. If they are of a contrary character, they will be miserable. Righteousness alone can exalt them as a nation [Proverbs 14:34]. Reader! Whoever thou art, remember this, and in thy sphere practice virtue thyself and encourage it in others." Patrick Henry

"The Bible is worth all other books which have ever been printed." Patrick Henry

"Can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are the gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath? I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that His justice cannot sleep forever." President Thomas Jefferson

"The reason that Christianity is the best friend of Government is because Christianity is the only religion that changes the heart." President Thomas Jefferson

"Of all systems of morality, ancient or modern, which have come under my observation, none appear to be so pure as that of Jesus." Thomas Jefferson, To William Canby, 1813

"We have no government armed in power capable of contending in human passions ubridled by morality and religion. Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate for the government of any other." John Adams, address to the militia of Massachusetts, 1798.

"I hold the precepts of Jesus as delivered by Himself, to be the most pure, benevolent and sublime which have ever been preached to man..." President Thomas Jefferson

"The highest story of the American Revolution is this: it connected in one indissoluble bond the principles of civil government with the principles of Christianity." President John Adams

"Before any man can be considered as a member of civil society, he must be considered as a subject of the Governor of the Universe. And to the same Divine Author of every good and perfect gift [James 1:17] we are indebted for all those privileges and advantages, religious as well as civil, which are so richly enjoyed in this favored land." James Madison

"Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers. And it is the duty as well as the privilege and interest, of a Christian nation to select and prefer Christians for their rulers." First Chief Justice of Supreme Court John Jay

"Human law must rest its authority ultimately upon the authority of that law which is divine....Far from being rivals or enemies, religion and law are twin sisters, friends, and mutual assistants. Indeed, these two sciences run into each other." James Wilson, a signer of the Constitution and an original Justice on the U.S. Supreme Court

"The general principles on which the fathers achieved independence were.... the general principles of Christianity." President John Quincy Adams

"The Bible is the Rock on which this Republic rests." President Andrew Jackson

"The Bible must be considered as the great source of all the truth by which men are to be guided in government as well as in all social transactions...." Noah Webster

"The moral principles and precepts contained in the Scriptures ought to form the basis of all our civil constitutions and laws...." Noah Webster

"It is no slight testimonial, both to the merit and worth of Christianity, that in all ages since its promulgation the great mass of those who have risen to eminence by their profound wisdom and integrity have recognized and revered Jesus of Nazareth as the Son of the living God." President John Quincy Adams

"We've staked the whole future of American civilization not on the power of government, far from it. We have staked the future of all our political institutions upon the capacity of each and all of us . . . to Govern ourselves according to the commandments of God. The future and success of America is not in this Constitution, but in the laws of God upon which this Constitution is founded." President James Madison

"Let the children...be carefully instructed in the principles and obligations of the Christian religion. This is the most essential part of education. The great enemy of the salvation of man, in my opinion, never invented a more effectual means of extirpating [removing] Christianity from the world than by persuading mankind that it was improper to read the Bible at schools." Benjamin Rush

"a true American Patriot must be a religious man...He who neglects his duty to his maker, may well be expected to be deficient and insincere in his duty towards the public" First Lady Abigail Adams

"If there is anything in my thoughts or style to commend, the credit is due to my parents for instilling in me an early love of the Scriptures. If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper; but if we and our posterity neglect its instructions and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury all our glory in profound obscurity." Daniel Webster

"It is extremely important to our nation , in a political as well as religious view , that all possible authority and influence should be given to the scriptures , for these furnish the best principles of civil liberty , and the most effectual support of republican government. The principles of all genuine liberty , and of wise laws and administrations are to be drawn from the Bible and sustained by it's authority.The man therefore who weakens or destroys the divine authority of that book may be accessory to all the public disorders which society is doomed to suffer...." Noah Webster

"All the miseries and evils which men suffer from vice , crime , ambition , injustice , oppression , slavery , and war , proceed from their despising or neglecting the precepts contained in the Bible...." Noah Webster

"The religion which has introduced civil liberty is the religion of Christ and his apostles , which enjoins humility , piety and benevolence ; which acknowledges in every person a brother , or a sister , and a citizen with equal rights. This is genuine Christianity , and to this we owe our free constitutions of government...." Noah Webster

"It is the sincere desire of the writer (Noah Webster) that our citizens should

early understand that the genuine source of correct republican principles is the Bible , particularly the New Testament or the Christian religion." Noah Webster

I believe the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man. All the good from the Savior (Jesus) of the world is communicated to us through this book. Abraham Lincoln

"Intelligence, patriotism, Christianity, and a firm reliance, are still competent to adjust, in the best way, all our present difficulty" Abraham Lincoln.

"The philosophy of the school room in one generation will be the philosophy of government in the next." Abraham Lincoln.

"The only assurance of our nation's safety is to lay our foundation in morality and religion." Abraham Lincoln.

"The New Testament is the very best that ever was or ever will be known in the world." Charles Dickens

"Our laws and institutions must necessarily be based upon and embody the teaching of the Redeemer of mankind. It is impossible that it should be otherwise; and in this sense and to this extent our civilization and our institutions are emphatically Christian... this is a Christian nation." US Supreme Court, 1892

"The secret of my success? It is simple. It is found in the Bible, 'In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths.'" George Washington Carver.

"America was born a Christian nation. America was born to exemplify that devotion to the elements of righteousness which are derived from the revelations of Holy Scriptures. Ladies and gentlemen, I have a very simple thing to ask of you. I as of every man and woman in this audience that from this night on they will realize that part of the destiny of America lies in their daily perusal of this great book of revelations. That if they would see America free and

pure they will make their own spirits free and pure by this baptism of the Holy Scripture." Woodrow Wilson, 1911, pre-Presidential campaign speech.

"The fundamental basis of this nation's law was given to Moses on the Mount. The fundamental basis of our Bill of Rights comes from the teaching we get from Exodus and St. Matthew, from Isaiah and St. Paul. I don't think we emphasize that enough these days. If we don't have the proper fundamental moral background, we will finally end up with a totalitarian government which does not believe in the right for anybody except the state." President Harry S. Truman.

Topical Treasure Chest

Addiction

2 Corinthians 12:9 (KJV)

And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Romans 7:14-21 (KJV)

For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.

John 8:36 (KJV)

If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 (KJV)

Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind. Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

Romans 6:16 (KJV)

Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

Romans 6:6-7 (KJV)

Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

1 Corinthians 6:13-15 (KJV)

Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body. And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power. Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid.

Galatians 5:1 (KJV)

Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

John 8:31-34 (KJV)

Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. They answered him, we be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (KJV)

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Romans 8:12-13 (KJV)

Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

Adoption

Romans 8:15-17 (KJV)

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

Ephesians 1:5 (NIV)

He predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—

Romans 8:23 (NIV)

Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies

Romans 9:4 (NIV)

Theirs is the adoption as sons; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises.

Galatians 4:5 (KJV)

To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

John 1:12 (NIV)

Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God

Adultery

Hosea 4:2 (KJV)

By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood.

Jeremiah 23:14 (KJV)

I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem an horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness; they are all of them unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah.

Job 31:1 (NIV)

I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a girl.

Leviticus 20:10 (ESV)

If a man commits adultery with the wife of his neighbor, both the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.

Deuteronomy 22:22 (NKJV)

If a man is found lying with a woman married to a husband, then both of them shall die—the man that lay with the woman, and the woman; so you shall put away the evil from Israel.

Exodus 34:16 (NKJV)

and you take of his daughters for your sons, and his daughters play the harlot with their gods and make your sons play the harlot with their gods.

Jeremiah 5:7 (NIV)

Why should I forgive you? Your children have forsaken me and sworn by gods that are not gods. I supplied all their needs, yet they committed adultery and thronged to the houses of prostitutes.

Matthew 5:27-28 (KJV)

Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

Deuteronomy 5:18 (NKJV)
You shall not commit adultery.

Exodus 20:14 (ESV)
You shall not commit adultery.

Angels

Deuteronomy 32:43 (NKJV)
Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people; For
He will avenge the blood of His servants,
And render vengeance to His
adversaries; He will provide atonement
for His land and His people.

Nehemiah 9:6 (NKJV)
You alone are the Lord; You have made
heaven, The heaven of heavens, with all
their host, The earth and everything on
it, The seas and all that is in them, And
You preserve them all. The host of
heaven worships You.

Luke 12:8 (KJV)
Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall
confess me before men, him shall the Son
of man also confess before the angels of
God

John 1:51 (KJV)
And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I
say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see
heaven open, and the angels of God
ascending and descending upon the Son
of man.

Matthew 24:31 (KJV)
And he shall send his angels with a great
sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather
together his elect from the four winds,
from one end of heaven to the other.

Hebrews 1:13-14 (NIV)
But to which of the angels said he at any
time, Sit on my right hand, until I make
thine enemies thy footstool? Are they not
all ministering spirits, sent forth to
minister for them who shall be heirs of
salvation?

Psalms 91:11 (NIV)

For he will command his angels
concerning you to guard you in all your
ways

Revelation 22:8-9 (NIV)
I, John, am the one who heard and saw
these things. And when I had heard and
seen them, I fell down to worship at the
feet of the angel who had been showing
them to me. But he said to me, "Do not do
it! I am a fellow servant with you and
with your brothers the prophets and of
all who keep the words of this book.
Worship God!"

Isaiah 6:1-4 (KJV)
I saw also the LORD sitting upon a
throne, high and lifted up, and his train
filled the temple. Above it stood the
seraphims: each one had six wings; with
twain he covered his face, and with
twain he covered his feet, and with twain
he did fly. And one cried unto another,
and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of
hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.
And the posts of the door moved at the
voice of him that cried, and the house
was filled with smoke.

Job 1:6 (NIV)
One day the angels came to present
themselves before the LORD, and Satan
also came with them.

Matthew 13:49 (NASB)
So it will be at the end of the age; the
angels will come forth and take out the
wicked from among the righteous

Matthew 13:41 (NASB)
The Son of Man will send forth His
angels, and they will gather out of His
kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those
who commit lawlessness

Genesis 19:15 (NIV)
With the coming of dawn, the angels
urged Lot, saying, "Hurry! Take your wife
and your two daughters who are here, or
you will be swept away when the city is
punished. "

Anger

Proverbs 15:18 (NIV)

A hot-tempered man stirs up dissension, but a patient man calms a quarrel.

Ecclesiastes 7:9 (NKJV)

Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools

Proverbs 16:32 (NIV)

Better a patient man than a warrior, a man who controls his temper than one who takes a city.

Psalms 30:5 (KJV)

For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning

Ephesians 4:26 (NIV)

In your anger do not sin : Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry

Ephesians 4:31 (KJV)

Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

Proverbs 19:11 (NKJV)

The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger, And his glory is to overlook a transgression.

Psalms 103:8 (KJV)

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

Proverbs 20:2 (NKJV)

The wrath of a king is like the roaring of a lion; Whoever provokes him to anger sins against his own life.

Anxiety

Psalms 46:10-11 (NASB)

"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Isaiah 43:1-3 (NIV)

But now, this is what the LORD says— he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead.

1 Peter 5:7 (NASB)

Casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.

Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Psalms 37:1 (NKJV)

Do not fret because of evildoers, Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity.

Psalms 91:9-11 (NASB)

For you have made the LORD, my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place. No evil will befall you, Nor will any plague come near your tent. For He will give His angels charge concerning you, To guard you in all your ways.

Psalms 46:1-2 (NASB)

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea

Matthew 6:34 (NKJV)

Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Matthew 6:25 (NKJV)

Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?

Proverbs 12:25 (NKJV)

Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression, But a good word makes it glad.

Attitude

Ephesians 4:2 (NIV)

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Numbers 14:24 (NKJV)

But My servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit in him and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land where he went, and his descendants shall inherit it.

1 Corinthians 15:33 (NIV)

Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."

Philippians 2:5-7 (NASB)

Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bondservant, and being made in the likeness of men.

Romans 14:18 (NKJV)

For he who serves Christ in these things is acceptable to God and approved by men.

Philippians 2:1 (NKJV)

Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy,

Ephesians 4:31 (KJV)

Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

Authority

1 Timothy 2:11 (NIV)

A woman should learn in quietness and full submission.

Luke 10:19 (KJV)

Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Mark 10:42-43 (KJV)

But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them. But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister:

Matthew 20:25 (KJV)

But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them.

Romans 13:1 (NIV)

Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

Luke 7:9 (KJV)

For I also am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say unto one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

1 Timothy 2: 1-2 (NIV)

I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live

peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

Luke 22:25 (NIV)

Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors.

1 Peter 2:13 (NIV)

Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority,

Proverbs 29:2 (KJV)

When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.

1 Corinthians 14:34 (NIV)

Women should remain silent in the churches. They are not allowed to speak, but must be in submission, as the Law says.

Babies

John 16:21 (NIV)

A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world.

Romans 2:20 (KJV)

An instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, which hast the form of knowledge and of the truth in the law.

Isaiah 3:4 (KJV)

And I will give children to be their princes, and babes shall rule over them.

1 Corinthians 3:1 (KJV)

And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.

Matthew 21:16 (KJV)

And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the

mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?

Matthew 11:25 (KJV)

At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.

1 Samuel 1:27-28 (KJV)

For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him: Therefore also I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the LORD. And he worshipped the LORD there.

Luke 10:21 (KJV)

In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight.

1 Peter 2:2 (NIV)

Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation

Psalms 127:3 (KJV)

Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.

Psalms 8:2 (KJV)

Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

Luke 18:15 (NIV)

People were also bringing babies to Jesus to have him touch them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them.

Beauty

Matthew 23:27 (NIV)

"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like

whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of dead men's bones and everything unclean.

Proverbs 31:30 (KJV)

Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.

1 Peter 3:5 (NIV)

For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to make themselves beautiful. They were submissive to their own husbands

Songs of Solomon 5:9 (NIV)

How is your beloved better than others, most beautiful of women? How is your beloved better than others, that you charge us so?

Proverbs 11:22 (NIV)

Like a gold ring in a pig's snout is a beautiful woman who shows no discretion.

Proverbs 20:29 (KJV)

The glory of young men is their strength: and the beauty of old men is the grey head.

1 Samuel 16:7 (NKJV)

But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have refused him. For the Lord does not see as man sees; F39 for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

Isaiah 61:3 (KJV)

To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

Believe

Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV)

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Mark 1:15 (KJV)

And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

Mark 16:17 (KJV)

And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

Habakkuk 1:5 (KJV)

Behold ye among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvelously: for I will work a work in your days which ye will not believe, though it be told you.

John 1:12 (KJV)

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

Luke 8:50 (KJV)

But when Jesus heard it, he answered him, saying, Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole

Mark 11:23-24 (KJV)

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Romans 10:9-10 (NKJV)

that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one

believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Mark 9:23 (KJV)

Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

John 11:40 (KJV)

Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?

Birth of Jesus

Matthew 1:16 (KJV)

And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

Luke 2:52 (KJV)

And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

Matthew 1:25 (KJV)

And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

Matthew 1:21 (KJV)

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

John 1:14 (KJV)

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Luke 2:21 (KJV)

And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Luke 1:31 (KJV)

And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

Galatians 4:4-6 (NIV)

But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father."

John 3:16 (NIV)

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Isaiah 9:6 (KJV)

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Matthew 1:18 (KJV)

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

Matthew 2:1 (KJV)

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

Blaming

Hosea 4:4 (NKJV)

Now let no man contend, or rebuke another; For your people are like those who contend with the priest.

Job 1:20-22 (KJV)

Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped, And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb,

and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD. In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.

Genesis 3:11-14 (KJV)

Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

Blessings

Deuteronomy 11:27 (KJV)

A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day

Genesis 12:2 (KJV)

And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

Ezekiel 34:26 (KJV)

And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing.

Psalms 133:3 (NIV)

As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

Malachi 3:10 (KJV)

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith,

saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Proverbs 10:22 (NASB)

It is the blessing of the LORD that makes rich, And He adds no sorrow to it.

Deuteronomy 7:9 (NASB)

Know therefore that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments;

Genesis 22:17 (KJV)

That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies

Psalms 24:3-5 (NASB)

Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? And who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood And has not sworn deceitfully. He shall receive a blessing from the LORD And righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Business Owners

Proverbs 24:4 (KJV)

And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches

Malachi 3:10 (KJV)

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Deuteronomy 8:18 (KJV)

But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

Proverbs 16:3 (NIV)

Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.

Proverbs 20:23 (NKJV)

Diverse weights are an abomination to the LORD, And dishonest scales are not good.

1 Timothy 6:10 (NIV)

For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

Ephesians 6:9 (NKJV)

And you, masters, do the same things to them, giving up threatening, knowing that your own Master also F18 is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.

Psalms 90:12 (KJV)

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV)

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

Caring

John 21:16 (NIV)

Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

1 Thessalonians 2:7 (NIV)

As apostles of Christ we could have been a burden to you, but we were gentle

among you, like a mother caring for her little children.

1 Timothy 5:4 (NIV)

But if a widow has children or grandchildren, these should learn first of all to put their religion into practice by caring for their own family and so repaying their parents and grandparents, for this is pleasing to God.

3 John 1:5 (NLT)

Dear friend, you are being faithful to God when you care for the traveling teachers who pass through, even though they are strangers to you.

Proverbs 27:23 (NKJV)

Be diligent to know the state of your flocks, And attend to your herds;

James 1:27 (NKJV)

Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

Galatians 5:14-15 (NIV)

The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

Galatians 6:10 (NIV)

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Jeremiah 23:2 (NKJV)

Therefore thus says the Lord God of Israel against the shepherds who feed My people: "You have scattered My flock, driven them away, and not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for the evil of your doings," says the Lord.

Change

Isaiah 43:18-19 (NKJV)

Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will

do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth;
Shall you not know it? I will even make a
road in the wilderness And rivers in the
desert.

Matthew 18:3 (NIV)

And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless
you change and become like little
children, you will never enter the
kingdom of heaven.

1 Kings 8:47 (NIV)

And if they have a change of heart in the
land where they are held captive, and
repent and plead with you in the land of
their conquerors and say, 'We have
sinned, we have done wrong, we have
acted wickedly'

Romans 12:2 (NKJV)

And do not be conformed to this world,
but be transformed by the renewing of
your mind, that you may prove what is
that good and acceptable and perfect will
of God.

Joel 2:12-13 (NIV)

Even now," declares the LORD, "return to
me with all your heart, with fasting and
weeping and mourning." Rend your
heart and not your garments. Return to
the LORD your God, for he is gracious
and compassionate, slow to anger and
abounding in love, and he relents from
sending calamity.

Jeremiah 7:5-7 (NIV)

If you really change your ways and your
actions and deal with each other justly, if
you do not oppress the alien, the
fatherless or the widow and do not shed
innocent blood in this place, and if you
do not follow other gods to your own
harm, then I will let you live in this place,
in the land I gave your forefathers for
ever and ever

Psalms 15:4 (NKJV)

In whose eyes a vile person is despised,
But he honors those who fear the LORD;
He who swears to his own hurt and does
not change;

Matthew 9:17 (NIV)

Neither do men pour new wine into old
wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst,
the wine will run out and the wineskins
will be ruined. No, they pour new wine
into new wineskins, and both are
preserved."

2 Corinthians 5:17 (KJV)

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a
new creature: old things are passed
away; behold, all things are become new.

Psalms 102:26 (NKJV)

They will perish, but You will endure;
Yes, they will all grow old like a garment;
Like a cloak You will change them, And
they will be changed.

Charity

Colossians 3:14 (KJV)

And above all these things put on charity,
which is the bond of perfectness.

1 Corinthians 13:13 (KJV)

And now abideth faith, hope, charity,
these three; but the greatest of these is
charity.

1 Corinthians 13:3-4 (KJV)

And though I bestow all my goods to feed
the poor, and though I give my body to
be burned, and have not charity, it
profiteth me nothing. Charity suffereth
long, and is kind; charity envieth not;
charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed
up

2 Peter 1:7-8 (NIV)

And to godliness, brotherly kindness;
and to brotherly kindness, love. For if
you possess these qualities in increasing
measure, they will keep you from being
ineffective and unproductive in your
knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 13:8 (KJV)

Charity never faileth: but whether there
be prophecies, they shall fail; whether
there be tongues, they shall cease;
whether there be knowledge, it shall
vanish away.

Revelations 2:19 (KJV)

I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first.

1 Corinthians 16:14 (KJV)

Let all your things be done with charity.

1 Timothy 4:12 (KJV)

Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

1 Corinthians 8:1 (KJV)

Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth.

1 Corinthians 13:1 (KJV)

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

Cheating

Amos 8:5 (NIV)

"When will the New Moon be over that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath be ended that we may market wheat?"—skimping the measure, boosting the price and cheating with dishonest scales

Deuteronomy 25:16 (NKJV)

For all who do such things, all who behave unrighteously, are an abomination to the Lord your God.

Luke 16:10 (CEV)

Anyone who can be trusted in little matters can also be trusted in important matters. But anyone who is dishonest in little matters will be dishonest in important matters.

Exodus 22:13 (NKJV)

Behold, therefore, I beat My fists at the dishonest profit which you have made,

and at the bloodshed which has been in your midst.

Proverbs 19:1 (NKJV)

Better is the poor who walks in his integrity Than one who is perverse in his lips, and is a fool.

Proverbs 16:8 (NKJV)

Better is a little with righteousness, Than vast revenues without justice

Exodus 18:21 (NIV)

But select capable men from all the people—men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain—and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens.

Proverbs 11:1 (NKJV)

Dishonest scales are an abomination to the LORD, But a just weight is His delight

Proverbs 20:23 (NKJV)

Diverse weights are an abomination to the LORD, And dishonest scales are not good.

Leviticus 19:35 (NKJV)

You shall do no injustice in judgment, in measurement of length, weight, or volume.

Proverbs 19:22 (NKJV)

What is desired in a man is kindness, And a poor man is better than a liar.

Children

Isaiah 59:21 (NKJV)

"As for Me," says the Lord, "this is My covenant with them: My Spirit who is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your descendants, nor from the mouth of your descendants' descendants," says the Lord, "from this time and forevermore."

Isaiah 3:4 (KJV)

And I will give children to be their princes, and babes shall rule over them.

Deuteronomy 6:7 (KJV)

And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

Matthew 18:1-4 (NIV)

At that time the disciples came to Jesus saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a child, had him stand among them, and said, "I tell you the truth, unless you turn around and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven! Whoever then humbles himself like this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes a child like this in my name welcomes me.

Psalms 17:14 (KJV)

From men which are thy hand, O LORD, from men of the world, which have their portion in this life, and whose belly thou fillest with thy hid treasure: they are full of children, and leave the rest of their substance to their babes.

Psalms 36:7 (KJV)

How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

Psalms 127:1 (KJV)

Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.

Exodus 10:2 (NIV)

That you may tell your children and grandchildren how I dealt harshly with the Egyptians and how I performed my signs among them, and that you may know that I am the LORD."

Genesis 3:16 (NIV)

To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you."

Psalms 128:3-4 (NIV)

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your sons will be like

olive shoots around your table. Thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD.

Children. For

Proverbs 13:1 (NKJV)

A wise son heeds his father's instruction, But a scoffer does not listen to rebuke.

Malachi 4:6 (NKJV)

And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."

Proverbs 27:8 (KJV)

As a bird that wandereth from her nest, so is a man that wandereth from his place

Mark 10:14-16 (ASV)

But when Jesus saw it, he was moved with indignation, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me; forbid them not: for to such belongeth the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall in no wise enter therein. And he took them in his arms, and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

Proverbs 29:17 (KJV)

Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.

Proverbs 22:28 (NKJV)

Do not move the ancient landmark that your fathers have set.

1 Samuel 1:27-28 (KJV)

For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him: Therefore also I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the LORD. And he worshipped the LORD there.

1 Timothy 4:12 (KJV)

Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

Psalms 127:1 (KJV)

Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.

Psalms 44:1 (NKJV)

O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have told us, what deeds you performed in their days, in the days of old:

Proverbs 23:24 (NKJV)

The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice; he who fathers a wise son will be glad in him.

Church

Ephesians 1:22 (NIV)

And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church

Colossians 1:18 (NIV)

And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

Matthew 16:17 (NKJV)

And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Ephesians 3:10 (NIV)

His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms

Ephesians 5:25-27 (NIV)

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a

radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless

Psalms 122:1 (KJV)

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.

Hebrews 10:25 (KJV)

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching

Colossians 1:24 (NIV)

Now I rejoice in what was suffered for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church.

Acts 12:5 (NKJV)

Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church.

Acts 20:28 (NKJV)

Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

Comfort

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (KJV)

Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

1 Thessalonians 4:13 (NKJV)

But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope.

Isaiah 40:1 (KJV)

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.

Isaiah 51:3 (KJV)

For the LORD shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

Psalms 119:76 (KJV)

Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to thy word unto thy servant.

2 Thessalonians 2:16 (ESV)

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace

1 Thessalonians 4:11 (NKJV)

Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

Psalms 71:21 (KJV)

Thou shalt increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side.

Psalms 23:4 (KJV)

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Compassion

Matthew 21:13 (NIV)

"It is written," he said to them, " 'My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it a 'den of robbers.' "

Luke 15:20 (ESV)

And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

Psalms 86:15 (NKJV)

But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, Longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth.

Hebrews 10:34 (ESV)

For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one.

Micah 6:8 (NIV)

He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Colossians 3:12 (ESV)

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience

Isaiah 56:7 (NIV)

these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations."

Zechariah 7:9 (NKJV)

Thus says the LORD of hosts: ' Execute true justice, Show mercy and compassion everyone to his brother.

Matthew 9:36 (ESV)

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd

Luke 6:36 (NKJV)

Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

Confidence

1 John 3:21 (NKJV)

Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God.

Psalms 146:3 (NKJV)

Do not put your trust in princes, Nor in a son of man, in whom there is no help

Proverbs 3:26 (NKJV)

For the LORD will be your confidence,
And will keep your foot from being caught.

Philippians 3:3-4 (NKJV)

For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh, though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so:

Psalms 71:5 (NIV)

For you have been my hope, O Sovereign LORD, my confidence since my youth.

Proverbs 14:26 (NKJV)

In the fear of the LORD there is strong confidence, And His children will have a place of refuge.

Psalms 118:8-9 (NKJV)

It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man. It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.

Hebrew 11:1 (NIV)

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

1 John 5:14 (NKJV)

Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

Psalms 40:4 (NKJV)

Blessed is that man who makes the Lord his trust, And does not respect the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

Jeremiah 9:23-24 (NIV)

This is what the LORD says: "Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches, but let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight," declares the LORD.

1 Corinthians 10:12 (KJV)

Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall

Confirmation

Isaiah 7:11 (NKJV)

"Ask a sign for yourself from the Lord your God; ask it either in the depth or in the height above."

Acts 1: 23-26 (KJV)

And they appointed two, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen, That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place. And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Hebrews 6:16 (KJV)

For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife.

Philippians 1:7 (KJV)

Oh, the joys of those who trust the Lord, who have no confidence in the proud or in those who worship idols.

Contentment

Habakkuk 3:17-18 (KJV)

Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

Luke 12:15 (ASV)

And he said unto them, Take heed, and keep yourselves from all covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

1 Timothy 6:6 (KJV)

But godliness with contentment is great gain.

Philippians 2:14 (NKJV)

Do all things without complaining and disputing

Psalms 84:11 (ASV)

For Jehovah God is a sun and a shield: Jehovah will give grace and glory; No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

Job 36:11 (NIV)

If they obey and serve him, they will spend the rest of their days in prosperity and their years in contentment.

Philippians 4:11 (NKJV)

Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content:

Ecclesiastes 2:10-11 (NKJV)

Whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I did not withhold my heart from any pleasure, For my heart rejoiced in all my labor; And this was my reward from all my labor. Then I looked on all the works that my hands had done And on the labor in which I had toiled; And indeed all was vanity and grasping for the wind. There was no profit under the sun.

Psalms 106:13-15 (NKJV)

They soon forgot His works; they did not wait for His counsel, but lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tested God in the desert. And He gave them their request, but sent leanness into their soul.

Proverbs 30:7-9 (ASV)

Two things have I asked of thee; Deny me them not before I die: Remove far from me falsehood and lies; Give me neither poverty nor riches; Feed me with

the food that is needful for me: Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is Jehovah? Or lest I be poor, and steal, And use profanely the name of my God.

Courage

1 Corinthians 16:13 (NKJV)

Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.

Deuteronomy 31:6 (KJV)

Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

2 Chronicles 15:7 (NKJV)

But you, be strong and do not let your hands be weak, for your work shall be rewarded!

1 Chronicles 28:20 (NIV)

David also said to Solomon his son, "Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you until all the work for the service of the temple of the LORD is finished

Joshua 1:9 (KJV)

Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

Psalms 112:7-8 (NIV)

He will have no fear of bad news; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD. His heart is secure, he will have no fear; in the end he will look in triumph on his foes.

Psalms 31:24 (NKJV)

Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart, All you who hope in the Lord.

Isaiah 41:10 (NIV)

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Psalms 27:1 (NIV)

The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalms 27:14 (NKJV)

Wait on the Lord; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the Lord!

Death

1 Corinthians 15:55-56 (NKJV)

“O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?” The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.

Proverbs 11:19 (NKJV)

As righteousness leads to life, So he who pursues evil pursues it to his own death.

1 Thessalonians 5:8-12 (KJV)

But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do. And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you

Matthew 22:30 (NKJV)

For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven.

2 Corinthians 5:1 (NKJV)

For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building

from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Acts 24:15 (NKJV)

Have hope in God, which they themselves also accept, that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust.

John 11:25 (NKJV)

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.

1 Corinthians 15:12-13 (NKJV)

Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen.

1 Corinthians 15:42 (NKJV)

So also is the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption.

Depression

Psalms 46:10 (KJV)

Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

Isaiah 53:3-4 (NASB)

He was despised and forsaken of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and like one from whom men hide their face. He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Surely our griefs He Himself bore, and our sorrows He carried; yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

Psalms 32:10 (NASB)

Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but he who trusts in the LORD, lovingkindness shall surround him.

Psalms 37:23-24 (KJV)

The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.

Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand.

Nehemiah 8:10 (NKJV)

Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

John 16:33 (KJV)

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Isaiah 61:2-3 (KJV)

To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

Psalms 37:3-4 (KJV)

Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the LORD: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Determination

Acts 26:19 (NIV)

"So then, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven.

Numbers 13:30 (KJV)

But Caleb tried to quiet the people as they stood before Moses. "Let's go at once to take the land," he said. "We can certainly conquer it!"

1 Samuel 17:45-51 (NIV)

David replied to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword, spear, and

javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of Heaven's Armies—the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. Today the LORD will conquer you, and I will kill you and cut off your head. And then I will give the dead bodies of your men to the birds and wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel! And everyone assembled here will know that the LORD rescues his people, but not with sword and spear. This is the LORD's battle, and he will give you to us!" As Goliath moved closer to attack, David quickly ran out to meet him. Reaching into his shepherd's bag and taking out a stone, he hurled it with his sling and hit the Philistine in the forehead. The stone sank in, and Goliath stumbled and fell face down on the ground. So David triumphed over the Philistine with only a sling and a stone, for he had no sword. Then David ran over and pulled Goliath's sword from its sheath. David used it to kill him and cut off his head.

1 Corinthians 9:24-25 (NKJV)

Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown

Philippians 3:12 (NKJV)

Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.

1 Thessalonians 4:11 (NKJV)

that you also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you,

Galatians 1:10 (NKJV)

For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:9 (NKJV)

Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.

Hebrews 12:1-2 (NKJV)

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Diligence

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Philippians 3:14 (NIV)

I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Proverbs 10:4 (NKJV)

He who has a slack hand becomes poor, But the hand of the diligent makes rich.

Proverbs 12:27 (NKJV)

The lazy man does not roast what he took in hunting, But diligence is man's precious possession.

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 (NIV)

Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

2 Timothy 2:4-6 (NKJV)

No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. The hardworking farmer must be first to partake of the crops.

Ecclesiastes 9:10 (NKJV)

Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going.

Proverbs 12:24 (CEV)

Work hard, and you will be a leader; be lazy, and you will end up a slave.

Discipline

Proverbs 15:5 (NIV)

A fool spurns his father's discipline, but whoever heeds correction shows prudence.

Proverbs 19:18 (NIV)

Discipline your son, for in that there is hope; do not be a willing party to his death.

Proverbs 23:13 (NIV)

Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you punish him with the rod, he will not die.

Proverbs 6:23 (NIV)

For these commands are a lamp, this teaching is a light, and the corrections of discipline are the way to life

Proverbs 10:17 (NIV)

He who heeds discipline shows the way to life, but whoever ignores correction leads others astray.

Proverbs 13:18 (NIV)

He who ignores discipline comes to poverty and shame, but whoever heeds correction is honored

Proverbs 15:32 (NIV)

He who ignores discipline despises himself, but whoever heeds correction gains understanding.

Proverbs 5:23 (NIV)

He will die for lack of discipline, led astray by his own great folly.

Proverbs 3:11-12 (NIV)

My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline and do not resent his rebuke, because the LORD disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in.

Proverbs 12:1 (NIV)

Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates correction is stupid.

Dishonesty

Deuteronomy 25:16 (NKJV)

For all who do such things, all who behave unrighteously, are an abomination to the Lord your God.

Luke 16:10 (CEV)

Anyone who can be trusted in little matters can also be trusted in important matters. But anyone who is dishonest in little matters will be dishonest in important matters.

Exodus 22:13 (NKJV)

Behold, therefore, I beat My fists at the dishonest profit which you have made, and at the bloodshed which has been in your midst.

Proverbs 19:1 (NKJV)

Better is the poor who walks in his integrity Than one who is perverse in his lips, and is a fool.

Proverbs 16:8 (NKJV)

Better is a little with righteousness, Than vast revenues without justice.

Proverbs 11:1 (NKJV)

Dishonest scales are an abomination to the LORD, but a just weight is His delight

Proverbs 20:23 (NKJV)

Diverse weights are an abomination to the LORD, and dishonest scales are not good.

Leviticus 19:35 (NKJV)

You shall do no injustice in judgment, in measurement of length, weight, or volume.

Proverbs 11:3 (NKJV)

The integrity of the upright will guide them, But the perversity of the unfaithful will destroy them.

Proverbs 19:22 (NKJV)

What is desired in a man is kindness, And a poor man is better than a liar.

Revelation 21:27 (NKJV)

But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Divorce

Genesis 2:21-25 (KJV)

And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; and the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

Leviticus 5:32 (KJV)

But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.

Romans 7:2 (NKJV)

For the woman who has a husband is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives. But if the husband dies, she is released from the law of her husband.

Hebrews 13:4 (NKJV)

Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

Malachi 2:15 (NASB)

Has not the LORD made them one? In flesh and spirit they are his. And why one? Because he was seeking godly offspring. So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith with the wife of your youth.

Ephesians 5:25 (KJV)

Husbands, love your wives

Ephesians 5:33 (KJV)

Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

Ephesians 5:28-29 (NASB)

So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church

Matthew 19:6 (KJV)

Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

Doubt

Mark 11:22-24 (KJV)

And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things

soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

James 2:26 (NIV)

As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

James 1:6-8 (KJV)

But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

Hebrews 10:38 (NIV)

But my righteous one will live by faith. And if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him."

James 1:6 (NIV)

But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

Hebrews 11:6 (KJV)

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Matthew 14:31 (NIV)

Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

Matthew 21:21 (NIV)

Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and it will be done.

Hebrews 11:1 (KJV)

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Proverbs 14:14 (NIV)

The faithless will be fully repaid for their ways, and the good man rewarded for his.

Encouragement

Acts 13:15 (ESV)

After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent a message to them, saying, "Brothers, if you have any word of encouragement for the people, say it."

Ezekiel 13:22 (ESV)

Because you have disheartened the righteous falsely, although I have not grieved him, and you have encouraged the wicked, that he should not turn from his evil way to save his life

Deuteronomy 3:28 (KJV)

But charge Joshua, and encourage him, and strengthen him: for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which thou shalt see.

Job 16:5 (NIV)

But my mouth would encourage you; comfort from my lips would bring you relief.

Judges 20:22 (NIV)

But the men of Israel encouraged one another and again took up their positions where they had stationed themselves the first day.

Romans 15:4-5 (ESV)

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus

2 Timothy 4:2 (NIV)

Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and

encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.

Acts 9:31 (NIV)

Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace. It was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord.

Psalms 10:17 (NIV)

You hear, O LORD, the desire of the afflicted; you encourage them, and you listen to their cry

Enemies

Deuteronomy 20:1 (ESV)

"When you go out to war against your enemies, and see horses and chariots and an army larger than your own, you shall not be afraid of them, for the LORD your God is with you, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

Leviticus 26:6 (NKJV)

I will give peace in the land, and you shall lie down, and none will make you afraid; I will rid the land of evil beasts, and the sword will not go through your land.

Romans 12:14 (NKJV)

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

Exodus 23:22 (NKJV)

But if you indeed obey His voice and do all that I speak, then I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries.

Matthew 6:14-15 (NKJV)

For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Romans 12:17-20 (NKJV)

Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. If

it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay, says the Lord. Therefore if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.

Psalms 17:7 (NKJV)

Show Your marvelous lovingkindness by Your right hand, O You who save those who trust in You From those who rise up against them.

Isaiah 59:19 (KJV)

So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.

Psalms 138:7 (ESV)

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me.

Proverbs 16:7 (NKJV)

When a man's ways please the LORD, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.

Envy

Proverbs 14:31 (ESV)

A tranquil heart gives life to the flesh, but envy makes the bones rot.

Proverbs 24:1 (ESV)

Be not envious of evil men, nor desire to be with them

Proverbs 3:31 (ESV)

Do not envy a man of violence and do not choose any of his ways.

Psalms 37:1 (NKJV)

Do not fret because of evildoers, Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity.

Mark 7:21-23 (NIV)

For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and make a man 'unclean'.

Proverbs 23:17 (ESV)

Let not your heart envy sinners, but continue in the fear of the LORD all the day.

1 Corinthians 13:4 (ESV)

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant.

Job 5:2 (NKJV)

For wrath kills a foolish man, And envy slays a simple one.

Exodus 20:17 (KJV)

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

Failure

Joshua 23:14 (NASB)

"Now behold, today I am going the way of all the earth, and you know in all your hearts and in all your souls that not one word of all the good words which the LORD your God spoke concerning you has failed; all have been fulfilled for you, not one of them has failed.

Isaiah 43:18-19 (NKJV)

Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old.

Philippians 1:6 (NKJV)

Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.

Habakkuk 2:3 (NASB)

For the vision is yet for the appointed time; it hastens toward the goal and it

will not fail though it tarries, wait for it;
for it will certainly come, it will not
delay.

Proverbs 24:10 (NIV)

If you falter in times of trouble, how
small is your strength!

Psalms 73:26 (NASB)

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God
is the strength of my heart and my
portion forever.

Joshua 21:45 (NASB)

Not one of the good promises which the
LORD had made to the house of Israel
failed; all came to pass.

1 Peter 5:6-7 (NKJV)

Therefore humble yourselves under the
mighty hand of God, that He may exalt
you in due time, casting all your care
upon Him, for He cares for you.

1 Corinthians 10:12-13 (NKJV)

Therefore let him who thinks he stands
take heed lest he fall. No temptation has
overtaken you except such as is common
to man; but God is faithful, who will not
allow you to be tempted beyond what
you are able, but with the temptation
will also make the way of escape, that
you may be able to bear it.

Lamentations 3:22-23 (NKJV)

Through the LORD's mercies we are not
consumed, because His compassions fail
not. They are new every morning; Great
is Your faithfulness.

Ten Truths About the Faithfulness of God

By Brent Riggs

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God’s faithfulness is the single most important fact of Christianity.

It is my opinion, that God’s faithfulness is the single most important fact of Christianity. Why? If God were not faithful, then we have nothing to place our hope in. If God is not faithful, then we cannot trust what the Bible says about any subject, any person or any promise. We can’t trust in Jesus; we can’t hope for salvation; we can’t have peace; we can’t expect the promises to come true. If God is not faithful, we would have to live in constant fear of losing our salvation and being attacked by Satan. If God is not faithful, we would have to constantly be worried about what will happen the moment we die. If God is not faithful, then there truly is absolutely nothing to live for, nothing to hope in.

There is no middle ground. God is 100% faithful, or not at all. God can’t be “mostly” faithful. He cannot even be 99.9% faithful. If there is any unfaithfulness whatsoever in God, then He is a fraud by His own definition. God’s faithfulness is the foundation upon which everything about Christianity is built.

Truth 1: God is Faithful

Our lesson series will outline each of TEN truths about God’s faithfulness. Today I want you to give you a starting foundation that substantiates Truth 1:

The Bible declares God’s faithfulness as a matter of fact

The meaning and usage of the word faithfulness:

The Bible Declares God’s Faithfulness

God is faithful according to the Bible. There is no ambiguity in the fact whatsoever. God’s faithfulness has no exceptions, it is not dependant on circumstances and it is not questioned in any way. It is stated as a matter of assumed fact without hesitation or question. Here are just a few examples (emphasis mine):

Deuteronomy 7:9 Therefore know that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments; (NKJV)

1 Corinthians 1:9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (NKJV)

1 Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it. (NKJV)

1 Thessalonians 5:24 He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it. (NKJV)

2 Thessalonians 3:3 But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one. (NKJV)

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (NKJV)

The Bible declares unequivocally that God is faithful. Either it is true, or not. It is not sometimes true, or dependent on circumstances. God is faithful. Period. He is the standard of faithfulness, the definition of faithfulness. Without God's example of faithfulness, there would be no way to measure or understand what faithfulness is.

The Bible declares with absolute certainty that God is faithful.

The Meaning and Usage of "Faithfulness"

The Hebrew root ("aman") which the Old Testament translates as "faithful" and "faithfulness" means "to prop" or "stay" or "support." The word signifies "to steady or secure oneself" or "to be supported". So the word "faithful," when applied to a person, means "one upon whom you can lean on, steady or support yourself". The Greek word used in the New Testament means "trustworthy" or "to be relied upon," and is the same Hebrew word mentioned above, and gets its meaning from this usage.

The Bible consistently uses this common definition for "faithful":

A faithful witness will not lie: but a false witness will utter lies (Prov. 14:5).

Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing (Matt. 24:45-46).

- This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief (1 Tim. 1:15).

The biblical usage of the word "faithful" conforms to its common definition. We will see this more clearly as we look at how God's faithfulness is manifested in His creation.

Therefore, Truth 1 - "God is faithful" - means God is a Person upon whom we can absolutely rely on, find security in, and lean upon.

Tomorrow we will look at Truth 2 & 3 which declares the extent of God's faithfulness.

Truth 2: God's faithfulness is not average; it is great and limitless

God's faithfulness is incomparable. It is the standard by which all other faithfulness is measured. God's faithfulness is not average, run-of-the-mill faithfulness. God's faithfulness knows no limits, no boundaries and has no conditions. What God promises will happen. What God declares will come to pass. What God wills, undoubtedly will be. We can stake our body, spirit and eternity on the faithfulness of God.

Lamentations 3:22-24 Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I hope in Him!" (NKJV)

"Great" is defined as "extensive; exceedingly more; a large collection". The Bible doesn't just declare the fact of God's faithfulness, but makes sure that we understand that it is GREAT faithfulness. While Scripture assumes the faithfulness of God without any question whatsoever, God chose to point out to His frail children that His faithfulness is GREAT - giving us even more reason to cling to Him.

Deuteronomy 7:9 "Therefore know that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a

thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments; (NKJV)

God's uncommon and infinite faithfulness is good for a thousand generations – so it should be more than adequate for our one lifetime. The "thousand generations" are not literal. It clearly means that God's faithfulness knows no end. If God has made a promise to us through Scripture that is good for a "thousand generations", don't you think it will be good for the next 60-70 years?

Truth 3: God's faithfulness reaches to the heavens and skies.

Of course this is much like Truth 2, but God's faithfulness is so incredible, it merits a couple of mentions!

Psalm 36:5 Your mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds. (NKJV)

Psalm 89:2 For I have said, "Mercy shall be built up forever; Your faithfulness You shall establish in the very heavens." (NKJV)

God's faithfulness reaches to the clouds and the heavens which is symbolic for something that has no boundaries, no limits. Again, God's faithfulness is not average, or comparable to any other. It far exceeds any need that we could ever have.

Truth 4: Everything God does, is done in faithfulness.

Psalm 33:4 For the word of the Lord is right, And all His work is done in truth [same Hebrew word as "faithfulness"]. (NKJV)

Everything God does, is done faithfully. Everything He declares, everything He promises, everything He sets in motion, will be completely done, and fulfilled exactly as He says.

God's faithfulness is great and limitless. It is truly something you can stake your

life and eternity on without hesitation. God's faithfulness is never in question. Our doubt, our wavering, our unbelief are all indications of the degree to which WE do not truly believe that God is faithful.

Truth 6: God's faithfulness is manifested in His not allowing His children to be tempted beyond what they are able to endure.

It is both a comforting and a sobering fact to realize that God has promised to never let us be tempted beyond what we can bear. It's comforting knowing that we will never be forced to face temptation beyond our ability to resist. It's sobering because it means that every time we sin, the reality is we have **chosen** to sin, and we have ignored God's provision of escape.

1 Corinthians 10:12-13 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it. (NKJV)

God has promised to protect us from Satan. Satan can never be a legitimate excuse for us to sin against God. It is another comforting thought knowing that God is personally shielding us from Satan. Satan is the most powerful of all God's creatures (Ezek 28). He is cunning, deceptive, intelligent, powerful and the "father of lies" (2 Cor. 2:11; 11:3; Matt. 4:6; 2 Tim. 2:26; Luke 22:31; 1 Tim. 3:6; Rev. 12:12; 1 Tim. 4:1; Rev. 2:9, 24). He appears as an angel of light (2Cor 11.14), but death and destruction are his sole purpose. Satan knows his time is short and he's not happy about it.

In a large segment of Christianity, we hear preachers taunting Satan, and making light of Satan's power. We hear great bravado and arrogance cast from the mouths of men towards the Great

Dragon. Beware of this! The Bible commands us not to take Satan lightly, giving us warning after warning to be alert, be on guard and be prepared. If Satan were so puny and helpless, then God would not warn us so adamantly to be on guard against him. The very fact that God must protect us from Satan gives indication as to what Satan could do to us - if God were not on our side.

Yes, Satan has no power over us. Yes, we have won victory over death and hell. Yes, Satan cannot steal us from God. Yes, Satan cannot touch us without God's permission. These facts are TRUE, **but only because God's faithful protection makes it true.** Christians must never boast or arrogantly mouth off about Satan (Jude 9) but rather should hide themselves in the "cleft of the Rock" and take comfort in the protection that God has promised. WE are powerless against Satan apart from God. Our boasting should not be how WE have power over the Devil, but in GOD's power over him - and that protection has been graciously extended over us.

2 Thessalonians 3:3 But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one. (NKJV)

God's faithfulness is demonstrated in His promise to protect us from Satan, who would and could destroy us if God did not protect us. The fact that we are not suffering like Job every minute of every day is proof of God's faithfulness. The fact that we never face a temptation that is truly unbearable, is proof of God's faithfulness. God's faithfulness is manifested because He protects us from what would otherwise overwhelm or destroy us.

Truth 7: The faithfulness of God is shown by the fact that He calls us - then protects, preserves, and sanctifies us.

God is faithful to complete His work in us. When God calls us, and draws us to Him (John 6.44), He does not say,

"welcome to the family... you're on your own now". Our confidence as Christians is not dependent on our personal ability to please God, to obey God or to perform for God, but in God's faithfulness. Our future hope is sure because our present God is faithful.

1 Corinthians 1:8-9 who [Jesus Christ] **will also confirm you to the end**, that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (NKJV; emphasis mine)

God is faithful to make sure that anyone He calls, WILL then be protected and preserved all the way to the end - the end being the day they see Christ. Now I know this will open up the whole can of "once saved, always saved" and "can you lose your salvation" worms.... that it not the point of this Devotional. We are not addressing the issue of "can someone renounce, lose or give up their salvation?" We are looking at the faithfulness of God to protect the Christian who genuinely is a Christian.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be **preserved** blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. **He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.** (NKJV; emphasis mine)

The Christian's hope lies in God's faithfulness. He will sanctify us (make us holy); He will preserve us blameless; He called us, He will see that we are faithful to the end. Whatever God starts, He finishes. He starts with us by calling us, and He is faithful to finish His work in us. If you are a Christian, take hope in the fact that God is personally taking responsibility that you will remain faithful to the end. You will struggle. You will falter. But, like a child learning to walk, the Father is there to steady you, to support you, to hold you, to pick you up when you do fall. You may fall, but God will never walk off and leave you there.

Philippians 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that **he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:** (KJV; emphasis mine)

When God begins a work, He finishes it. Unlike us, God never quits on anything He starts; nor does He ever stop short of perfect completion. Our hope is in God who has promised to finish what He starts. If God has started a good work in you (salvation) be assured, and refreshed, that He will complete His work in you exactly as He has planned.

Truth 8: God's faithfulness is manifested in His chastening of His children when they go astray.

Good parents discipline, correct and redirect their children as they make mistakes, make bad choices and when they succumb to their childish impulses. We also chastise them when they simply choose sin over Godliness. We let them feel the consequences of their choice while teaching them the rewards of choosing righteousness. As adults, we are no different. We are just more sophisticated, more subtle and more determined to justify our sinful desires.

God loves us with a greater love than we are even capable of comprehending; so of course He is going to discipline us when we choose to destroy our lives and dishonor Him with our sin. Unlike human parents though, God's discipline is perfect, loving, just and effective - always, 100% of the time. So we don't have to fear or hope to avoid God's chastisement; on the contrary, we should take comfort in knowing that we have the Perfect Father watching over us who will always have our best interests at heart, and while uncomfortable (even painful), His discipline will always result in healing and restoration.

- John 10:28-29 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. (NKJV)

We belong to God. No one can take us from Him. God is greater than all. I start with this verse to establish God's love for us which provides the foundation for this next verse:

- Hebrews 12:6 For whom the Lord loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives." (NKJV)

If God loves you, He disciplines you. This should not be hard to understand. As a parent, you will correct and chasten your child because you love him. You're not being mean or selfish or abusive. You discipline your kids for their own good, because you love them. If we, being created in God's image, understand this, how much more does it make sense that our Perfect Heavenly Father needs to chastise us for our own good?

- Psalm 119:75 I know, O Lord, that Your judgments are right, And that in faithfulness You have afflicted me. (NKJV)

God chastens us because He has declared that we are to be holy, and that He will present us blameless and spotless as the Bride to Christ; therefore, in His faithfulness, He chastises and disciplines us so that His promise will be true. God's declarations must come true, and sometimes He must correct and discipline us to get us lined up with His will.

Truth 9: God's faithfulness is manifested in His forgiving His children when they confess their sins.

Our confidence that God will forgive our sins when confessed rests upon two known facts about God: God is righteous and God is faithful. To doubt that your sin is forgiven when you have confessed it is to question His righteousness and His faithfulness as well as His integrity. It is not humility, but presumption to doubt that you are forgiven.

- 1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (NKJV)

This is one of the greatest hopes and comforts for Christians. We struggle and fight and wrestle with sin; but we don't have to despair or become hopeless because God is ALWAYS faithful to forgive us when we turn in repentance to Him and ask for mercy. When God forgives, it's not the conditional or fragile human type of forgiveness (Psa 103.12). When God forgives, He eternally forgets and to Him it's as if that sin never happened (with regards to God holding it against us; we may still have some consequences to deal with).

Truth 10: God's faithfulness is manifested in His answering the prayers of His children.

The righteousness, mercy, and faithfulness of **God all work in harmony** to see that our earnest prayers are answered because God has pledged the deliverance, defense, and complete and eternal salvation of His people.

It is my opinion, that God's faithfulness is the single most important fact of

Christianity. Why? If God were not faithful, then we have nothing to place our hope in. If God is not faithful, then we cannot trust what the Bible says about any subject, any person or any promise. We can't trust in Jesus; we can't hope for salvation; we can't have peace; we can't expect the promises to come true. If God is not faithful, we would have to live in constant fear of losing our salvation and being attacked by Satan. If God is not faithful, we would have constantly worry about what will happen the moment we die. If God is not faithful, then there truly is absolutely nothing to live for, nothing to hope in.

There is no middle ground. God is 100% faithful, or not at all. God can't be "mostly" faithful. He cannot even be 99.9% faithful. If there is any unfaithfulness whatsoever in God, then He is a fraud by His own definition. God's faithfulness is the foundation upon which everything about Christianity is built.

We have learned:

- **Truth 1 - God is faithful;** the Bible declares it plainly; history proves it. We have found out that the meaning of "faithfulness" as applied to God can be summed up by saying: "God is a Person who we can absolutely depend on, find security in, and lean upon." (Deut 7.9; 1Cor 1.9; 1Cor 10.13; 1Thess 5.24; 2Thess 3.3; 1John 1.9; Prov 14.5; Matt 24.45-46; 1Tim 1.15)
- **Truth 2 - God's faithfulness is not average; it is great and limitless;** God's faithfulness has no exceptions; whatever He promises or declares will happen. The universe would come and go a million times before one letter or breath from God was not fulfilled. You can count on God. He is faithful always, 100% of the time. (Deut 7.9; Lam 3.22-24)

- **Truth 3 - God's faithfulness reaches to the heavens and skies;** God's faithfulness reaches farther and higher than any circumstance or trial we will ever face. If God's faithfulness reaches to the heavens, it is certainly capable of reaching every area of our life. (Deut 7.9; Psa 36.5; Psa 89.2)
- **Truth 4 - Everything God does is done in faithfulness;** God operates from faithfulness. There is no question about it, it is an assumed fact. Every word, every thought, every decision, every wish, every command, every declaration... all done in complete faithfulness. Whatever God purposes, WILL come to pass. (Deut 7.9; Psa 33.4)
- **Truth 5 - God's faithfulness is manifested when He stands by His people and saves them even when they are unfaithful to Him. God's faithfulness is undeterred by man's actions;** when God promises to complete something, or make something happen, it is not dependent on anything but His will. We can have hope because our security is in God's faithfulness, not our own abilities. (2Tim 2.13; Heb 10.23; Deut 7.9; 1Kings 8.56; Psa 89.3; Psa 119.89-90; 1Sam 12.20-22)
- **Truth 6 - God's faithfulness is manifested in His not allowing His children to be tempted beyond what they are able to endure;** God has promised to keep us from temptation that we cannot endure, and to always provide a way of escape (1Cor 10.12-13). We will never face a choice to sin that is so strong we are truly unable to say no. God also protects us from Satan who prowls about seeking whom he may devour (2Thess 3.3; 2 Cor. 2:11; 11:3; Matt. 4:6; 2 Tim. 2:26; Luke 22:31; 1 Tim. 3:6; Rev. 12:12; 1 Tim. 4:1; Rev. 2:9, 24). Every day that we live that we are not suffering like Job, is a day to thank God for His protection from Satan's persecution.
- **Truth 7 - The faithfulness of God is shown by the fact that He calls us - then protects, preserves, and sanctifies us;** God is faithful to finish everything He starts. He will see us through all the way to the end. God calls us, and He does not fail in anything He does. We can be confident that whatever God has started in us (salvation, sanctification), He will make sure it is completed (1Cor 1.8-9; 1Thess 5.23-24; Phil 1.6).
- **Truth 8: God's faithfulness is manifested in His chastening of His children when they go astray;** God shows His faithfulness as our Heavenly Father by chastising us and doing whatever it takes to turn us away from our own wickedness and pride, back to Him. Like any good parent, sometimes painful consequences are the only thing that gets our attention (John 10.28-29; Heb 12.6; Ps 119.75)
- **Truth 9: God's faithfulness is manifested in His forgiving His children when they confess their sins;** God is ALWAYS faithful to forgive us when we turn in repentance to Him and ask for mercy. When God forgives, it's not the conditional or fragile human type of forgiveness (Psa 103.12). When God forgives, He eternally forgets (1John 1.9; Ps 103.12)
- **Truth 10: God's faithfulness is manifested in His answering the prayers of His children;** God takes pleasure in answering the faithful prayers of His obedient and holy children. If we as human parents know how to respond to our children in love, and give good gifts to them, how much more does our

Loving God know how to do the
same (Matt 7.11; Ps 143.1-2; Ps
10.17)

Our "Faith" (Christianity) is only a Faith
because God is faithful. Our personal
faith is only possible because of God's
faithfulness. God's faithfulness assures
that we can have hope, peace and
confidence in a world that grows farther
from with each passing day.

Faith

Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV)

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Mark 16:17 (KJV)

And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues

James 1:6-8 (KJV)

But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

Romans 1:17(NKJV)

For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

Mark 11:23-24 (KJV)

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Romans 10:9-10 (NKJV)

that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Matthew 21:21 (NIV)

Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and it will be done.

Mark 9:23 (KJV)

Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

Hebrews 11:1 (KJV)

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Romans 10:17 (NKJV)

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

James 2:14-17 (NIV)

What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

Family

Isaiah 59:21 (NKJV)

"As for Me," says the Lord, "this is My covenant with them: My Spirit who is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your descendants, nor from the mouth of your descendants' descendants," says the Lord, "from this time and forevermore."

1 Timothy 5:4 (NASB)

But if any widow has children or grandchildren, they must first learn to practice piety in regard to their own family and to make some return to their parents; for this is acceptable in the sight of God.

Ephesians 6:1-4 (NKJV)

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth." And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord

Proverbs 22:6 (ESV)

Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it.

Ephesians 5:22-29 (NKJV)

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church.

Psalms 127:1 (NKJV)

Unless the Lord builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the Lord guards the city, The watchman stays awake in vain.

Proverbs 11:29 (ESV)

Whoever troubles his own household will inherit the wind, and the fool will be servant to the wise of heart.

Father

Malachi 4:6 (NKJV)

And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."

Ephesians 6:4 (NKJV)

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Psalms 103:13 (NIV)

As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

Proverbs 17:6 (KJV)

Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers.

Proverbs 29:17 (KJV)

Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.

Proverbs 22:6 (ESV)

Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it.

Hebrews 12:7 (NIV)

Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father?

Colossians 3:21 (NIV)

Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.

Proverbs 23:22 (NIV)

Listen to your father, who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old.

Proverbs 3: 11-12 (NIV)

My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline and do not resent his rebuke, because the LORD disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in.

Psalms 44:1 (NKJV)

O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have told us, what deeds you performed in their days, in the days of old:

Psalm 22:4 (KJV)

Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.

Proverbs 23:24 (NIV)

The father of a righteous man has great joy; he who has a wise son delights in him.

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Father's Day

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Proverbs 23:24 (NKJV)

The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice; he who fathers a wise son will be glad in him.

Proverbs 20:7 (KJV)

The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him.

Fear

2 Chronicles 15:7 (NKJV)

But you, be strong and do not let your hands be weak, for your work shall be rewarded!

Romans 8:15-17 (KJV)

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

2 Timothy 1:7 (KJV)

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Joshua 1:9 (KJV)

Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

Psalms 91:1-3 (NKJV)

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High. Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust." Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence.

Psalms 112:7-8 (NIV)

He will have no fear of bad news; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD. His heart is secure, he will have no fear; in the end he will look in triumph on his foes.

Psalms 3:6 (ESV)

I will not be afraid of many thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around.

Isaiah 41:10 (NIV)

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Psalms 27:1 (NIV)

The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

1 Chronicles 28:20 (NASB)

Then David said to his son Solomon, "Be strong and courageous, and act; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you nor forsake you until all the work for the service of the house of the LORD is finished!

Psalms 32:7 (NIV)

You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance

Fellowship

Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV)

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Acts 2:42 (KJV)

And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

1 Corinthians 6:14 (KJV)

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

Psalms 133:1 (KJV)

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

1 John 1:7 (KJV)

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Colossians 1:24-25 (NASB)

Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I do my share on behalf of His body, which is the church, in filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions. Of this church I was made a minister according to the stewardship from God bestowed on me for your benefit, so that I might fully carry out the preaching of the word of God.

Acts 12:5 (KJV)

Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.

Acts 9:31 (NASB)

So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria enjoyed peace, being built up; and going on in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it continued to increase.

1 John 1:3 (KJV)

That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

Psalms 55:14 (NASB)

We who had sweet fellowship together
Walked in the house of God in the throng.

Employees

1 Timothy 6:1-2 (NKJV)

Let as many bondservants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and His doctrine may not be blasphemed. And those who have believing masters, let them not despise them because they are brethren, but rather serve them because those who are benefited are believers and beloved. Teach and exhort these things.

Proverbs 27:18 (NKJV)

Whoever keeps the fig tree will eat its fruit; So he who waits on his master will be honored.

Ephesians 6:5-8 (NIV)

Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ; not with eye-service, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men, knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free.

Proverbs 16:3 (NKJV)

Commit your works to the LORD, and your thoughts will be established.

2 Timothy 2:4-6 (NKJV)

No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. The hardworking farmer must be first to partake of the crops.

1 Corinthians 4:2 (NIV)

Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.

Psalms 90:12 (KJV)

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 (NKJV)

That you also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you, that you may walk properly toward those who are outside, and that you may lack nothing.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV)

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

Ecclesiastes 9:10 (NKJV)

Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going.

To Fathers

Malachi 4:6 (NKJV)

And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."

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Do not move the ancient landmark that your fathers have set.

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For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?

Proverbs 17:6 (NKJV)

Grandchildren are the crown of the aged, and the glory of children is their fathers.

Ecclesiastes 9:9 (KJV)

Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, which He hath given thee under the sun, all the days of thy vanity; for that is thy portion in this life, and in thy labor which thou hast done under the sun.

Psalms 44:1 (NKJV)

O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have told us, what deeds you performed in their days, in the days of old:

Psalms 22:4 (KJV)

Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.

Psalms 144:12 (KJV)

That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace:

Proverbs 23:24 (NKJV)

The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice; he who fathers a wise son will be glad in him.

For Grandparents

Isaiah 46:4 (KJV)

And even to your old age I am he; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you.

Psalms 71:9 (KJV)

Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth.

Jeremiah 29:11 (NKJV)

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Proverbs 13:22 (NKJV)

A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, But the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.

Proverbs 17:6 (NKJV)

Grandchildren are the crown of the aged, and the glory of children is their fathers.

Proverbs 16:31 (Amplified Bible)

Gray hair is a crown of splendor; it is attained by a righteous life.

Psalms 37:25 (KJV)

I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

Hebrews 13:5-6 (KJV)

I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

Matthew 6:25-27 (NKJV)

Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?

Psalms 92:14 (KJV)

They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing;

Ecclesiastes 9:10 (NKJV)

Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going.

To Leaders

Matthew 24:45-47 (NKJV)

Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods.

Titus 1:6-7 (NKJV)

if a man is blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of dissipation or insubordination. For a bishop must be blameless, as a steward of God, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money,

1 Peter 5:2 (NIV)

Be shepherds of God's flock, the believers who are under your care. Serve as their leaders. Don't serve them because you have to. Instead, do it because you want to. That's what God wants you to do. Don't do it because you want to get more and more money. Do it because you really want to serve.

Psalms 133:1 (KJV)

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

Matthew 20:26 (NKJV)

Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant.

1 Timothy 6:11-12 (KJV)

But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

Proverbs 16:3 (KJV)

Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.

1 Timothy 3:5 (KJV)

For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?

Luke 12:48 (KJV)

For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more

Proverbs 16:12 (NIV)

It is an abomination to kings to commit wickedness: for the throne is established by righteousness.

Isaiah 43:18-19 (KJV)

Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

Psalms 78:72 (NKJV)

So he shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart, And guided them by the skillfulness of his hands.

Psalms 90:12 (KJV)

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Acts 20:28 (KJV)

Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Proverbs 29:2 (KJV)

When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.

To Men

Proverbs 17:27 (NIV)

A discerning man keeps wisdom in view, but a fool's eyes wander to the ends of the earth.

Proverbs 17:27 (NIV)

A man of knowledge uses words with restraint, and a man of understanding is even-tempered.

1 Timothy 3:5 (KJV)

For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?

Micah 6:8 (ASV)

He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth Jehovah require of thee, but to do justly, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with thy God

Proverbs 19:14 (KJV)

House and riches are the inheritance of fathers: and a prudent wife is from the LORD.

Proverbs 20:7 (KJV)

The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him.

Proverbs 10:9 (NIV)

The man of integrity walks securely, but he who takes crooked paths will be found out.

Genesis 2:18 (NKJV)

And the Lord God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV)

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

For Mothers

Proverbs 11:16 (NKJV)

A gracious woman retains honor, But ruthless men retain riches.

Psalms 127:1 (KJV)

Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.

Proverbs 31:15 (KJV)

She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household and a portion to her maidens.

Psalms 144:12 (KJV)

That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace:

Psalms 115:14 (KJV)

The LORD shall increase you more and more, you and your children.

Genesis 3:16 (NIV)

To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you."

To Parents

Proverbs 14:13 (ESV)

A foolish son is a grief to his father and bitterness to her who bore him.

Malachi 4:6 (NKJV)

And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."

Proverbs 19:18 (KJV)

Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying.

Proverbs 29:17 (KJV)

Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.

Hebrews 12: 7-11 (NIV)

Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate children at all. Moreover, we have all had parents who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to

the Father of spirits and live! Our parents disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained.

Psalms 127:1 (KJV)

Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.

Deuteronomy 11: 18-21 (CEV)

Memorize these laws and think about them. Write down copies and tie them to your wrists and your foreheads to help you obey them. Teach them to your children. Talk about them all the time--whether you're at home or walking along the road or going to bed at night, or getting up in the morning. Write them on the door frames of your homes and on your town gates. Then you and your descendants will live a long time in the land that the LORD promised your ancestors. Your families will live there as long as the sky is above the earth.

Psalms 144:12 (KJV)

That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace:

Psalms 115:14 (KJV)

The LORD shall increase you more and more, you and your children.

Proverbs 13:24 (NKJV)

He who spares his rod hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines him promptly.

To Singles

Philippians 1:6 (KJV)

Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

Psalms 37:4 (KJV)

Delight thyself also in the LORD: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Psalms 68:6 (NIRV)

God gives lonely people a family. He sets prisoners free, and they go out singing. But those who refuse to obey him live in a land that is baked by the sun.

Proverbs 19:14 (KJV)

House and riches are the inheritance of fathers: and a prudent wife is from the LORD.

Psalms 90:12 (KJV)

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Psalms 138:8 (KJV)

The LORD will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands

Genesis 2:18 (NKJV)

And the Lord God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV)

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

For Teachers

2 Timothy 2:2 (KJV)

And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

2 Timothy 3:14-17 (NIV)

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation

through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that all God's people may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

1 Samuel 12:23 (KJV)

Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way:

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV)

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

John 13:13-17 (KJV)

Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

1 Corinthians 9:27 (KJV)

You know that many runners enter a race, and only one of them wins the prize. So run to win! Athletes work hard to win a crown that cannot last, but we do it for a crown that will last forever. I don't run without a goal. And I don't box by beating my fists in the air. I keep my body under control and make it my slave, so I won't lose out after telling the good news to others. But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

To Teens

Leviticus 19:3 (NKJV)

Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father, and keep My Sabbaths: I am the Lord your God.

Proverbs 14:13 (ESV)

A foolish son is a grief to his father and bitterness to her who bore him.

Malachi 4:6 (NKJV)

And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."

Proverbs 27:8 (KJV)

As a bird that wandereth from her nest, so is a man that wandereth from his place

Isaiah 40:29-31 (KJV)

He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: but they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Psalms 119:9 (Amplified Bible)

How shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed and keeping watch [on himself] according to Your word [conforming his life to it].

1 Timothy 4:12 (KJV)

Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

Ecclesiastes 11:9 (Amplified Bible)

Rejoice, O young man, in your adolescence, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your [full-grown] youth. And walk in the ways of your heart and in the sight of your eyes, but know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment.

Ecclesiastes 12:1 (NIV)

Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them"

Deuteronomy 5:16 (CEV)

Respect your father and mother, and you will live a long and successful life in the land I am giving you.

1 Peter 5:5 (NIRV)

Young men, follow the lead of those who are older. All of you, put on a spirit that is free of pride toward each other as if it were your clothes.

For Women

Proverbs 11:16 (NKJV)

A gracious woman retains honor, But ruthless men retain riches.

Proverbs 11:16 (KJV)

A gracious woman retaineth honour: and strong men retain riches.

Proverbs 19:14 (KJV)

House and riches are the inheritance of fathers: and a prudent wife is from the LORD.

1 Timothy 2:9 (KJV)

I also want women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or expensive clothes,

Psalms 127:1 (KJV)

Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.

Proverbs 14:1 (NIV)

The wise woman builds her house, but with her own hands the foolish one tears hers down.

Genesis 2:18 (NKJV)

And the Lord God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."

Forgiveness

Matthew 6:12 (NKJV)

And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.

Mark 11:25 (Amplified Bible)

And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him and let it drop (leave it, let it go), in order that your Father Who is in heaven may also forgive you your [own] failings and shortcomings and let them drop.

Isaiah 1:18 (Amplified Bible)

Come now, and let us reason together, says the Lord. Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be like wool.

Ephesians 4:26 (NIV)

In your anger do not sin" : Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry,

Ephesians 4:32 (NKJV)

And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you.

Ephesians 4:31 (KJV)

Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

Colossians 3:13 (NKJV)

bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.

Isaiah 43:18-19 (KJV)

Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

Matthew 18:21-22 (Amplified Bible)

Then Peter came up to Him and said, Lord, how many times may my brother sin against me and I forgive him and let it go? [As many as] up to seven times?

Jesus answered him, I tell you, not up to seven times, but seventy times seven!

Freedom

1 Corinthians 6:12 (NIV)

"Everything is permissible for me"—but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is permissible for me"—but I will not be mastered by anything.

1 Corinthians 10:23 (NIV)

"Everything is permissible"—but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is permissible"—but not everything is constructive.

Galatians 3:22 (NKJV)

But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

1 Corinthians 8:9 (NKJV)

But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak.

2 Corinthians 3:17 (NKJV)

Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

Galatians 5:13 (NKJV)

For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

Psalms 119:45 (NKJV)

And I will walk at liberty, For I seek Your precepts.

John 8:36 (KJV)

If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed

Isaiah 43:18-19 (KJV)

Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

Romans 6:14 (NKJV)

For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

Psalms 124:7 (NIV)

We have escaped like a bird out of the fowler's snare; the snare has been broken, and we have escaped.

Friendship

Proverbs 16:28 (ESV)

A dishonest man spreads strife, and a whisperer separates close friends.

Proverbs 17:17 (KJV)

A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

Proverbs 18:24 (KJV)

A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

Proverbs 27:17 (NKJV)

As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.

1 Samuel 18:1 (ESV)

As soon as he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.

Proverbs 22:24 (ESV)

Make no friendship with a man given to anger, nor go with a wrathful man

John 15:12-15 (KJV)

This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (KJV)

Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up. Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone?

Proverbs 27:6 (NKJV)

Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

Funerals

Job 21:33 (NKJV)

The clods of the valley shall be sweet to him; Everyone shall follow him, As countless have gone before him.

Hebrews 9:27 (Amplified Bible)

And just as it is appointed for [all] men once to die, and after that the [certain] judgment

Romans 14:7-8 (KJV)

For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

1 Thessalonians 4:17-18 (KJV)

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Ecclesiastes 6:3 (NKJV)

If a man fathers a hundred children and lives many years, so that the days of his years are many, but his soul is not satisfied with life's good things, and he also has no burial, I say that a stillborn child is better off than he.

John 11:25 (KJV)

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.

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Ecclesiastes 12:6-8 (KJV)

Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern. Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it. Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher; all is vanity.

Psalms 90:12 (KJV)

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Romans 14:12 (KJV)

So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

Amos 4:12b (KJV)

Therefore ... prepare to meet thy God, O Israel.

Ephesians 5:15-16 (NASB)

Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise making the most of your time, because the days are evil.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2 (Amplified Bible)

To everything there is a season, and a time for every matter or purpose under heaven: A time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted

Ecclesiastes 9:10 (NKJV)

Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going.

Future

Proverbs 27:1 (Amplified Bible)

Do not boast of [yourself and] tomorrow, for you know not what a day may bring forth

Jeremiah 29:11 (Amplified Bible)

For I know the thoughts and plans that I have for you, says the Lord, thoughts and plans for welfare and peace and not for evil, to give you hope in your final outcome.

Habakkuk 2:3 (NASB)

For the vision is yet for the appointed time; it hastens toward the goal and it will not fail. Though it tarries, wait for it; For it will certainly come, it will not delay.

Psalms 31:15 (NKJV)

My times are in Your hand; Deliver me from the hand of my enemies, And from those who persecute me.

James 4:13-15 (NIV)

Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that."

Isaiah 46:10 (NKJV)

Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, 'My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,'

Isaiah 43:18-19 (KJV)

Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2 (Amplified Bible)

To everything there is a season, and a time for every matter or purpose under heaven: A time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted

Proverbs 29:18 (NASB)

Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained, But happy is he who keeps the law.

Job 8:7 (NIV)

Your beginnings will seem humble, so prosperous will your future be.

Gifts

Luke 21:4 (NIV)

All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

James 1:17 (KJV)

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Romans 11:29 (NKJV)

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

Matthew 6:4 (NKJV)

that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.

1 Corinthians 12:28 (NKJV)

And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.

Romans 12:6 (NKJV)

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith;

1 Corinthians 12:11 (NKJV)

But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

Proverbs 19:6 (NKJV)

Many entreat the favor of the nobility,
And every man is a friend to one who gives gifts.

Psalms 20:3 (NKJV)

May He remember all your offerings, And accept your burnt sacrifice.

Ephesians 4:11 (NKJV)

And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

Matthew 7:11 (NKJV)

If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

Giving

Luke 21:4 (NIV)

All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

Malachi 3:10 (KJV)

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

2 Samuel 24:24 (NIV)

But the king replied to Araunah, "No, I insist on paying you for it. I will not sacrifice to the LORD my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing."

1 Peter 4:9 (NKJV)

Be hospitable to one another without grumbling.

1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NKJV)

Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

Luke 6:38 (Amplified Bible)

Give, and [gifts] will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will they pour [a] into [the pouch formed by] the bosom [of your robe and used as a bag]. For with the measure you deal out [with the measure you use when you confer benefits on others], it will be measured back to you.

Proverbs 28:27 (KJV)

He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack, but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.

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Proverbs 11:24-25 (KJV)

There is one that scattereth and yet prospereth; and there is another that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. The liberal soul shall prosper, and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.

Matthew 6: 2-4 (Amplified Bible)

Thus, whenever you give to the poor, do not blow a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites in the synagogues and in the streets like to do, that they may be recognized and honored and praised by men. Truly I tell you, they have their reward in full already. But when you give to charity, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing. So that your deeds of charity may be in secret; and your Father Who sees in secret will reward you openly

2 Corinthians 9:7 (NKJV)

So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

Goals

Philippians 1:6 (NKJV)

Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.

Proverbs 16:3 (NKJV)

Commit your works to the LORD, and your thoughts will be established.

1 Corinthians 9:24-25 (NKJV)

Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown

1 Timothy 6:12 (NKJV)

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

Habakkuk 2:3 (NASB)

For the vision is yet for the appointed time; it hastens toward the goal and it will not fail. Though it tarries, wait for it; For it will certainly come, it will not delay.

Philippians 3:14 (NIV)

I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 2:4-6 (NKJV)

No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. The hardworking farmer must be first to partake of the crops.

Isaiah 41:10 (NIV)

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Hebrews 12:1-2 (NKJV)

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV)

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

Grace

2 Corinthians 9:8 (KJV)

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

John 1:16-17 (KJV)

And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

Romans 3:24 (KJV)

Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

1 Corinthians 15:10 (KJV)

But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

James 4:6 (KJV)

But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

Psalms 84:11 (KJV)

For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

2 Corinthians 8:9 (KJV)

For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

1 Peter 5:10 (NIRV)

God always gives you all the grace you need. So you will only have to suffer for a little while. Then God himself will build you up again. He will make you strong and steady. And he has chosen you to share in his eternal glory because you belong to Christ

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NKJV)

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Ephesians 1:7 (KJV)

In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace

Graduation

Philippians 1:6 (KJV)

Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

Jeremiah 29:11 (KJV)

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Psalms 84:11-12 (KJV)

For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. O LORD of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

Proverbs 4:5-8 (KJV)

Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth. Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee. Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her.

Isaiah 43:18-19 (KJV)

Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

Psalms 90:12 (KJV)

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Psalms 138:8 (KJV)

The LORD will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV)

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

Grief

Proverbs 15:13 (ESV)

A glad heart makes a cheerful face, but by sorrow of heart the spirit is crushed.

Lamentations 3:32 (KJV)

But though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies.

Proverbs 14:13 (ESV)

Even in laughter the heart may ache, and the end of joy may be grief.

2 Corinthians 7:10 (ESV)

For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.

Ecclesiastes 1:18 (KJV)

For in much wisdom is much grief: and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow.

Psalms 31:10 (NKJV)

For my life is spent with grief, And my years with sighing; My strength fails because of my iniquity, And my bones waste away.

Isaiah 53:3-4 (KJV)

He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

Psalms 32:10 (ASV)

Many sorrows shall be to the wicked; But he that trusteth in Jehovah, lovingkindness shall compass him about.

Isaiah 43:18-19 (KJV)

Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

Isaiah 53:10 (NKJV)

Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.

Growth

1 Peter 2:2 (KJV)

As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby

Matthew 5:48 (KJV)

Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Psalms 92:12 (KJV)

The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

Hebrews 6:1 (KJV)

Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God

Hebrews 12:1-2 (KJV)

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

2 Peter 3:17-18 (ASV)

Ye therefore, beloved, knowing these things beforehand, beware lest, being carried away with the error of the wicked, ye fall from your own steadfastness. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and for ever. Amen.

Hatred

Proverbs 15:17 (ASV)

Better is a dinner of herbs, where love is, Than a stalled ox and hatred therewith

Leviticus 19:17 (NKJV)

You shall not hate your brother in your heart. You shall surely rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him.

Matthew 6:14-15 (KJV)

For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: but if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Ephesians 4:31 (NIRV)

Get rid of all hard feelings, anger and rage. Stop all fighting and lying. Put away every form of hatred

Proverbs 10:12 (ASV)

Hatred stirreth up strifes; But love covereth all transgressions

Proverbs 10:18 (ASV)

He that hideth hatred is of lying lips; And he that uttereth a slander is a fool.

Proverbs 26:24 (NKJV)

He who hates, disguises it with his lips, And lays up deceit within himself;

Proverbs 26:26 (ASV)

Though his hatred cover itself with guile, His wickedness shall be openly showed before the assembly.

Health

Mark 16:17-18 (KJV)

And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

3 John 2 (KJV)

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

Isaiah 53:5 (KJV)

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Jeremiah 30:17 (KJV)

For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the LORD; because they called thee an Outcast, saying, This is Zion, whom no man seeketh after.

Psalm 107:20 (NIRV)

He gave his command and healed them. He saved them from the grave.

Exodus 15:26 (NKJV)

and said, "If you diligently heed the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the Lord who heals you."

James 5:14-15 (KJV)

Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

John 10:10 (KJV)

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

Isaiah 58:8 (KJV)

Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy reward.

Exodus 23:25-26 (NIV)

Worship the LORD your God, and his blessing will be on your food and water. I will take away sickness from among you,

and none will miscarry or be barren in your land. I will give you a full life span.

Heart

Deuteronomy 10:12 (CEV)

[What the LORD Wants] [Moses said:]
People of Israel, what does the LORD your God want from you? The LORD wants you to respect and follow him, to love and serve him with all your heart and soul

Proverbs 27:19 (KJV)

As in water face answereth to face, so the heart of man to man.

Psalms 4:4 (CEV)

But each of you had better tremble and turn from your sins. Silently search your heart as you lie in bed.

1 Samuel 16:7 (KJV)

But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

Deuteronomy 30:10 (CEV)

But you must decide once and for all to worship him with all your heart and soul and to obey everything in The Book of God's Law.

Psalms 73:1 (CEV)

God is truly good to Israel, especially to everyone with a pure heart.

Proverbs 4:23 (KJV)

Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

Jeremiah 17:9-10 (KJV)

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

Proverbs 21:2 (CEV)

We may think we are doing the right thing, but the LORD always knows what is in our hearts.

1 Samuel 12:24 (CEV)

You also must obey the LORD--you must worship him with all your heart and remember the great things he has done for you.

1 Kings 8:39 (CEV)

You know what is in everyone's heart. So from your home in heaven answer their prayers, according to the way they live and what is in their hearts.

Heaven

1 Kings 8:27 (NIV)

"But will God really dwell on earth? The heavens, even the highest heaven, cannot contain you. How much less this temple I have built!

Revelation 22:1-5 (KJV)

And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

Revelation 21:3-4 (KJV)

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears

from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Revelation 21:23-25 (KJV)

And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it and the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it and the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

Revelation 7:17 (KJV)

For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Isaiah 65:19-25 (KJV)

For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying. There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed. And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them. And it shall come to pass, that

before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.

Revelation 21:27 (NKJV)

But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Isaiah 66:1 (NIV)

This is what the LORD says: "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. Where is the house you will build for me? Where will my resting place be?

Hell

Matthew 10:28 (ASV)

And be not afraid of them that kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Matthew 5:29 (ASV)

And if thy right eye causeth thee to stumble, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not thy whole body be cast into hell.

Matthew 13:42 (KJV)

And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 25:30 (NIV)

And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Revelation 21:8 (KJV)

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire

and brimstone: which is the second death.

2 Peter 2:4 (NKJV)

For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment;

Proverbs 27:20 (KJV)

Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.

Revelation 20:14-15 (NIV)

Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Mark 9:44 (KJV)

Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

Matthew 7:13 (NKJV)

Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.

Holy Spirit

Romans 5:5 (NIV)

And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

John 14:16-18 (KJV)

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

Joel 2:28 (KJV)

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh;

and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions

John 14:26 (KJV)

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Acts 1:8 (KJV)

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Romans 8:13-16 (NIV)

For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children

1 John 5:7 (KJV)

For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

Matthew 28:19 (KJV)

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Romans 8:26-27 (NIV)

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will

John 16:7-11 (ESV)

Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

Isaiah 61:1-3 (KJV)

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

Matthew 1:18 (NKJV)

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.

John 16:13-15 (ESV)

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you

Romans 8:5-11 (NIV)

You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone

does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. 10But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. 11And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.

Hope

Jeremiah 17:7 (KJV)

Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.

Jeremiah 29:11 (ASV)

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith Jehovah, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you hope in your latter end.

Romans 8:24-25 (KJV)

For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

Proverbs 13:12 (KJV)

Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life.

Job 4:6 (Amplified Bible)

Is not your [reverent] fear of God your confidence and the integrity and uprightness of your ways your hope?

Lamentations 3:26 (KJV)

It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD.

Titus 2:13 (KJV)

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ

Isaiah 43:18-19 (KJV)

Remember ye not the former things,
neither consider the things of old.
Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall
spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will
even make a way in the wilderness, and
rivers in the desert.

Hebrews 6:19 (KJV)

Which hope we have as an anchor of the
soul, both sure and stedfast, and which
entereth into that within the veil

Psalms 43:5 (KJV)

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and
why art thou disquieted within me? hope
in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is
the health of my countenance, and my
God.

Hospitality

2 Samuel 9:1-7 (KJV)

And David said, Is there yet any that is
left of the house of Saul, that I may shew
him kindness for Jonathan's sake? And
there was of the house of Saul a servant
whose name was Ziba. And when they
had called him unto David, the king said
unto him, Art thou Ziba? And he said,
Thy servant is he. And the king said, Is
there not yet any of the house of Saul,
that I may shew the kindness of God unto
him? And Ziba said unto the king,
Jonathan hath yet a son, which is lame on
his feet. And the king said unto him,
Where is he? And Ziba said unto the king,
Behold, he is in the house of Machir, the
son of Ammiel, in Lodebar. Then king
David sent, and fetched him out of the
house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, from
Lodebar. Now when Mephibosheth, the
son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, was
come unto David, he fell on his face, and
did reverence. And David said,
Mephibosheth. And he answered, Behold
thy servant! And David said unto him,
Fear not: for I will surely shew thee
kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake,
and will restore thee all the land of Saul
thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at
my table continually.

2 Corinthians 9:13 (NKJV)

while, through the proof of this ministry,
they glorify God for the obedience of
your confession to the gospel of Christ,
and for your liberal sharing with them
and all men,

Matthew 10:10 (NKJV)

nor bag for your journey, nor two tunics,
nor sandals, nor staffs; for a worker is
worthy of his food.

Hebrews 13:2 (NKJV)

Do not forget to entertain strangers, for
by so doing some have unwittingly
entertained angels.

Matthew 5:35-40 (NIV)

For I was hungry and you gave me
something to eat, I was thirsty and you
gave me something to drink, I was a
stranger and you invited me in, I needed
clothes and you clothed me, I was sick
and you looked after me, I was in prison
and you came to visit me.' "Then the
righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when
did we see you hungry and feed you, or
thirsty and give you something to drink?
When did we see you a stranger and
invite you in, or needing clothes and
clothe you? When did we see you sick or
in prison and go to visit you?' "The King
will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever
you did for one of the least of these
brothers of mine, you did for me.'

1 Peter 4:9 (NIV)

Offer hospitality to one another without
grumbling

James 1:27 (KJV)

Pure religion and undefiled before God
and the Father is this, To visit the
fatherless and widows in their affliction,
and to keep himself unspotted from the
world.

2 Corinthians 8:2 (NKJV)

that in a great trial of affliction the
abundance of their joy and their deep
poverty abounded in the riches of their
liberality.

Acts 2:46 (NKJV)

So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,

Romans 12:13 (NKJV)
distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.

Humility

Proverbs 18:22 (ASV)
Before destruction the heart of man is haughty; And before honor goeth humility.

James 4:6 (KJV)
But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

Isaiah 66:2 (CEV)
I have made everything; that's how it all came to be. I, the LORD, have spoken. The people I treasure most are the humble-- they depend only on me and tremble when I speak.

1 Peter 5:5 (ASV)
Likewise, ye younger, be subject unto the elder. Yea, all of you gird yourselves with humility, to serve one another: for God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble.

Colossians 3:12 (ASV)
Put on therefore, as God's elect, holy and beloved, a heart of compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, longsuffering

Proverbs 3:34 (KJV)
Surely he scorneth the scorners: but he giveth grace unto the lowly.

Psalms 149:4 (CEV)
The LORD is pleased with his people, and he gives victory to those who are humble.

Proverbs 22:4 (ASV)
The reward of humility and the fear of Jehovah is riches, and honor, and life.

Proverbs 29:23 (CEV)
Too much pride brings disgrace; humility leads to honor.

2 Samuel 22:28 (CEV)
You rescue the humble, but you look for ways to put down the proud.

Illness

John 6:63 (KJV)
...the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

Proverbs 17:22 (NKJV)
A merry heart does good, like medicine, But a broken spirit dries the bones.

Mark 16:17-18 (KJV)
And these signs shall follow them that believe; in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Acts 10:38 (NKJV)
how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

Jeremiah 32:27 (KJV)
Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?

3 John 2 (KJV)
Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

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Isaiah 53:5 (KJV)
But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace

was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Luke 6:19 (NKJV)

And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all.

Psalms 107:20 (NIRV)

He gave his command and healed them. He saved them from the grave.

Hebrews 13:8 (KJV)

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

Luke 18:27 (NIRV)

Jesus replied, "Things that are impossible with people are possible with God."

Proverbs 4:20-22 (KJV)

My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

John 10:10 (KJV)

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

Exodus 23:25-26 (NIV)

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Integrity

Job 23:10-11 (NIV)

"But he knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold. My feet have closely followed his steps; I have kept to his way without turning aside."

Job 2:3 (Amplified Bible)

And the Lord said to Satan, Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who [reverently] fears God and abstains from and shuns all evil [because it is wrong]? And still he holds fast his integrity, although you moved Me against him to destroy him without cause.

Matthew 5:20 (NKJV)

For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

1 Timothy 6:11 (NKJV)

But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.

Proverbs 2:21 (Amplified Bible)

For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the men of integrity, blameless and complete [in God's sight], shall remain in it

Micah 6:8 (ASV)

He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth Jehovah require of thee, but to do justly, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with thy God?

Proverbs 21:21 (ASV)

He that followeth after righteousness and kindness Findeth life, righteousness, and honor.

Revelation 22:11-12 (KJV)

He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Psalms 19:14 (KJV)

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

Hosea 10:12 (ASV)

Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap according to kindness; break up your fallow ground; for it is time to seek Jehovah, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.

Proverbs 16:3 (KJV)

The integrity of the upright shall guide them, but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them

Jealousy

Acts 7:9 (NKJV)

And the patriarchs, becoming envious, sold Joseph into Egypt. But God was with him.

Galatians 5:20-21 (NASB)

...idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Mark 7:21-23 (NIV)

For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and make a man 'unclean'.

Acts 8:17 (NKJV)

Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Proverbs 6:34 (ESV)

For jealousy makes a man furious, and he will not spare when he takes revenge.

1 Corinthians 3:3 (ESV)

For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way?

Romans 13:13 (ESV)

Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in

sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy.

Song of Solomon 8:6 (NKJV)

The Shulamite to Her Beloved Set me as a seal upon your heart, As a seal upon your arm; For love is as strong as death, Jealousy as cruel as the grave; Its flames are flames of fire, A most vehement flame.

Job 5:2 (NKJV)

For wrath kills a foolish man, And envy slays a simple one.

Job 1:1 (NKJV)

There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was blameless and upright, and one who feared God and shunned evil.

Proverbs 27:4 (ESV)

Wrath is cruel, anger is overwhelming, but who can stand before jealousy?

Joy

Proverbs 17:22 (NKJV)

A merry heart does good, like medicine, But a broken spirit dries the bones.

Proverbs 15:30 (NKJV)

The light of the eyes rejoices the heart, And a good report makes the bones healthy.

Psalms 133:3 (NIV)

As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

Galatians 5:22-23 (Amplified Bible)

But the fruit of the [Holy] Spirit [the work which His presence within accomplishes] is love, joy (gladness), peace, patience (an even temper, forbearance), kindness, goodness (benevolence), faithfulness, gentleness (meekness, humility), self-control (self-restraint, continence). Against such

things there is no law [that can bring a charge].

Proverbs 14:13 (ESV)

Even in laughter the heart may ache, and the end of joy may be grief.

Psalms 30:5 (KJV)

For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

Philippians 4:4 (KJV)

Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.

Proverbs 10:28 (ESV)

The hope of the righteous brings joy, but the expectation of the wicked will perish.

Nehemiah 8:10 (ESV)

Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Psalms 34:5 (NKJV)

They looked to Him and were radiant, And their faces were not ashamed.

Psalms 16:11 (ESV)

You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Judging Others

Luke 6:37 (NKJV)

Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

James 2:2-7 (KJV)

For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment; And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto

him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool: Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts? Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him? But ye have despised the poor. Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before the judgment seats? Do not they blaspheme that worthy name by the which ye are called?

Colossians 3:13 (KJV)

Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

Romans 14:12-13 (KJV)

So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God. Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.

James 4:11-12 (KJV)

Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge. There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another?

Proverbs 31: 8-9 (NIV)

Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy."

1 Corinthians 4:5 (KJV)

Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

Romans 2:1-3 (KJV)

Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things. But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things. And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?

Zechariah 7:9 (ASV)

Thus hath Jehovah of hosts spoken, saying, Execute true judgment, and show kindness and compassion every man to his brother

Judgment

Matthew 25:45-46 (NIV)

"He will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me. Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.'"

Matthew 25:31-34 (NIV)

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.

Hebrews 9:27 (Amplified Bible)

And just as it is appointed for [all] men once to die, and after that the [certain] judgment

Matthew 13:40 (KJV)

As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.

Malachi 3:2 (KJV)

But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap

Matthew 3:12 (NIV)

His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

Romans 14:12 (KJV)

So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

Amos 4:12 (KJV)

Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel.

Job 19:29 (NKJV)

Be afraid of the sword for yourselves; For wrath brings the punishment of the sword, That you may know there is a judgment.

Kindness

Galatians 5:22 (ASV)

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness

Micah 6:8 (ASV)

He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth Jehovah require of thee, but to do justly, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with thy God?

Proverbs 21:21 (ASV)

He that followeth after righteousness and kindness Findeth life, righteousness, and honor.

Proverbs 20:28 (ASV)

Kindness and truth preserve the king; And his throne is upholden by kindness.

Proverbs 3:3 (ASV)

Let not kindness and truth forsake thee:
Bind them about thy neck; Write them
upon the tablet of thy heart

James 1:27 (KJV)

Pure religion and undefiled before God
and the Father is this, To visit the
fatherless and widows in their affliction,
and to keep himself unspotted from the
world.

Colossians 3:12 (ASV)

Put on therefore, as God's elect, holy and
beloved, a heart of compassion, kindness,
lowliness, meekness, longsuffering

Proverbs 12:10 (NKJV)

A righteous man regards the life of his
animal, But the tender mercies of the
wicked are cruel.

Proverbs 19:22 (NASB)

What is desirable in a man is his
kindness, and it is better to be a poor
man than a liar.

1 Peter 1:5-7 (ASV)

Yea, and for this very cause adding on
your part all diligence, in your faith
supply virtue; and in your virtue
knowledge; and in your knowledge self-
control; and in your self-control
patience; and in your patience godliness;
and in your godliness brotherly
kindness; and in your brotherly kindness
love

Knowledge

Proverbs 24:4 (KJV)

And by knowledge shall the chambers be
filled with all precious and pleasant
riches.

Proverbs 2:6 (NASB)

For the LORD gives wisdom; From His
mouth come knowledge and
understanding.

Proverbs 28:2 (KJV)

For the transgression of a land many are
the princes thereof: but by a man of
understanding and knowledge the state
thereof shall be prolonged.

Ecclesiastes 7:12 (KJV)

For wisdom is a safeguard, as money is a
safeguard, but the excellency of
knowledge is that wisdom giveth life to
them that have it.

1 Kings 3:9 (KJV)

Give therefore thy servant an
understanding heart to judge thy people,
that I may discern between good and
bad: for who is able to judge this thy so
great a people?

Hosea 4:6 (KJV)

My people are destroyed for lack of
knowledge: because thou hast rejected
knowledge, I will also reject thee, that
thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing
thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I
will also forget thy children.

1 Chronicles 12:32 (NASB)

Of the sons of Issachar, men who
understood the times, with knowledge of
what Israel should do, their chiefs were
two hundred; and all their kinsmen were
at their command.

Psalms 119:66 (NASB)

Teach me good discernment and
knowledge, For I believe in Your
commandments.

Proverbs 1:7 (NASB)

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of
knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and
instruction.

Proverbs 18:15 (NASB)

The mind of the prudent acquires
knowledge, And the ear of the wise seeks
knowledge.

Proverbs 16:22 (KJV)

Understanding is a wellspring of life unto
him that hath it: but the instruction of
fools is folly

Laughter

Proverbs 17:22 (KJV)

A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

Job 8:21 (NKJV)

He will yet fill your mouth with laughing,
And your lips with rejoicing.

Proverbs 14:13 (NKJV)

Even in laughter the heart may sorrow,
And the end of mirth may be grief.

Psalms 126:2 (NKJV)

Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
And our tongue with singing. Then they
said among the nations, "The Lord has
done great things for them."

Laziness

Proverbs 18:9 (NKJV)

He who is slothful in his work Is a
brother to him who is a great destroyer.

Proverbs 15:19 (NKJV)

The way of the lazy man is like a hedge of
thorns, But the way of the upright is a
highway.

Proverbs 26:13 (Amplified Bible)

As the door turns on its hinges, so does
the lazy man [move not from his place]
upon his bed.

Proverbs 21:25 (NKJV)

The desire of the lazy man kills him, For
his hands refuse to labor.

Proverbs 12:24 (NIV)

Diligent hands will rule, but laziness
ends in slave labor.

Proverbs 22:14 (CEV)

Don't be so lazy that you say, "If I go to
work, a lion will eat me!"

Proverbs 6:6-11 (KJV)

Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider
her ways, and be wise: Which having no

guide, overseer, or ruler, Provideth her
meat in the summer, and gathereth her
food in the harvest. How long wilt thou
sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise
out of thy sleep? Yet a little sleep, a little
slumber, a little folding of the hands to
sleep: So shall thy poverty come as one
that travelleth, and thy want as an armed
man.

Proverbs 20:4 (CEV)

If you are too lazy to plow, don't expect a
harvest

Proverbs 19:15 (NIV)

Laziness brings on deep sleep, and the
shiftless man goes hungry.

Proverbs 10:4 (NKJV)

He who has a slack hand becomes poor,
But the hand of the diligent makes rich.

Proverbs 10: 26 (NKJV)

As vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the
eyes, So is the lazy man to those who
send him.

Proverbs 19:15 (NKJV)

Laziness casts one into a deep sleep, And
an idle person will suffer hunger.

Proverbs 13:4 (NKJV)

The soul of a lazy man desires, and has
nothing; But the soul of the diligent shall
be made rich.

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 (NIV)

Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life,
to mind your own business and to work
with your hands, just as we told you, so
that your daily life may win the respect
of outsiders and so that you will not be
dependent on anybody.

Proverbs 19:24 (CEV)

Some people are too lazy to lift a hand to
feed themselves

Matthew 25:24-30 (KJV)

Then he which had received the one
talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee
that thou art an hard man, reaping
where thou hast not sown, and gathering
where thou hast not strawed: And I was
afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the
earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.

His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed: Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Hebrews 6:12 (CEV)

Then you would never be lazy. You would be following the example of those who had faith and were patient until God kept his promise to them.

Proverbs 20:4 (NKJV)

The lazy man will not plow because of winter; He will beg during harvest and have nothing.

Proverbs 12:24 (NKJV)

The hand of the diligent will rule, But the lazy man will be put to forced labor.

Leadership

Matthew 24:45-47 (NKJV)

Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods.

Titus 1:6-7 (NKJV)

if a man is blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of dissipation or insubordination. For a bishop must be blameless, as a steward of God, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money,

Isaiah 16:5 (KJV)

And in mercy shall the throne be established: and he shall sit upon it in truth in the tabernacle of David, judging, and seeking judgment, and hasting righteousness.

Galatians 6:9 (Amplified Bible)

And let us not lose heart and grow weary and faint in acting nobly and doing right, for in due time and at the appointed season we shall reap, if we do not loosen and relax our courage and faint.

1 Peter 5:2 (NIRV)

Be shepherds of God's flock, the believers who are under your care. Serve as their leaders. Don't serve them because you have to. Instead, do it because you want to. That's what God wants you to do. Don't do it because you want to get more and more money. Do it because you really want to serve.

Matthew 20:26 (NKJV)

Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant.

1 Timothy 6:11-12 (KJV)

But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

1 Timothy 3:5 (KJV)

For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?

Luke 12:48 (KJV)

For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more

Proverbs 16:12 (KJV)

It is an abomination for kings to commit wickedness, for the throne is established by righteousness.

Psalm 78:72 (NKJV)

So he shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart, And guided them by the skillfulness of his hands.

Proverbs 31: 8-9 (NIV)

Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.

Acts 20:28 (KJV)

Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Proverbs 29:2 (KJV)

When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.

Light

Genesis 1:3-4 (KJV)

And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

Exodus 13:21 (KJV)

And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night

Isaiah 60:1-3 (KJV)

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

Proverbs 4:18 (KJV)

But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

Proverbs 4:18-19 (KJV)

But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. The way of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble.

1 Peter 2:9 (KJV)

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light

2 Corinthians 4:6 (KJV)

For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:6 (NIV)

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness, made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

Psalms 36:9 (KJV)

For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.

Ephesians 5:8 (KJV)

For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light

Psalms 43:3 (KJV)

O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.

Matthew 6:22-23 (KJV)

The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

Psalms 27:1 (KJV)

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

John 8:12 (KJV)

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

1 John 1:5 (KJV)

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

Psalms 119:105 (KJV)

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Matthew 5:14-16 (KJV)

Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

1 Thessalonians 5:5-10 (NIV)

You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him.

Loneliness

Psalms 27:10 (KJV)

10When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up.

John 14:16-17 (NIV)

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

Psalms 42:1-5 (KJV)

As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God? My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God? When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday. Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.

2 Timothy 4:16-18 (KJV)

At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge. Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Psalms 31:10 (NKJV)

For my life is spent with grief, And my years with sighing; My strength fails because of my iniquity, And my bones waste away.

Psalms 40:1-3 (KJV)

I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And he hath put a new song in my mouth,

even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.

Hebrews 13:5-6 (KJV)

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

Ecclesiastes 7:3 (NKJV)

Sorrow is better than laughter, For by a sad countenance the heart is made better.

Genesis 2:18 (NKJV)

And the Lord God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."

Psalms 68:6 (CEV)

You find families for those who are lonely. You set prisoners free and let them prosper, but all who rebel will live in a scorching desert.

Love

Luke 10:27 (KJV)

And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself

Colossians 3:14 (NIV)

And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity

Galatians 5:22 (ASV)

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness

Matthew 5:35-40 (NIV)

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed

clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

1 John 3:16 (KJV)

Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren

John 14:15 (KJV)

If ye love me, keep my commandments.

1 John 4:17-21 (NIV)

In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.

Hebrews 13:1 (NIV)

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 (NIV)

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

1 John 3:18 (KJV)

My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

John 15:12-15 (KJV)

This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

Lust

James 1:14-15 (KJV)

But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

Matthew 5:28 (KJV)

But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

Romans 13:14(KJV)

But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

1 John 2:16 (KJV)

For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world

Romans 6:12 (KJV)

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

Proverbs 6:25 (KJV)

Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids.

Galatians 5:19-21

Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Galatians 5:16-17 (KJV)

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

Exodus 20:17 (KJV)

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's

Romans 7:7 (KJV)

What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.

Lying

Proverbs 14:25 (CEV)

An honest witness can save your life, but liars can't be trusted.

Revelation 21:8 (KJV)

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

Ephesians 4:31 (NIRV)

Get rid of all hard feelings, anger and rage. Stop all fighting and lying. Put away every form of hatred

Proverbs 11:6 (CEV)

Honesty can keep you safe, but if you can't be trusted, you trap yourself.

Proverbs 10:32 (CEV)

If you obey the Lord, you will always know the right thing to say. But no one will trust you if you tell lies.

Colossians 3:9 (KJV)

Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds

Proverbs 12:22 (CEV)

The LORD hates every liar, but he is the friend of all who can be trusted.

Proverbs 19:22 (NASB)

What is desirable in a man is his kindness, and it is better to be a poor man than a liar.

Marriage

Genesis 2:20-25 (KJV)

And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

2 Corinthians 6:14-15 (NIV)

Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? What does a

believer have in common with an unbeliever?

Romans 7:2 (ESV)

For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage.

Hebrews 13:4 (ESV)

Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.

Ecclesiastes 9:9 (KJV)

Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun, all the days of thy vanity: for that is thy portion in this life, and in thy labour which thou takest under the sun.

Psalms 127:1 (KJV)

Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.

1 Corinthians 7:2-4 (NIV)

Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband. Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband. The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife.

Genesis 3:16 (NIV)

To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you."

Mercy

Jude 22,23 (NKJV)

And on some have compassion, making a distinction; but others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.

Matthew 6:7 (KJV)

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

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2 Samuel 24:14 (NIV)

David said to Gad, "I am in deep distress. Let us fall into the hands of the LORD, for his mercy is great; but do not let me fall into the hands of men."

Hosea 6:6 (NIV)

For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings.

Matthew 5:35-40 (NIV)

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Micah 6:8 (NIV)

He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Proverbs 3:4 (KJV)

Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart

James 1:27 (KJV)

Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

James 2:12-13 (NIV)

Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment!

Proverbs 11:17 (KJV)

The merciful man doeth good to his own soul, but he that is cruel troubleth his own flesh.

Money: The Good, Bad & the Ugly by Brent Riggs

The Ugly:

No amount of money will ever make an unhappy person happy; or a discontented person content.

- Ecclesiastes 2:10-11 Whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I did not withhold my heart from any pleasure, For my heart rejoiced in all my labor; And this was my reward from all my labor. Then I looked on all the works that my hands had done And on the labor in which I had toiled; And indeed all was vanity and grasping for the wind. There was no profit under the sun.

If you are discontent right this moment, you are a discontented person, period.

The pursuit of money never brings satisfaction and can consume your life

- Ecclesiastes 4:8 There is one alone, without companion: He has neither son nor brother. Yet there is no end to all his labors, Nor is his eye satisfied with riches. But he never asks, "For whom do I toil and deprive myself of good?" This also is vanity and a grave misfortune. (NKJV)
- The writer of Ecclesiastes declares this to be a waste of time and a very sad tragedy.

Wealth does not bring security

- Ecclesiastes 5:13-14a There is a severe evil which I have seen under the sun: Riches kept for their owner to his hurt. But those riches perish through misfortune; (NKJV)
- Wealth doesn't secure you from injustice, pestilence, wars, disease or adversaries. "Things" don't give you security. Being in God's will does.

Wealth never brings peace of mind

- Ecclesiastes 5:12 The sleep of a laboring man is sweet, Whether he eats little or much; But the abundance of the rich will not permit him to sleep. (NKJV)
- The more you have, the harder it is to ever relax from the endless needs to maintain, organize, insure, protect, maintain and care for it all. The more you have, the more people will be trying to get you to give it up to them. Someone or something will always be trying to relieve you of your wealth.

Prosperity never decreases need

- Ecclesiastes 5:11 When goods increase, They increase who eat them; So what profit have the owners Except to see them with their eyes? (NKJV)
- The more money you have, the more needs there will be, the more hands that will be held out for it; the more someone will be trying to take it from you. It seems to be completely contrary to logic, but it's almost universally true. The more you have, the more you need to take care of

what you have and the cycle just keeps feeding on itself.

The richest & wisest man who ever lived hated life because his wealth was powerless to bring happiness

- Ecclesiastes 2:17-26 Therefore I hated life because the work that was done under the sun was distressing to me, for all is vanity and grasping for the wind. Then I hated all my labor in which I had toiled under the sun, because I must leave it to the man who will come after me. And who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will rule over all my labor in which I toiled and in which I have shown myself wise under the sun. This also is vanity. Therefore I turned my heart and despaired of all the labor in which I had toiled under the sun. For there is a man whose labor is with wisdom, knowledge, and skill; yet he must leave his heritage to a man who has not labored for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. For what has man for all his labor, and for the striving of his heart with which he has toiled under the sun? For all his days are sorrowful, and his work burdensome; even in the night his heart takes no rest. This also is vanity. (NKJV)
- Money is a blessing you can use in three ways: Lose it, spend it, or send it

Life is risky and uncertain; invest your blessings and time wisely on things that matter eternally

- Galatians 6:7 (NKJV) Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. (NKJV)

The Bad:

Prosperity causes you to "need" what you never needed before.

Hebrews 13:5 - Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." (NKJV)

Increased prosperity causes us to "need" things we never needed before, whether individually or as a society.

Prosperity causes us to believe that what we have we deserve.

- Deuteronomy 8:18 - "And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day. (NKJV)
- Job 41:11 - Who has preceded Me, that I should pay him? Everything under heaven is Mine. (NKJV)
- One of the most common advertising slogans now is "you deserve". This idea of "you deserve" appeals to the lowest common denominator of man: pride and greed; which explains why it is such a successful marketing tool. We don't deserve anything. Everything we have is God's, and not only that, the very ability to earn wealth in the first place is a gift from God.

Prosperity actually decreases true wealth for most people because we buy more than we need or can afford primarily due to advertising.

- Proverbs 13:7 - There is one who makes himself rich, yet has nothing;

And one who makes himself poor, yet has great riches. (NKJV)

- The more things we have, the more things we have to have. Prosperity feeds itself and advertising is like pouring gas on a fire. Advertising has one purpose alone... to make you discontent with what you have, who you are and what others think of you.

Prosperity brings the freedom and power to pursue idleness, pleasure, recreation and multitudinous choices rather than being focused on a few primary pursuits.

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Wealth brings CHOICE OVERLOAD in every area of our life: clothing, vacations, entertainment, pleasure, recreation, etc. The important things in life quickly become "boring": God, family, work & ministry. The freedom and power that money brings can be every bit as addicting and intoxicating as drugs or sex. Don't underestimate its effects.

Prosperity brings stimulation and sensation, but at a price

- Proverbs 13:7 - The leech has two daughters - Give and Give! (NKJV)
- The more things we have, the more we can enjoy the sensations and stimulation of worldly pleasures and luxury. The problem is there is always more pleasure, more sensation, more money and more luxury. God wants us to enjoy life. He wants us to experience the wonders of His creation. But not at

the cost of our fellowship and longing for him.

- Prosperity can cause our material possessions to become "statements" instead of tools or simply blessings.
- 1 Thessalonians 4:11 ...that you also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you... (NKJV)
- As prosperity increases, our possessions become statements of our so-called success. It's no longer a blessing simply to have "things"... we must now have nice things, new things and stylish things that tell people how successful we are. Prosperity moves us from functionality and adequacy to image and status.
- Prosperity solves some problems while creating others.
- Material prosperity brings a mixed bag of blessings. Many things in life are made easier, cured, fixed or solved... but often times it creates a new problem unknown before that time such as stress, depression, boredom, covetousness, etc. Material possessions, wealth, technology and progress are all gifts from God when viewed in Godly perspective. We must be aware of the "price" that comes attached and counter it appropriately with spiritual safeguards.
- Other hidden, potential dangers of prosperity that we should be on guard against:
- Prosperity can cause you to feel like what you do have is somehow less because of what you can see that you don't have
- Prosperity can cause us to be stressed or bitter about being denied continued prosperous growth

- Prosperity decreases deprivation and physical need but exponentially increases covetousness
 - Prosperity increases our lifestyle and comfort but decreases our ability to empathize or care about the truly poor
 - Prosperity can increase addictions of all sorts
 - Prosperity can cause an increase in human conflict in families, businesses, communities & nations
 - Prosperity can cause a society to cheat and distrust
 - Prosperity rampantly increases impulsiveness and the short-term gratification mentality
 - Prosperity can cause you to trust in, and find contentment in the blessings rather than the One who blesses
 - Prosperity can cause us to begin to believe that what we have is ours not God's
 - Prosperity endears us to this world and makes the glory of heaven diminish
 - Prosperity can cause us to lose any cushion or reserves in our time, emotions and money to deal with life; and we become overloaded trying to maintain a lifestyle

The Good:

Ask God for just the right amount – not too much, not too little

- Proverbs 30:7-9 - Two things I request of You (Deprive me not before I die): Remove falsehood and lies far from me; Give me neither poverty nor riches— Feed me with the food allotted to me; Lest I be full and deny You, And say, "Who is the

Lord?" Or lest I be poor and steal, And profane the name of my God. (NKJV)

Or in other words, "Lord, give me just the right amount of money to live a Godly life and do Your will; but not so much that material possessions hinder my need and love for You".

Material blessings are a gift from God to be enjoyed as long as God remains on the Throne of our lives

- Ecclesiastes 3:12-13 - I know that nothing is better for them than to rejoice, and to do good in their lives, and also that every man should eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labor—it is the gift of God. (NKJV)
- There is nothing wrong with having money or having "things". It's when "things" have you that the problems begin. Never forget the Giver, and never allow the gifts to receive the adoration, desire and love that belongs only to God.

Examine your life and be honest about what your real treasure is

- Matthew 6:19-21 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (NKJV)
- It's easy to figure out where our "treasures" are in life. Look at a person's schedule and checkbook and the answer will be clear what is important to them. It is profitable

for us to do a self examination occasionally to see if our "treasure" is where it should be: in eternity.

- We love what we pay for or invest in
- Luke 12:34 - For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (NKJV)
- You are attracted to, and interested in, what you spend your time and money on. Don't believe me? Show me your checkbook or schedule and I will tell you exactly what you are most interested in. You will begin to be attracted to and more interested in the God's work when you start investing in it.
- Get your mind off money, and on to God
- Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 - Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all. For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil. (NKJV)
- Philippians 4:8 - Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. (NKJV)
- God did not create us to be consumed with His creation. Get your mind off money, and on to God, and see how quickly "things" fall in to their proper place.

God prospers us not to raise our standard of living, but to raise our standard of good works and giving

- 1 Timothy 6:17-19 - Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in

uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life. (NKJV)

- You will give an account for what you did with your material blessings and it will effect you for all eternity. If you are rich, then God expects you to be rich in good works. And remember the Biblical definition of rich: having more than you need for one day. We will have no excuse for not having laid up much treasure in heaven!

Everything we have is God's

- Psalm 24:1 - The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein. (NKJV)
- God can decide what to do with His stuff quite nicely without me, thank you very much. Everything we have is God's; not 10%, not what's left over, not what you decide to give Him; Even the power to earn money in the first place comes from God! God doesn't owe us anything; He owns it all We have no right to think we deserve anything; we should simply be thankful for what we do have!

Bible verses on money:

- **CHARGING INTEREST:** Exodus 22:25; Leviticus 25: 35-38; Deuteronomy 23:19-20; Proverbs 28:8; Nehemiah 5:7-11; Psalms 15:5; Ezekial 18: 1-19; 22:12
- **GOD'S THOUGHTS ABOUT RICHES:** Genesis 24:34-35; Deuteronomy 8:17-18; 1 Samuel

- 2:7-8; 1 Kings 3:10-13; 2 Chronicles 1:11-12; 17:5; Job 31: 24-28; 34:18-19; Psalms 17:14-25; 37:13; 112:1-3; Proverbs 8:18-21; 10:22; 11:16; 13:22; 15:16; 22:1; 22:4; 28:6; 28:20; Ecclesiastes 3 2:26; 5:10; 4:7-8; Isaiah 3:14-255: 8-10; 5:14-17; 10:1-4; 53:9; 55:1-2; Jeremiah 5:26-29; 7:5-7; 9:23-24; 17:11; 48:7; 49:4-5; 51:13; Ezekiel 16:49-50; Hosea 12:7-11; Amos 2:7; 4:1; 5:10-15; 6:1-7
- **LENDING:** Deuteronomy 24:6; 24:10-13; 24:17; 1 Corinthians 5:11; 6:9-10
 - **UNTRUSTWORTHINESS OF WEALTH:** Psalms 39:6; 49:1-20; 52:6-7; Proverbs 3:13-16; 8:17-19; 11:4; 11:28; 13:8; 22:16; 23:4-5; 28:22; 30:7-9; Ecclesiastes 5:10-12; 10:6; Ezekiel 28:4-10
 - **WEALTH HINDERS FELLOWSHIP:** Genesis 13:5-7; 26:12-15; 31:1-21
 - **GODLY USE OF RICHES:** Deuteronomy 14:22-29; Proverbs 3:9; 19:17; 22:9; Luke 3:10-14; 12:13-34; 16:1-15
 - **THE POOR, WIDOWS & ORPHANS:** Exodus 6:5-7; 22:21-24; 23:6; 23:10-11; Leviticus 14:19-22; 19:9-10; 25:1-55; 27:8; Deuteronomy 10:18; 14:22-28; 15:1-18; 24:10-15; 24:17-22; 25:5-10; 25:19-21 26:5-8; 26:12-13; 27:19; 1 Samuel 2:8; Psalm 14:6; 22:24-25; 34:6; 35:10; 68:5; 68:10; 69:32; 74:21; 82:3-4; 94:5-6 107:4-9 107:35-36; 112:9; 113:7; 132:15; 140:12; 146:8-9; Proverbs 14:31; 15:25; 17:5; 19:17; 21:13; 22:9; 22:16; 22:22-23; 25:21 28:8; 28:27; 29:7; 29:14; 30:11-14; 31:8-9; 31:20; Isaiah 1:11-17; 3:14-26; 10:1-4; 11:1-4; 14:30; 25:3-4; 32:7; 41:7; 58:6-7; 61:1-3; Jeremiah 5:26-29; 7:5-7; 22:3; Ezekiel 16:49-51; 18:11-13; 22:1-12; Amos 2: 6-7; 4:1-3 5:11-13; 8:4-8; Zechariah 7:10; Malachi 3:5; Matthew 8:20; Mark 10:21; Luke 1:53; 6:20-25;

6:33-36; 14:12-14; 14:15-24; 18:22; Acts 2:44-45; 4:32; 5:1-11; 2 Corinthians 8:12-15; Philippians 4:10-14; James 2:5-8; Revelation 7:14-18; Romans 12:13; James 2:1-71; John 3:17-18

- **DANGERS OF WEALTH:** Matthew 6:19-34; 13:22; 19:16-30; 21:12-13; Mark 4:19; 10:17-27; Luke: 6:20-26; 8:14; 12:13-21; 15: 11-31; 16:1-31; 18:18-30; John 6:1-8; 1 Timothy 6:6-10; 6:17-19; Titus 3:3; James 4:1-7; 5:1-5
- **GREED:** Romans 1:29; Ephesians 5:3; 5:5; Colossians 3:5; 1 Thessalonians 2:5; 1 Timothy 3:3; 3:8; 2 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:7; 1:10-11; 1 Peter 5:2; 2 Peter 2:3; 2:14
- **CHRISTIAN PROSPERITY:** 2 Corinthians 3:3-10; Hebrews 10:32-36
- **GIVING:** 2 Corinthians 8:1-9:15; Galatians 2:10; Philippians 4:18-20; 1 Timothy 6:17-19; 1 John 3:17

The AMOUNT of money and possessions is not the issue. God is the giver of all good things. **The real issue is the degree to which "things" have dethroned God in your heart.**

There are very rich, very Godly people. There are very poor, very ungodly people. A LACK of wealth is no guarantee of holiness. The ABUNDANCE of material possession is not a measurement of faith. There are very real blessings, and very real dangers that come with increased prosperity.

It is to our benefit to know the enemy and be prepared for the dangers of the battle.

Money

Proverbs 24:4 (KJV)

And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches

Mark 8:36 (NKJV)

For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?

Proverbs 16:8 (KJV)

Better is a little with righteousness, than great revenues without righteousness.

Malachi 3:10 (KJV)

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Ecclesiastes 5:19 (KJV)

Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him power to eat thereof, and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labour; this is the gift of God.

Matthew 6:19-21 (KJV)

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Proverbs 11:4 (KJV)

Riches profit not in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivereth from death.

1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NKJV)

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Mother

Psalms 127:1 (KJV)

Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.

Proverbs 31:26-31 (KJV)

She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

Psalms 115:14 (KJV)

The LORD shall increase you more and more, you and your children.

Genesis 3:16 (NIV)

To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you."

Mother's Day

Proverbs 11:16 (NKJV)

A gracious woman retains honor, But ruthless men retain riches.

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Motivation

Philippians 3:7-10 (KJV)

But what things were gain to me, those I
counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless,
and I count all things but loss for the
excellency of the knowledge of Christ
Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered
the loss of all things, and do count them
but dung, that I may win Christ, And be
found in him, not having mine own
righteousness, which is of the law, but
that which is through the faith of Christ,
the righteousness which is of God by
faith: That I may know him, and the
power of his resurrection, and the
fellowship of his sufferings, being made
conformable unto his death;

1 Chronicles 29:17 (NKJV)

I know also, my God, that You test the
heart and have pleasure in uprightness.
As for me, in the uprightness of my heart
I have willingly offered all these things;
and now with joy I have seen Your
people, who are present here to offer
willingly to You.

Isaiah 43:18-19 (KJV)

Remember ye not the former things,
neither consider the things of old.
Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall
spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will
even make a way in the wilderness, and
rivers in the desert.

Hebrews 12:1-2 (KJV)

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed
about with so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us lay aside every weight, and the sin
which doth so easily beset us, and let us
run with patience the race that is set
before us, Looking unto Jesus the author
and finisher of our faith; who for the joy
that was set before him endured the
cross, despising the shame, and is set
down at the right hand of the throne of
God.

Murder

Revelation 21:8 (NKJV)

But the cowardly, unbelieving,
abominable, murderers, sexually
immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all
liars shall have their part in the lake
which burns with fire and brimstone,
which is the second death."

Revelation 21:8 (KJV)

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the
abominable, and murderers, and
whoremongers, and sorcerers, and
idolaters, and all liars, shall have their
part in the lake which burneth with fire
and brimstone: which is the second
death.

Matthew 15:19 (NKJV)

For out of the heart proceed evil
thoughts, murders, adulteries,

fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.

Romans 13:9 (NKJV)

For the commandments, "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, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Numbers 35:31 (NKJV)

Moreover you shall take no ransom for the life of a murderer who is guilty of death, but he shall surely be put to death.

Job 24:14 (NKJV)

The murderer rises with the light; He kills the poor and needy; and in the night he is like a thief.

1 John 3:14-15 (NIV)

We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers. Anyone who does not love remains in death. Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him.

Matthew 5:21-22 (KJV)

Ye have heard that it was said of them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

John 8:44 (NKJV)

You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

James 4:2 (NKJV)

You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight

and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask.

Exodus 20:13 (NKJV)

You shall not murder.

Music

Psalms 40:3 (KJV)

And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.

Hebrews 13:15 (KJV)

By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

Psalms 92:1 (NKJV)

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;

Psalms 148:11-13 (KJV)

Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth: both young men, and maidens; old men, and children: let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven. He also exalteth the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints; even of the children of Israel, a people near unto him. Praise ye the LORD. Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth: both young men, and maidens; old men, and children: let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven.

Psalms 103:1-2 (NKJV)

Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits:

Psalms 149:6 (KJV)

Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand

Psalms 148:1-4 (NIV)

Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD from the heavens: praise him in the heights. Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts. Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light. Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens.

1 Chronicles 16:9 (NKJV)

Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; talk of all His wondrous works!

1 Chronicles 16:23 (NKJV)

Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.

Exodus 15:2 (KJV)

The LORD is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him.

1 Chronicles 13:8 (NKJV)

Then David and all Israel played music before God with all their might, with singing, on harps, on stringed instruments, on tambourines, on cymbals, and with trumpets.

Psalms 30:12 (NKJV)

To the end that my glory may sing praise to You and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to You forever.

Psalms 42:8 (KJV)

Yet the LORD will command his lovingkindness in the day time, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.

Nature

Genesis 2:5 (KJV)

And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not

caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground

Acts 14:17 (NIRV)

But he has given proof of what he is like. He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven. He gives you crops in their seasons. He provides you with plenty of food. He fills your hearts with joy.

Song of Solomon 2:12 (NIRV)

Flowers are appearing on the earth. The season for singing has come. The cooing of doves is heard in our land.

Isaiah 55:12 (NIV)

For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Psalms 104:14 (KJV)

He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth.

Ecclesiastes 2:5 (KJV)

I made me gardens and orchards, and I planted trees in them of all kind of fruits

Isaiah 17:11 (NKJV)

In the day you will make your plant to grow, And in the morning you will make your seed to flourish.

Psalms 148:5-10 (KJV)

Let them praise the name of the LORD: for he commanded, and they were created. He hath also stablished them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass. Praise the LORD from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps: Fire, and hail; snow, and vapours; stormy wind fulfilling his word: Mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars: Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl

Psalms 19:1-6 (KJV)

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth

speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race. His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

Psalms 8:3-9 (KJV)

When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet: All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas. O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

Genesis 8:22 (KJV)

While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

Psalms 147:8 (KJV)

Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.

New Year

Philippians 3:13-14 (NIV)

But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus

Jeremiah 29:11 (KJV)

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Genesis 1:1 (KJV)

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Isaiah 43:18-19 (KJV)

Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

Psalms 90:12 (KJV)

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 (KJV)

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven

Psalms 65:11 (Amplified Bible)

You crowned the year with Your bounty and goodness...

Pain

Job 6:10 (NKJV)

Then I would still have comfort; Though in anguish, I would exult, He will not spare; For I have not concealed the words of the Holy One.

Malachi 4:2 (NIV)

But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall

Isaiah 53:3-5 (KJV)

He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of

God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Jeremiah 8:22 (NIV)

Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then is there no healing for the wound of my people?

2 Corinthians 7:9 (NKJV)

Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly manner, that you might suffer loss from us in nothing.

Patience

Galatians 6:9 (KJV)

And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

James 5:7-8 (KJV)

Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

Proverbs 16:32 (NIV)

Better a patient man than a warrior, a man who controls his temper than one who takes a city.

Psalm 37:9 (KJV)

For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.

Isaiah 40:29-31 (KJV)

He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they

shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

James 1:2-4 (KJV)

My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

Psalm 33:20 (KJV)

Our soul waiteth for the LORD: he is our help and our shield.

Psalm 37:7 (KJV)

Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

Psalm 62:1 (KJV)

Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from him cometh my salvation.

Psalm 37:34 (KJV)

Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.

Psalm 27:14 (KJV)

Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

Peace

Philippians 4:6-7 (KJV)

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Psalm 46:10 (KJV)

Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

John 16:33 (Amplified Bible)

I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace and confidence. In the world you have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration; but be of good cheer [take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted]! For I have overcome the world. [I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you.]

John 14:1 (KJV)

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

John 14:27 (KJV)

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Numbers 6:24-26 (KJV)

The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

Proverbs 16:7 (KJV)

When man's ways please the LORD, He maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

Isaiah 26:3 (Amplified Bible)

You will guard him and keep him in perfect and constant peace whose mind [both its inclination and its character] is stayed on You, because he commits himself to You, leans on You, and hopes confidently in You.

Planning

Proverbs 16:9 (KJV)

A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.

Proverbs 27:1 (Amplified Bible)

Do not boast of [yourself and] tomorrow, for you know not what a day may bring forth

Jeremiah 29:11 (NKJV)

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Isaiah 55:8-9 (NIV)

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

James 4:13-15 (KJV)

Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.

Job 42:2 (NIV)

I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted.

Isaiah 43:18-19 (KJV)

Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

Proverbs 16:1 (KJV)

The preparations of the heart in man and the answer of the tongue is from the LORD.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV)

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

Isaiah 29:15 (NKJV)

Woe to those who seek deep to hide their counsel far from the Lord, And their works are in the dark; They say, "Who sees us?" and, "Who knows us?"

Proverbs 11:14 (KJV)

Where no counsel is, the people fall; but in the multitude of counselors there is safety.

Poverty

Proverbs 27:7 (NKJV)

A satisfied soul loathes the honeycomb, But to a hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet.

Psalms 35:10 (Amplified Bible)

All my bones shall say, Lord, who is like You, You Who deliver the poor and the afflicted from him who is too strong for him, yes, the poor and the needy from him who snatches away his goods.

Proverbs 24:4 (KJV)

And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches

3 John 2 (KJV)

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

Proverbs 16:8 (KJV)

Better is a little with righteousness, than great revenues without righteousness.

2 Corinthians 8:9 (KJV)

For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

Psalms 37:25 (ASV)

I have been young, and now am old; Yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his seed begging bread.

Psalms 22:26 (CEV)

The poor will eat and be full, and all who worship you will be thankful and live in hope

Psalms 37:19 (NKJV)

They shall not be ashamed in the evil time, And in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

Deuteronomy 8:18 (KJV)

Thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he swore unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

Praise

1 Peter 2:9 (KJV)

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light;

Hebrews 13:15 (KJV)

By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

Psalms 34:1-3 (KJV)

I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

Psalms 69:30 (CEV)

I will praise the LORD God with a song and a thankful heart.

Psalms 148:11-13 (KJV)

Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth: both young men, and maidens; old men, and children: let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven. He also exalteth the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints; even of the children of Israel, a people near unto him. Praise ye the LORD. Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth: both young men, and

maidens; old men, and children: let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven.

Psalm 103:1-2 (NKJV)

Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name!

Psalm 149:6 (KJV)

Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand

Psalm 111:1-4 (KJV)

Praise ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation. The works of the LORD are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein. His work is honourable and glorious: and his righteousness endureth for ever. He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

Psalm 148:1-4 (NIV)

Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD from the heavens: praise him in the heights. Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts. Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light. Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens.

Psalm 113:1-4 (KJV)

Praise ye the LORD. Praise, O ye servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD. Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and for evermore. From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the LORD's name is to be praised. The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

Ephesians 5:19 (NIV)

Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Psalm 34:2 (CEV)

With all my heart, I will praise the LORD. Let all who are helpless, listen and be glad.

Psalm 71:23 (CEV)

You have rescued me! I will celebrate and shout, singing praises to you with all my heart.

Prayer

Mark 1:35 (KJV)

And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed

Acts 2:42 (KJV)

And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

John 14:13-15 (KJV)

And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

Matthew 6:5-7 (KJV)

And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

Jeremiah 33:3 (NKJV)

Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.

Matthew 7:7 (KJV)

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

James 5:16 (KJV)

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

1 Timothy 2:1-2 (KJV)

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

Isaiah 62:2-3 (KJV)

I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence, And give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

Ezekiel 22:30 (NIV)

I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found none

Psalms 116:1-5 (KJV)

I love the LORD, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications. Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live. The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow. Then called I upon the name of the LORD; O LORD, I beseech thee, deliver my soul. Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful.

Psalms 34:4-6 (KJV)

I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed. This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.

2 Chronicles 7:14 (KJV)

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place

John 15:7 (KJV)

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

John 16:23-24 (ESV)

In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

Hebrews 4:16 (KJV)

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

1 Samuel 12:23 (KJV)

Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way:

Mark 11:24 (KJV)

Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Psalms 32:6 (NIV)

Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you. while you may be found; surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him

Matthew 18:18-20 (KJV)

Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Pregnancy

Isaiah 26:17 (NKJV)

As a woman with child Is in pain and cries out in her pangs, When she draws near the time of her delivery, So have we been in Your sight, O Lord.

Psalms 127:1 (KJV)

Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.

Hosea 13:13 (NKJV)

The sorrows of a woman in childbirth shall come upon him. He is an unwise son, For he should not stay long where children are born.

Revelation 12:2 (NKJV)

Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth.

Psalms 115:14 (KJV)

The LORD shall increase you more and more, you and your children.

Genesis 3:16 (NIV)

To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you."

1Thessalonians 5:3 (NKJV)

For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

Pride

Proverbs 18:12 (NIV)

Before his downfall a man's heart is proud, but humility comes before honor.

James 4:6 (KJV)

But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

Proverbs 16:5 (KJV)

Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD: though hands join in hand, he shall not be unpunished.

1 John 2:16-17 (NKJV)

For all that is in the world--the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life--is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

Psalms 31:23 (NIV)

Love the LORD, all his saints! The LORD preserves the faithful, but the proud he pays back in full.

Proverbs 29:23 (NKJV)

A man's pride will bring him low, But the humble in spirit will retain honor.

Proverbs 16:18 (KJV)

Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

Proverbs 13:10 (NKJV)

By pride comes nothing but strife, But with the well-advised is wisdom.

Proverbs 15:25 (NIV)

The LORD tears down the proud man's house but he keeps the widow's boundaries intact

Proverbs 11:2 (KJV)

When pride cometh, then cometh shame, but with the lowly is wisdom.

Prosperity

Proverbs 24:4 (KJV)

And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches

Deuteronomy 28:1-14 (KJV)

And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: 2And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God. Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store. Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out. The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways. The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways. And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of thee. And the LORD shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers to give thee. The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations,

and thou shalt not borrow. And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them: And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

Psalms 133:3 (NIV)

As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

Proverbs 16:8 (KJV)

Better is a little with righteousness, than great revenues without righteousness.

Malachi 3:10 (KJV)

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Proverbs 3:9-10 (NKJV)

Honor the Lord with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase; So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.

Leviticus 26:9 (NIV)

I will look on you with favor and make you fruitful and increase your numbers, and I will keep my covenant with you. 10 You will still be eating last year's harvest when you will have to move it out to make room for the new.

Isaiah 1:19 (NIV)

If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best from the land;

Proverbs 10:22 (NASB)

It is the blessing of the LORD that makes rich, and He adds no sorrow to it.

Matthew 6:19-21 (KJV)

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Psalm 35:27 (Amplified Bible)

Let those who favor my righteous cause and have pleasure in my uprightness shout for joy and be glad and say continually, Let the Lord be magnified, Who takes pleasure in the prosperity of His servant.

Matthew 6:24 (NIV)

No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Genesis 22:17 (KJV)

That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies

Joshua 1:8 (KJV)

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Deuteronomy 8:18 (KJV)

Thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

Protection

Psalm 91:7-8 (NKJV)

A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you. Only with your eyes shall you look, And see the reward of the wicked

Psalm 34:8 (CEV)

Discover for yourself that the LORD is kind. Come to him for protection, and you will be glad.

Psalm 46:1-2 (NKJV)

God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, Even though the earth be removed, And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.

Psalm 91:1-4 (NKJV)

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust." Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence. He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler

Psalm 71:1 (CEV)

I run to you, LORD, for protection. Don't disappoint me.

Psalm 31:1-2 (NIV)

In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness. Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.

Psalm 118:8 (CEV)

It is better to trust the LORD for protection than to trust anyone else,

Psalm 5:11 (CEV)

Let all who run to you for protection always sing joyful songs. Provide shelter for those who truly love you and let them rejoice.

Psalm 61:4 (CEV)

Let me live with you forever and find protection under your wings, my God.

John 10:29 (KJV)

My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

Psalms 32:7 (KJV)

Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

Purity

1 Peter 1:16 (KJV)

Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

Matthew 5:8 (KJV)

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Matthew 5:6 (KJV)

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled

Ephesians 5:3-5 (NASB)

But immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints; and there must be no filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

Psalms 51:10-12 (KJV)

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

Philippians 4:8 (KJV)

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good

report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

2 Timothy 2:22 (KJV)

Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

Hebrews 12:14 (KJV)

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

1 Timothy 5:22 (KJV)

Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure.

Psalms 19:14 (KJV)

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

Psalms 92:12 (KJV)

The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

2 Samuel 22:27 (NIV)

To the pure you show yourself pure and but to the crooked you show yourself shrewd.

Titus 1:15 (KJV)

Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.

Psalms 24:3-5 (KJV)

Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Purpose

Jeremiah 1:12 (NKJV)

Then the Lord said to me, "You have seen well, for I am ready to perform My word."

Romans 8:28 (KJV)

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

1 Peter 2:9 (KJV)

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light;

Isaiah 55:10-11 (KJV)

For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Job 42:2 (ESV)

I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 (KJV)

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

Colossians 3: 1-4 (NIV)

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Isaiah 14:27 (NKJV)

For the Lord of hosts has purposed, And who will annul it? His hand is stretched out, And who will turn it back?"

Proverbs 15:22 (KJV)

Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counselors they are established

Reconciliation

Matthew 6:12 (NKJV)

And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.

Malachi 4:6 (NKJV)

And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."

Mark 11:25 (Amplified Bible)

And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him and let it drop (leave it, let it go), in order that your Father Who is in heaven may also forgive you your [own] failings and shortcomings and let them drop.

Matthew 5:9 (KJV)

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Ephesian 4:26 (NIV)

In your anger do not sin" : Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry,

Ephesians 4:31 (KJV)

Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice

Colossians 3:13 (NLT)

Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

2 Corinthians 5:20 (KJV)

Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

Matthew 18:21-22 (Amplified Bible)
Then Peter came up to Him and said,
Lord, how many times may my brother
sin against me and I forgive him and let it
go? [As many as] up to seven times?
Jesus answered him, I tell you, not up to
seven times, but seventy times seven!

Matthew 5:23-25 (KJV)
Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the
altar, and there rememberest that thy
brother hath ought against thee; leave
there thy gift before the altar, and go thy
way; first be reconciled to thy brother,
and then come and offer thy gift. Agree
with thine adversary quickly, whiles
thou art in the way with him; lest at any
time the adversary deliver thee to the
judge, and the judge deliver thee to the
officer, and thou be cast into prison

Rejection

Romans 5:8-10 (KJV)
But God commendeth his love toward us,
in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ
died for us. Much more then, being now
justified by his blood, we shall be saved
from wrath through him. For if, when we
were enemies, we were reconciled to
God by the death of his Son, much more,
being reconciled, we shall be saved by
his life.

Psalms 94:14 (KJV)
For the LORD will not cast off his people,
neither will he forsake his inheritance.

Hebrews 13:5 (KJV)
Let your conversation be without
covetousness; and be content with such
things as ye have: for he hath said, I will
never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Leviticus 26:11 (NASB)
Moreover, I will make My dwelling
among you, and My soul will not reject
you.

Isaiah 43:4 (KJV)
Since thou wast precious in my sight,
thou hast been honourable, and I have

loved thee: therefore will I give men for
thee, and people for thy life.

Isaiah 41:9 (KJV)
Thou whom I have taken from the ends
of the earth, and called thee from the
chief men thereof, and said unto thee,
Thou art my servant; I have chosen thee,
and not cast thee away.

2 Corinthians 4:9 (KJV)
We are troubled on every side, yet not
distressed; we are perplexed, but not in
despair; persecuted, but not forsaken;
cast down, but not destroyed

Psalms 27:10 (KJV)
When my father and my mother forsake
me, then the LORD will take me up.

Psalms 77:7 (KJV)
Will the Lord cast off for ever? and will
he be favourable no more?

Relationships

Luke 12:21 (NKJV)
So is he who lays up treasure for himself,
and is not rich toward God.

Malachi 4:6 (NKJV)
And he will turn the hearts of the fathers
to the children, and the hearts of the
children to their fathers lest I come and
strike the earth with a curse."

Acts 2:42 (KJV)
And they continued stedfastly in the
apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in
breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Proverbs 27:8 (KJV)
As a bird that wandereth from her nest,
so is a man that wandereth from his
place

Psalms 133:1 (KJV)
Behold, how good and how pleasant it is
for brethren to dwell together in unity!

2 Corinthians 6:14-15 (NIV)
Do not be yoked together with
unbelievers. For what do righteousness

and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?

Proverbs 27:10 (KJV)

Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, forsake not; neither go into thy brother's house in the day of thy calamity: for better is a neighbour that is near than a brother far off.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (KJV)

Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up. Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone?

Romans 5:18 (NKJV)

Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life.

Respect

Leviticus 19:3 (NKJV)

'Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father, and keep My Sabbaths: I am the Lord your God.

Ephesians 6:1-3 (NIV)

1Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2"Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise— 3"that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."

Proverbs 11:16 (NKJV)

A gracious woman retains honor, But ruthless men retain riches.

1 Timothy 6:1-2 (NKJV)

Let as many bondservants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and His doctrine may not be blasphemed. And those who have believing masters, let them not despise them because they are brethren, but rather serve them because those who are benefited are believers and beloved. Teach and exhort these things.

Matthew 10:41 (NIV)

Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and anyone who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward

Proverbs 27:8 (KJV)

As a bird that wandereth from her nest, so is a man that wandereth from his place

Romans 13:7 (NKJV)

Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

Proverbs 16:31 (NIV)

Gray hair is a crown of splendor; it is attained by a righteous life.

Hebrews 13:17 (KJV)

Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

Proverbs 13:13 (NKJV)

He who despises the word will be destroyed, But he who fears the commandment will be rewarded.

Ephesians 6:5-9 (NIV)

Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you

were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free. And masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him.

1 Peter 5: 5 (NIRV)

Young men, follow the lead of those who are older. All of you, put on a spirit that is free of pride toward each other as if it were your clothes

Retirement

Psalms 71:9 (KJV)

Cast me not off in the time of old age;
forsake me not when my strength faileth.

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Proverbs 17:6 (NKJV)

Grandchildren are the crown of the aged,
and the glory of children is their fathers.

Proverbs 16:31 (Amplified Bible)

Gray hair is a crown of splendor; it is
attained by a righteous life.

Psalms 37:25 (KJV)

I have been young, and now am old; yet
have I not seen the righteous forsaken,
nor his seed begging bread.

Hebrews 13:5-6 (KJV)

I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.
So that we may boldly say, The Lord is
my helper, and I will not fear what man
shall do unto me.

Isaiah 46:3-4 (NIV)

Listen to me, O house of Jacob, all you
who remain of the house of Israel, you
whom I have upheld since you were
conceived, and have carried since your
birth. Even to your old age and gray hairs
I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I

have made you and I will carry you; I will
sustain you and I will rescue you.

Matthew 6:25-27 (NKJV)

"Therefore I say to you, do not worry
about your life, what you will eat or what
you will drink; nor about your body,
what you will put on. Is not life more
than food and the body more than
clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for
they neither sow nor reap nor gather
into barns; yet your heavenly Father
feeds them. Are you not of more value
than they? Which of you by worrying can
add one cubit to his stature?

Psalms 92:14 (KJV)

They shall still bring forth fruit in old
age; they shall be fat and flourishing;

Salvation

Romans 3:10 (KJV)

As it is written, There is none righteous,
no, not one

John 1:12 (KJV)

But as many as received him, to them
gave he power to become the sons of
God, even to them that believe on his
name

Romans 5:8 (KJV)

But God commendeth his love toward us,
in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ
died for us.

Romans 3:23 (KJV)

For all have sinned, and come short of
the glory of God;

John 3:16 (KJV)

For God so loved the world, that he gave
his only begotten Son, that whosoever
believeth in him should not perish, but
have everlasting life.

2 Corinthians 6:2 (NIV)

For he says "In the time of my favor I
heard you, and in the day of salvation I
helped you." I tell you, now is the time of
God's favor, now is the day of salvation.

Romans 6:23 (KJV)

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 10:13 (KJV)

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Revelation 3:20 (NIV)

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.

John 3:3 (KJV)

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

John 14:6 (KJV)

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Acts 4:12 (NIV)

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Romans 10:9-10 (KJV)

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Satan

Job 1:6-7 (NKJV)

Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them. And the Lord said to Satan, "From where do you come?" So Satan answered the Lord and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it."

Luke 10:18 (NKJV)

And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.

2 Corinthians 11:14 (NKJV)

And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.

1 Peter 5: 8-9 (NIRV)

Control yourselves. Be on your guard. Your enemy the devil is like a roaring lion. He prowls around looking for someone to chew up and swallow. Stand up to him. Stand firm in what you believe. All over the world you know that your brothers and sisters are going through the same kind of suffering.

Isaiah 14:12-15 (KJV)

How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

2 Corinthians 4:4 (NKJV)

whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

Romans 16:20 (NKJV)

And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

Luke 13:16 (NKJV)

So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound--think of it--for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?

Revelation 12:9 (NKJV)

So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Ezekiel 28: 13-19 (KJV)

Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.

Seasons

Ecclesiastes 3:2 (KJV)

A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted

Daniel 2:20-21 (KJV)

Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: And he

changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding

Isaiah 43:18-19 (KJV)

Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

Psalms 145:15 (KJV)

The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.

Genesis 8:22 (KJV)

While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

Psalms 147:8 (KJV)

Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.

Serving God

Malachi 3:17-18 (NIV)

"They will be mine," says the LORD Almighty, "in the day when I make up my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as in compassion a man spares his son who serves him. 18 And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not.

Matthew 24:45-47 (NKJV)

Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods.

Luke 9:23-24 (KJV)

And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.

Acts 2:42 (KJV)

And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

1 Peter 5:2 (NIRV)

Be shepherds of God's flock, the believers who are under your care. Serve as their leaders. Don't serve them because you have to. Instead, do it because you want to. That's what God wants you to do. Don't do it because you want to get more and more money. Do it because you really want to serve.

Matthew 20:26 (NKJV)

Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant.

1 Timothy 6:11-12 (KJV)

But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

1 Timothy 3:5 (KJV)

For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?

Luke 12:48 (KJV)

For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more

Psalms 78:72 (NKJV)

So he shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart, And guided them by the skillfulness of his hands.

2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV)

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be

ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth

Acts 20:28 (KJV)

Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Ecclesiastes 9:10 (NKJV)

Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going.

Hebrews 12:28 (KJV)

Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear

John 13:13-17 (KJV)

Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

John 15:16 (KJV)

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

Sex

James 1:14-15 (KJV)

But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

1 Corinthians 6:18 (NKJV)

Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.

1 Thessalonians 4:3 (NKJV)

For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality

Job 31:1 (NIV)

I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a girl.

Romans 6:12 (KJV)

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

1 Corinthians 7:2 (NKJV)

Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband.

Galatians 5:16-17 (KJV)

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

Exodus 20:14 (ESV)

You shall not commit adultery.

Genesis 2: 23-24 (KJV)

And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

1 Corinthians 6:18 (NKJV)

Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.

1 Corinthians 6:13 (NKJV)

Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

Mark 7:21 (KJV)

For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders

1 Thessalonians 4:3 (NKJV)

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1 Corinthians 7:1 (KJV)

Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Leviticus 18:22-23 (NKJV)

You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination. Nor shall you mate with any animal, to defile yourself with it. Nor shall any woman stand before an animal to mate with it. It is perversion.

Hebrews 13:4 (ESV)

Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.

1 Corinthians 7:2 (NKJV)

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Exodus 20:14 (ESV)

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Shame

Isaiah 54:4 (KJV)

Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt

not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more.

Isaiah 61:7 (KJV)

For your shame ye shall have double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them.

Hebrews 9:22 (NIV)

In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

Isaiah 61:7 (NIV)

Instead of their shame my people will receive a double portion and instead of disgrace they will rejoice in their inheritance; and so they will inherit a double portion in their land, and everlasting joy will be theirs.

Proverbs 13:18 (KJV)

Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuseth instruction: but he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured.

Isaiah 43:18-19 (KJV)

Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

Matthew 26:28 (NIV)

This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Jeremiah 3:25 (KJV)

We lie down in our shame, and our confusion covereth us: for we have sinned against the LORD our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even unto this day, and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God.

Sickness

Mark 16:17-18 (KJV)

And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Psalms 38:3 (NIRV)

Because of your anger, my whole body is sick. Because of my sin, I'm not healthy.

3 John 2 (KJV)

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

Luke 18:27 (Amplified Bible)

But He said, what is impossible with men is possible with God

Isaiah 53:5 (KJV)

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Psalms 107:20 (NIRV)

He gave his command and healed them. He saved them from the grave.

Exodus 15:26 (NKJV)

and said, "If you diligently heed the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the Lord who heals you."

John 10:10 (KJV)

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

Exodus 23:25-26 (NIV)

Worship the LORD your God, and his blessing will be on your food and water. I

will take away sickness from among you, and none will miscarry or be barren in your land. I will give you a full life span.

Sin

Isaiah 1:18 (NIRV)

"Come. Let us talk some more about this matter," says the Lord. "Even though your sins are bright red they will be as white as snow. Even though they are deep red, they will be white like wool.

1 John 2:1-2 (NIV)

1My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. 2He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Isaiah 59:1-2 (KJV)

Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

1 John 3:5-10 (NIV)

Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him. Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. He who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. 8He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God. This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children

of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother.

Romans 3:23 (KJV)

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God

2 Corinthians 5:21 (KJV)

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Romans 6:23 (KJV)

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalms 66:18 (ESV)

If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me

2 Chronicles 7:14 (Amplified Bible)

If My people, who are called by My name, shall humble themselves, pray, seek, crave, and require of necessity My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land.

1 John 1:9 (NIV)

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Genesis 4:7 (NIV)

If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it."

Hebrews 9:22 (NIV)

In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

Hebrews 9:22 (ESV)

Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins

Isaiah 55:7 (NIV)

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

James 4:17 (KJV)

Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

Matthew 26:28 (NIV)

This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Psalms 19:12-13 (KJV)

Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults. Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

Singing

Revelations 5:13 (NIRV)

All creatures in heaven, on earth, under the earth, and on the sea, and all that is in them, were singing. I heard them say, "May praise and honor for ever and ever be given to the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb! Give them glory and power for ever and ever!"

Psalms 92:1 (NKJV)

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;

Psalms 107:22 (NKJV)

Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, And declare His works with rejoicing.

Psalms 95:2 (NKJV)

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.

Psalms 100:2 (NKJV)

Serve the LORD with gladness; come before His presence with singing.

1 Chronicles 16:9 (NKJV)

Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; talk of all His wondrous works!

1 Chronicles 16:23 (NKJV)

Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.

Psalms 28:7 (NKJV)

The Lord is my strength and my shield; My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; Therefore my heart greatly rejoices, And with my song I will praise Him.

Psalms 69:30 (NKJV)

I will praise the name of God with a song, And will magnify Him with thanksgiving.

Psalms 30:12 (NKJV)

To the end that my glory may sing praise to You and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to You forever.

Sports

Philippians 3:13-14 (NIV)

But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus

Joshua 10:8 (NKJV)

And the Lord said to Joshua, "Do not fear them, for I have delivered them into your hand; not a man of them shall stand before you."

1 Timothy 6:12 (NIV)

Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

Deuteronomy 20:4 (NKJV)

for the Lord your God is He who goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.

Philippians 4:13 (KJV)

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

2 Timothy 2:3-6 (NIV)

Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs; rather, they try to please their commanding officer. Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor's crown except by competing according to the rules.

Proverbs 21:31 (NIV)

The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but victory rests with the LORD.

Hebrews 12:1-3 (NIV)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart

Psalms 3:8 (NKJV)

Salvation belongs to the Lord. Your blessing is upon Your people.

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 (CEV)

You know that many runners enter a race, and only one of them wins the prize. So run to win! Athletes work hard to win a crown that cannot last, but we do it for a crown that will last forever. I don't run without a goal. And I don't box by beating my fists in the air. I keep my body under control and make it my slave, so I won't lose out after telling the good news to others.

Stewardship

Matthew 24:45-47 (NKJV)

Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods.

Luke 16:10 (CEV)

Anyone who can be trusted in little matters can also be trusted in important matters. But anyone who is dishonest in little matters will be dishonest in important matters.

Proverbs 16:8 (KJV)

Better is a little with righteousness, than great revenues without righteousness.

Malachi 3:10 (KJV)

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Matthew 20:26 (NKJV)

Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant.

Luke 12:48 (KJV)

But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more

Deuteronomy 8:18 (KJV)

But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

Proverbs 10:22 (NASB)

It is the blessing of the LORD that makes rich, And He adds no sorrow to it

1 Corinthians 4:2 (NIV)

Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.

Genesis 22:17 (KJV)

That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies

Psalms 24:1 (KJV)

The earth is the LORD's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

Ecclesiastes 9:10 (NKJV)

Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going.

John 15:16 (KJV)

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

Strength

Ephesians 6:10-11 (NKJV)

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

2 Corinthians 12:9 (KJV)

And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Isaiah 41:10 (KJV)

Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

2 Samuel 22:33 (KJV)

God is my strength and power: and he maketh my way perfect.

Philippians 4:13 (KJV)

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

1 Chronicles 16:11 (KJV)

Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually.

Habakkuk 3:19 (KJV)

The LORD God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places.

Nehemiah 8:10 (KJV)

Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our LORD: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength.

Job 4:4 (KJV)

Thy words have upholden him that was falling, and thou hast strengthened the feeble knees.

Isaiah 40:31 (NASB)

Yet those who wait for the LORD will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary.

Stress

2 Corinthians 12:9 (KJV)

And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my

infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Psalms 119:143 (NKJV)

Trouble and anguish have overtaken me,
Yet Your commandments are my delights.

2 Corinthians 4:7-9 (NIV)

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

Matthew 11:28 (KJV)

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Isaiah 40:29-31 (KJV)

He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: but they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Philippians 4:13 (KJV)

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

John 14:27 (KJV)

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Isaiah 26:3 (KJV)

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

Isaiah 43:2 (KJV)

When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

Success

1 Samuel 18:14 (ESV)

And David had success in all his undertakings, for the LORD was with him.

Malachi 3:10 (KJV)

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Deuteronomy 8:18 (KJV)

But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

Ecclesiastes 5:19 (KJV)

Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him power to eat thereof, and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labour; this is the gift of God.

1 Chronicles 4:9-10 (NIV)

Jabez was more honorable than his brothers. His mother had named him Jabez, saying, "I gave birth to him in pain." Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, "Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain." And God granted his request.

Deuteronomy 5:16 (CEV)

Respect your father and mother, and you will live a long and successful life in the land I am giving you.

Psalms 118:25 (ESV)

Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!

Deuteronomy 2:7 (CEV)

The LORD has helped us and taken care of us during the past forty years that we have been in this huge desert. We've had

everything we needed, and the LORD has blessed us and made us successful in whatever we have done.

Joshua 1:8 (KJV)

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV)

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

Suffering

2 Timothy 2:3-5 (NKJV)

You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.

Romans 8:18 (KJV)

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

1 Corinthians 4:17 (KJV)

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory

Matthew 5:11-12 (NKJV)

Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Proverbs 24:10 (NIV)

If you falter in times of trouble, how small is your strength!

James 1:2-4 (KJV)

My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

Psalms 73:26 (NASB)

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Isaiah 43:18-19 (KJV)

Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

1 Peter 5:9 (NIRV)

Stand up to him. Stand firm in what you believe. All over the world you know that your brothers and sisters are going through the same kind of suffering.

1 Corinthians 10:12-13 (NKJV)

Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

Lamentations 3:22-23 (NKJV)

Through the LORD's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.

25 Reason Why Suffering Is a Blessing

2. **To produce the fruit of patience** Rom. 5:3; James 1:3-4; Heb. 10:36
 - Through adversity Christians learn the blessing of long-suffering and delayed gratification.
3. **To produce the fruit of joy** Ps. 30:5; 126:5-6
 - It is easy to be joyful when times are good but you have authentic rejoicing when you experience it through suffering.
4. **To produce the fruit of maturity** Eccles. 7:3; 1 Pet. 5:10
 - Through affliction we discover the true reality of living in a sin cursed world. When we endure suffering with the attitude of Jesus Christ we are perfected, established and strengthened.
5. **To produce the fruit of righteousness** Heb. 12:11
 - Adversity, when responded to according to God's word, will train us to be righteous and holy.
6. **To silence the devil** Job 1:9, 10, 20-22
 - God permits suffering and when we respond to it in a Christlike manner the accusations of Satan against us will be in vain.
7. **To teach us** Ps. 119:67, 71
 - The more we suffer the more God's word becomes real to us and the less we will stray from obeying the Lord. It then becomes a good thing that we have suffered because it has resulted in increased Godliness.
8. **To purify our lives** Job 23:10; Ps. 66:10-12; Isa. 1:25; 48:10; Prov. 17:3; 1 Pet. 1:7
 - God tests, strengthens and purifies us through affliction. Our faith is much more precious than anything the world can offer and like pure gold it is refined in the fires of suffering.
9. **To make us like Christ** Heb. 12:9, 10; 1 Pet. 4:12-13; Phil. 3:10; 2 Cor. 4:7-10
 - As we suffer, we come to understand and better relate to the suffering that Jesus endured on our behalf. Through persecution and affliction we are conformed into the image of Christ manifesting through our bodies a living example of Christ's sacrifice for us.
10. **To glorify God** Ps. 50:15; John 9:1-3; 11:1-4; 21:18-19; Phil. 1:19-20
 - Every time we respond to suffering with a Godly attitude, we bring glory to God in such an unselfish manner that it directs attention solely to God, and not to us.
11. **To prevent us from sinning** 2 Cor. 12:7, 9-10
 - God may permit us to suffer in order to keep us humble and to keep us from the sin of self-exaltation.
12. **To make us confess when we do sin** Judg. 10:6-7, 15-16; Ps. 32:3-5; Hos. 5:15; 6:1; 2 Chron. 15:3-4
 - There will be times when God uses suffering to force us to confront our sin and confess it. Enduring the effects of a sin cursed world heightens our awareness of sin and deepens our understanding of just how truly awful sin really is.

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13. **To chasten us for our sin** 1 Pet. 4:17
- Suffering may often times be a direct result of our own personal sin and God may be chastising us for it. Adversity motivates us to carefully examine our lives for holiness and devotion.
14. **To prove our sonship** Heb. 12:5-6
- Adversity is like an identification badge for the Christian. Scripture clearly says, "that whom the Lord loves He chastens". So any time that you suffer you can be sure of two things: that you belong to the Lord, and that He loves you.
15. **To reveal ourselves to ourselves** Job 42:6; Luke 15:18
- When the pressure is on you can be sure that what is deep down inside of a person will come boiling to the top. **When you squeeze a lemon, you get lemon juice.** There is no way to fake what you are truly all about when you are under great stress or enduring significant adversity. You can be sure that what you are genuinely made of will surface not only for you to see but also for everyone around you to see.
16. **To help our prayer life** Isa. 26:16
- There is no doubt that affliction helps our prayer life. For most people greater suffering equals greater prayer.
17. **To become an example to others** 2 Cor. 6:4-5; 1 Thess. 1:6-7
- When we respond to adversity in a Godly manner it provides a living example for all those who observe us.
18. **To qualify us as counselors** Rom. 12:15; Gal. 6:2; 2 Cor. 1:3-5
- There is nothing like real-life experience to qualify you as a teacher. It is an academic exercise at best to proclaim truths that you have not lived and experienced.
19. **To further the gospel witness** Acts 8:1-5; 16:25-34; Phil. 1:12-13; 2 Tim. 4:6-8, 16-17
- By enduring suffering with a Godly attitude we participate in validating the power of the Gospel. When another person sees you rejoicing in the midst of affliction they can't help but wonder where you derive the power for such a response.
20. **To make us more than conquerors** 2 Cor. 2:14; Rom. 8:35, 37
- As God proves faithful to see us through adversity we become more and more confident about the things of God. We become increasingly victorious over sin and "more than conquerors".
21. **To give us insight into God's nature** Job 42:5; Rom. 8:14-15, 18
- Through suffering we know more about God and His purposes. We better understand His attributes, His nature and His sovereignty.
22. **To drive us closer to God** 1 Pet. 4:14; 2 Cor. 12:10
- Whether we have actively strayed from God or are just in the sanctifying process of growing closer to him, suffering is an important means to push us and turn us towards God.
23. **To prepare us for a greater ministry** 1 Kings 17-18; John 12:24
- Like the potter's clay that is worked and reworked, or the lump of dough that is kneaded until soft and blended, affliction breaks us down, makes us soft and prepares us to be used by the Lord.
24. **To provide for us a reward** Matt. 5:10-12; 19:27-29; Rom. 8:16-17; 2 Cor. 4:17
- It is a wondrous truth that God permits us to suffer for His glory and yet it turns out to be an
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incredible blessing for us, not only in this lifetime, but also through the eternal reward we will receive in Heaven.

25. To prepare us for the kingdom 2

Thess. 1:5; 2 Tim. 2:12

- Suffering prepares us for our eternal life with God. It conditions us, trains us and equips us to reign with Christ forever and ever.

26. To show God's sovereignty Rom.

8:28; 1 Cor. 10:13; Ps. 66:10-12;
Gen. 45:5-8; 50:20

- The suffering Christian is a tangible demonstration of God's sovereignty, who in His infinite wisdom can take all things (good and bad) and work them together for His ultimate glory and eternal purpose.

Suicide

Hebrews 9:27 (KJV)

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment

2 Corinthians 5:21 (KJV)

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Isaiah 53:3-4 (KJV)

He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

John 10:10 (KJV)

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

John 16:33 (KJV)

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (KJV)

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Psalms 42:5 (KJV)

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance

Sympathy

Proverbs 31:8 (NIV)

"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute.

Jude 22,23 (NKJV)

And on some have compassion, making a distinction; but others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.

Galatians 6:1-2 (KJV)

Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Matthew 5:35-40 (NIV)

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Isaiah 58:5-10 (KJV)

Is it such a fast that I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul? is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out

to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh? Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy reward. Then shalt thou call, and the LORD shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity; And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon day:

Isaiah 1:17 (NKJV)

Learn to do good; Seek justice, Rebuke the oppressor; Defend the fatherless, Plead for the widow.

James 1:27 (KJV)

Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

Colossians 3:12 (ASV)

Put on therefore, as God's elect, holy and beloved, a heart of compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, longsuffering

Hebrews 13:3 (NKJV)

Remember the prisoners as if chained with them--those who are mistreated--since you yourselves are in the body also.

Proverbs 24:11-12 (NIV)

Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter. If you say, "But we knew nothing about this," does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who guards your life know it? Will he not repay each person according to what he has done?

Psalms 35:12-14 (Amplified Bible)

They reward me evil for good to my personal bereavement. But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth; I afflicted myself with fasting,

and I prayed with head bowed on my breast. I behaved as if grieving for my friend or my brother; I bowed down in sorrow, as one who bewails his mother.

James 2:14-17 (NIV)

What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

Talents

Matthew 25:26-28 (NIV)

"His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. 'Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents. For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him

Luke 12:48 (KJV)

For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more

Isaiah 1:19 (KJV)

If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land

Romans 12:6 (NKJV)

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith;

1 Corinthians 4:2 (NIV)

Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.

Romans 14:12 (KJV)

So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God

2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV)

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth

Ecclesiastes 9:10 (NKJV)

Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going.

Hebrews 12:28 (KJV)

Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear

John 15:16 (KJV)

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

Teamwork

John 13:34-35 (KJV)

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Genesis 11:6 (KJV)

And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

Acts 2:42 (KJV)

And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Psalms 133:1 (KJV)

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

John 17:21 (KJV)

That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (KJV)

Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up. Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone? And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

Proverbs 11:14 (KJV)

Where no counsel is, the people fall; but in the multitude of counselors there is safety.

Temptation

Luke 22:46 (NIV)

"Why are you sleeping?" he asked them. "Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation."

Proverbs 24:10 (NIV)

If you falter in times of trouble, how small is your strength!

Matthew 26:41 (NKJV)

Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

James 1:2-4 (KJV)

My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her

perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

Psalms 73:26 (NASB)

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Luke 17:1 (NKJV)

Then He said to the disciples, "It is impossible that no offenses should come, but woe to him through whom they do come!

1 Timothy 6:9 (NIV)

People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction.

James 1:14 (NKJV)

But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.

2 Peter 2:9 (KJV)

The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished

1 Corinthians 10:12-13 (NKJV)

Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

Thankful

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV)

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Colossians 4:2 (NKJV)

Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;

Colossians 3:15 (NASB)

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.

Colossians 3:16 (NASB)

Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Psalms 95:2 (NKJV)

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.

Colossians 2:7 (NKJV)

rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

Psalms 50:14 (NKJV)

Offer to God thanksgiving, And pay your vows to the Most High.

Ephesians 5:4 (NKJV)

neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.

Hebrews 12:28 (NKJV)

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

Ephesians 5:19-20 (NIV)

Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanksgiving

Psalms 107:1 (NIV)

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever."

Psalms 107:2 (KJV)

And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing

Philippians 4:6 (KJV)

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

Jonah 2:9 (KJV)

But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD.

Hebrews 13:15 (KJV)

By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

Psalms 100:4 (KJV)

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

Psalms 145:7 (NKJV)

They shall utter the memory of Your great goodness, And shall sing of Your righteousness.

Psalms 95:2 (KJV)

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

Psalms 50:14 (KJV)

Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High:

Psalms 116:12-14 (KJV)

What shall I render unto the LORD for all his benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD. I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people.

And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.

Daniel 2:21 (KJV)

And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding:

Proverbs 18:9 (NIV)

One who is slack in his work is brother to one who destroys.

Ecclesiastes 9:11 (KJV)

returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all.

Psalms 90:10 (KJV)

Seventy years are given to us! Some even live to eighty. But even the best years are filled with pain and trouble; soon they disappear, and we fly away.

Psalms 90:12 (KJV)

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Ephesians 5:15-16 (NASB)

Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise making the most of your time, because the days are evil.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 (KJV)

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

Ecclesiastes 9:10 (NKJV)

Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going.

Time Management

Luke 19:13 (NIV)

Tongue

Proverbs 15:1 (KJV)

A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.

Proverbs 11:13 (KJV)

A talebearer revealeth secrets, but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.

Matthew 12:36 (NIV)

But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken.

James 3:8 (KJV)

But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

Proverbs 18:21 (Amplified Bible)

Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and they who indulge in it shall eat the fruit of it [for death or life].

Proverbs 17:27 (NASB)

He who restrains his words has knowledge, and he who has a cool spirit is a man of understanding.

James 1:26 (KJV)

If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.

Psalms 34:13 (NASB)

Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit.

Proverbs 16:13 (KJV)

Righteous lips are the delight of kings, and they love him that speaketh right.

Psalms 37:30 (NASB)

The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks justice.

Ecclesiastes 12:11 (NKJV)

The words of the wise are like goads, and the words of scholars are like well-driven nails, given by one Shepherd.

Proverbs 15:33 (ESV)

To make an apt answer is a joy to a man, and a word in season, how good it is!

Trials

Revelation 12:11 (KJV)

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

1 Peter 4:12-13 (KJV)

Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: but rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

Matthew 5:10-12 (KJV)

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Romans 8:18 (KJV)

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

1 Corinthians 4:17 (KJV)

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

Hebrews 4:15 (KJV)

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

1 Peter 1:7 (KJV)

That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

Nahum 1:7 (NIV)

The LORD is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him,

John 16:33 (KJV)

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV)

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

Romans 8:35-37 (KJV)

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, for thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

Trust

Luke 16:10 (CEV)

Anyone who can be trusted in little matters can also be trusted in important matters. But anyone who is dishonest in little matters will be dishonest in important matters.

Jeremiah 17:7 (KJV)

Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.

Jeremiah 17:7-8 (KJV)

Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

Psalms 9:10 (CEV)

Everyone who honors your name can trust you, because you are faithful to all who depend on you.

Isaiah 43:18-19 (KJV)

Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

Psalms 147:11 (CEV)

The LORD is pleased only with those who worship him and trust his love.

Isaiah 26:3 (KJV)

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

Psalms 37:3 (Amplified Bible)

Trust (lean on, rely on, and be confident) in the Lord and do good; so shall you dwell in the land and feed surely on His faithfulness, and truly you shall be fed.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV)

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

1 Chronicles 16:11 (CEV)

Trust the LORD and his mighty power. Worship him always.

Truth

Proverbs 14:25 (NKJV)

A true witness delivers souls, But a deceitful witness speaks lies.

Psalms 96:13 (KJV)

Before the LORD: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.

Psalms 51:6 (KJV)

Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

John 14:17 (KJV)

Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

John 8:36 (KJV)

If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed

John 14:6 (ESV)

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Psalms 89:14 (KJV)

Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

Proverbs 20:28 (ASV)

Kindness and truth preserve the king; And his throne is upholden by kindness.

Proverbs 3:3 (ASV)

Let not kindness and truth forsake thee: Bind them about thy neck; Write them upon the tablet of thy heart

Psalms 43:3 (KJV)

O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.

Proverbs 12:22 (NKJV)

Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, But those who deal truthfully are His delight.

Proverbs 12:19 (NKJV)

The truthful lip shall be established forever, But a lying tongue is but for a moment.

Unborn

Proverbs 31:8 (NIV)

Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute.

Isaiah 49:15-16 (KJV)

Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me.

Psalms 82:3-4 (NIV)

Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed. Rescue the weak and needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

Job 31:15 (NIV)

Did not he who made me in the womb make them? Did not the same one form us both within our mothers?

Psalms 139:13-16 (NIV)

For you created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, Your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be

Exodus 21:22-25 (KJV)

If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart from her and yet no mischief follow: he shall be surely punished, according as the woman's husband will lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges determine. And if any mischief follow, then thou shalt give life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.

Proverbs 24:11-12 (NIV)

Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward

slaughter. If you say, "But we knew nothing about this, "Does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who guards your life know it? Will he not repay each person according to what he has done?"

Exodus 20:13 (KJV)
Thou shalt not kill.

Psalms 22:9-10 (NIV)
Yet you brought me out of the womb;
you made me trust in you even at my
mother's breast. From birth I was cast
upon you; from my mother's womb you
have been my God

Unity

John 13:34-35 (KJV)

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you, that ye also love one another. By
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And the LORD said, Behold, the people is
one, and they have all one language; and
this they begin to do: and now nothing
will be restrained from them, which they
have imagined to do.

Ephesians 4:2-6 (NIV)

Be completely humble and gentle; be
patient, bearing with one another in love.
Make every effort to keep the unity of the
Spirit through the bond of peace. There
is one body and one Spirit—just as you
were called to one hope when you were
called— one Lord, one faith, one
baptism; one God and Father of all, who
is over all and through all and in all.

Psalms 133:1 (KJV)

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for brethren to dwell together in unity!

John 17:21 (KJV)

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Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (KJV)

Two are better than one; because they
have a good reward for their labour. For
if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow:
but woe to him that is alone when he
falleth; for he hath not another to help
him up. Again, if two lie together, then
they have heat: but how can one be
warm alone?

Unselfishness

Luke 21:4 (NIV)

All these people gave their gifts out of
their wealth; but she out of her poverty
put in all she had to live on."

Mark 14:3-9 (KJV)

And being in Bethany in the house of
Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there
came a woman having an alabaster box
of ointment of spikenard very precious;
and she brake the box, and poured it on
his head. And there were some that had
indignation within themselves, and said,
Why was this waste of the ointment
made? For it might have been sold for
more than three hundred pence, and
have been given to the poor. And they
murmured against her. And Jesus said,
Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she
hath wrought a good work on me. For ye
have the poor with you always, and
whosoever ye will ye may do them
good: but me ye have not always. She
hath done what she could: she is come
aforehand to anoint my body to the
burying. Verily I say unto you,
Whosoever this gospel shall be
preached throughout the whole world,
this also that she hath done shall be
spoken of for a memorial of her.

Matthew 5:40-42 (KJV)

And if any man will sue thee at the law,
and take away thy coat, let him have thy
cloak also. And whosoever shall compel
thee to go a mile, go with him twain. Give

to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away

Luke 10:33-37 (KJV)

But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

2 Corinthians 9:2 (NKJV)

for I know your willingness, about which I boast of you to the Macedonians, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal has stirred up the majority.

Matthew 5:35-40 (NIV)

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Luke 6:38 (KJV)

Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same

measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

Acts 20:35 (NIV)

In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

Isaiah 58:5-10 (KJV)

Is it such a fast that I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul? is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh? Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy reward. Then shalt thou call, and the LORD shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity; And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon day:

Isaiah 1:17 (NKJV)

Learn to do good; Seek justice, Rebuke the oppressor; Defend the fatherless, Plead for the widow.

John 6:8-11 (KJV)

One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him, There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many? And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down,

in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would.

Vengeance

Leviticus 19:17 (NKJV)

You shall not hate your brother in your heart. You shall surely rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him.

1 Samuel 25:29-31 (NKJV)

Yet a man has risen to pursue you and seek your life, but the life of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of the living with the Lord your God; and the lives of your enemies He shall sling out, as from the pocket of a sling. And it shall come to pass, when the Lord has done for my lord according to all the good that He has spoken concerning you, and has appointed you ruler over Israel, that this will be no grief to you, nor offense of heart to my lord, either that you have shed blood without cause, or that my lord has avenged himself. But when the Lord has dealt well with my lord, then remember your maidservant.

Luke 6:35 (NASB)

But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil men.

Romans 12:19-21 (KJV)

Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

Proverbs 20:22 (CEV)

Don't try to get even. Trust the LORD, and he will help you.

Proverbs 25:22 (KJV)

For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the LORD shall reward thee.

Hebrews 10:30 (NASB)

For we know Him who said, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY " And again, " THE LORD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE."

Jeremiah 20:12 (NKJV)

But, O Lord of hosts, You who test the righteous, And see the mind and heart, Let me see Your vengeance on them; For I have pleaded my cause before You.

Deuteronomy 32:35 (NASB)

Vengeance is Mine, and retribution, In due time their foot will slip; For the day of their calamity is near, and the impending things are hastening upon them.'

Matthew 5:38-39 (KJV)

Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

Victory

Joshua 10:8 (NKJV)

And the Lord said to Joshua, "Do not fear them, for I have delivered them into your hand; not a man of them shall stand before you."

1 John 5:4 (NIV)

For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.

Deuteronomy 20:4 (NKJV)

for the Lord your God is He who goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.

1 John 3:8 (KJV)

He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

Revelations 12:11 (NIV)

They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.

Psalms 3:8 (NKJV)

Salvation belongs to the Lord. Your blessing is upon Your people.

Romans 8:37-39 (Amplified Bible)

Yet amid all these things we are more than conquerors and gain a surpassing victory through Him Who loved us. For I am persuaded beyond doubt (am sure) that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor things impending and threatening nor things to come, nor powers, Nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord

Vision

Joel 2:28 (Amplified Bible)

And afterward I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.

Habakkuk 2:2-3 (KJV)

And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

Numbers 12:6 (NASB)

He said, "Hear now My words: If there is a prophet among you, I, the LORD, shall

make Myself known to him in a vision I shall speak with him in a dream.

Numbers 12:6 (NIV)

He said, "Listen to my words: "When there are prophets of the LORD among you, I reveal myself to them in visions, I speak to them in dreams.

Psalms 89:19 (NIV)

Once you spoke in a vision, to your faithful people you said: "I have bestowed strength on a warrior; I have raised up a young man from among the people.

Isaiah 43:18-19 (KJV)

Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

Jeremiah 23:16 (KJV)

Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Harken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the LORD.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV)

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

Proverbs 29:18 (NASB)

Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained, But happy is he who keeps the law.

War

Ecclesiastes 3:8 (KJV)

A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

1 Corinthians 15:57 (NIV)

But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 18:5 (NIV)

Even before you begin your attack, while your plans are ripening like grapes, the Lord will cut off your new growth with pruning shears. He will snip off and discard your spreading branches.

Jeremiah 29:11 (NKJV)

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Deuteronomy 20:4 (NIV)

For the LORD your God is the one who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to give you victory."

Proverbs 24:26 (NIV)

For waging war you need guidance, and for victory many advisers.

Mark 13:8 (NKJV)

For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be earthquakes in various places, and there will be famines and troubles. These are the beginnings of sorrows.

Wealth

Malachi 3:10 (KJV)

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Deuteronomy 8:18 (KJV)

But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

Ecclesiastes 5:19 (KJV)

Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him power to eat thereof, and to take his

portion, and to rejoice in his labour; this is the gift of God.

Proverbs 11:28 (KJV)

He that trusteth in his riches shall fall; but the righteous shall flourish as a branch.

Proverbs 10:22 (NASB)

It is the blessing of the LORD that makes rich, And He adds no sorrow to it.

Matthew 6:19-21 (KJV)

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Matthew 6:24 (NIV)

No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon

Proverbs 11:4 (KJV)

Riches profit not in the day of wrath: but righteousness delivereth from death.

Psalms 62:10 (KJV)

Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery: if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.

Wedding

Genesis 2: 23-24 (KJV)

And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

Joshua 24:15 (KJV)

But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

Psalms 127:1-3 (KJV)

Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep. Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.

Jeremiah 29:11 (KJV)

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Ephesians 5:31-33 (KJV)

For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

Ecclesiastes 3:14 (KJV)

I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 (NIV)

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

Genesis 2:18 (NKJV)

And the Lord God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (KJV)

Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up. Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone? And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

Wisdom

James 3:17 (KJV)

But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

Proverbs 16:20 (KJV)

He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good: and whoso trusteth in the LORD, happy is he

Proverbs 16:16 (KJV)

How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! And to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!

Proverbs 16:16 (KJV)

How much better it is to get wisdom than gold! And to get understanding is rather to be chosen than silver!

James 1:5-6 (KJV)

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

Psalms 90:12 (KJV)

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV)

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be

ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Proverbs 9:10 (KJV)

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding

Proverbs 11:30 (KJV)

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.

Proverbs 16:23 (KJV)

The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips.

Ecclesiastes 12:11 (NKJV)

The words of the wise are like goads, and the words of scholars are like well-driven nails, given by one Shepherd.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV)

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

Witnessing

Jude 22,23 (NKJV)

And on some have compassion, making a distinction; but others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.

Acts 20:24 (NIRV)

But my life means nothing to me. I only want to finish the race. I want to complete the work the Lord Jesus has given me. He wants me to give witness to others about the good news of God's grace.

Acts 1:8 (Amplified Bible)

But you shall receive power (ability, efficiency, and might) when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem and all Judea and Samaria and to the ends (the very bounds) of the earth

Romans 1:16 (Amplified Bible)

For I am not ashamed of the Gospel (good news) of Christ, for it is God's power working unto salvation [for deliverance from eternal death] to everyone who believes with a personal trust and a confident surrender and firm reliance, to the Jew first and also to the Greek

Luke 9:26 (KJV)

For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels.

2 Timothy 4:2-4 (NKJV)

Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

Proverbs 11:30 (NIV)

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise

Proverbs 11:30 (KJV)

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.

Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

John 15:16 (KJV)

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

Matthew 5:14-16 (NKJV)

You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Work

Ephesians 6:5-8 (NIV)

Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ; not with eye-service, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men, knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free.

Deuteronomy 8:18 (KJV)

But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

Proverbs 16:3 (NKJV)

Commit your works to the LORD, and your thoughts will be established.

Ecclesiastes 5:19 (KJV)

Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him power to eat thereof, and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labour; this is the gift of God.

2 Timothy 2:4-6 (NKJV)

No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. The hardworking farmer must be first to partake of the crops.

1 Corinthians 4:2 (NIV)

Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 (NKJV)

that you also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you, that you may walk properly toward those who are outside, and that you may lack nothing.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV)

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

Ecclesiastes 9:10 (NKJV)

Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going.

1 Corinthians 10:31 (KJV)

Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

Worry

Matthew 6:25 (NIV)

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes?

Philippians 4:6-7 (KJV)

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Psalms 46:10 (KJV)

Be still, and know that I am God:

Psalms 55:22 (KJV)

Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

Psalms 37:1 (NKJV)

Do not fret because of evildoers, Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity.

Psalms 46:1-2 (NASB)

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

Isaiah 43:18-19 (KJV)

Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV)

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

Luke 12:25 (NIV)

Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life?

Proverbs 12:25 (NKJV)

Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression, But a good word makes it glad.

Worship

Psalms 86:9 (KJV)

All nations whom Thou hast made shall come and worship before Thee, O Lord, and shall glorify Thy name.

Psalms 5:7 (KJV)

But as for me, I will come into Thy house in the multitude of Thy mercy, and in Thy fear will I worship toward Thy holy temple.

John 4:23-24 (KJV)

But the hour cometh and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth."

Psalms 99:5 (NASB)

Exalt ye Jehovah our God, And worship at his footstool: Holy is he.

Exodus 34:14 (KJV)

For thou shalt worship no other god; for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God

1 Chronicles 16:29 (KJV)

Give unto the LORD the glory due unto His name; bring an offering, and come before Him; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

Psalms 29:2 (KJV)

Give unto the LORD the glory due unto His name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

Psalms 95:6 (KJV)

O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

Matthew 4:10 (KJV)

Then said Jesus unto him, "Get thee hence, Satan! For it is written: 'Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.'"

Romans 12:1 (NIV)

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual[act of worship.

Exodus 23:25-26 (NIV)

Worship the LORD your God, and his blessing will be on your food and water. I will take away sickness from among you, and none will miscarry or be barren in your land. I will give you a full life span.

Youth

Leviticus 19:3 (NKJV)

Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father, and keep My Sabbaths: I am the Lord your God.

Malachi 4:6 (NKJV)

And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."

1 Peter 2:9 (KJV)

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light;

Proverbs 22:28 (NKJV)

Do not move the ancient landmark that your fathers have set.

Isaiah 40:29-31 (KJV)

He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Psalms 119:9 (Amplified Bible)

How shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed and keeping watch [on himself] according to Your word [conforming his life to it].

1 Timothy 4:12 (KJV)

Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

Ecclesiastes 11:9 (Amplified Bible)

Rejoice, O young man, in your adolescence, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your [full-grown] youth. And walk in the ways of your heart and in the sight of your eyes, but

know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment.

Ecclesiastes 12:1 (NIV)

Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them"

Deuteronomy 5:16 (CEV)

Respect your father and mother, and you will live a long and successful life in the land I am giving you.

Proverbs 20:29 (KJV)

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