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Preface

The purpose of this *Survival Handbook for a Disciple of Jesus* is to give you immediate access to **the gospel truth**. Jesus said: *"The Words that I speak unto you, they are Spirit and they are life" (John 6:63)*. Our desire is to bless you with these powerful Words of life! *"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" (John 8:31,32)*.

Preachers have relied on these verses when preparing a message.

Thousands of disciples have been won to Christ and trained through the words in this handbook.

Missionaries and **Bible teachers** have used these scriptures as a resource to instruct many in biblical truths.

The faith of many **prayer warriors** has come through these scriptures. *"Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God" (Romans 10:17)*.

Parents have drawn on this indispensable wealth of wisdom in bringing up their children in the *"nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph.6:4)*.

These **key Bible verses** are **tried and proven** for personal guidance and meditation, for prosperity and health, for joy and peace, for instruction and teaching, for witnessing, for comfort and strength in time of need.

By meditating on these scriptures, the Holy Spirit will **quicken** the mysteries of the Kingdom of God to you. *"Howbeit, when He the Spirit of truth is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will shew you things to come" (Jn 16:13)*.

Because the Word of God is the cornerstone of Christian discipleship, all those who strive for discipleship should **know and make use** of the powerful scriptures in this handbook! *“Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of Mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock” (Matthew 7:24).*

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Salvation, the New Testament

Salvation Only through Jesus

Jesus came to bare witness to the truth and to re-establish the Kingdom of God on earth, that all may have eternal life. "And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, Whom Thou hast sent " (John 17:3).

Mt 18:3 Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Jn 1:12 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.

Jn 3:3b Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God.

Jn 3:16 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.

Jn 18:37b To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth My voice.

Jn 3:17 For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

Jn 10:9 I am the door: by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

Jn 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.

Jn 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, Whom Thou hast sent.

Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Acts 16:31 Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

2Cor 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

1Tim 2:5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

Ro 10:9,10,13 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. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

1Peter 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

Rev 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me.

We Have All Sinned by the Old Law

All are sinners and condemned by the old law, but grace (the gift of God) has redeemed all those who believe in Jesus. Not by our own works, not by the old law, but by faith alone.

Ro 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

Ro 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Eph 2:8,9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: It is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Tit 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost.

1Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Our Salvation is Eternal

Our salvation is a gift from God and you can't lose it. It is given to all

those who receive Jesus as Lord.

Jn 3:36a He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life.

Jn 6:37 All that the Father giveth Me shall come to Me; and him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out.

Jn 10:27,28 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand.

Jn 11:25,26 I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.

2Pt 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Grace Replaced the Old Law

The old law brought condemnation and death, but Jesus redeemed us by grace.

Ro 3:20,22-24 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in His sight: for by the (old) law is the knowledge of sin. Even the righteousness of God which is by faith in Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

Ro 3:28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

Ro 5:6,8 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Ro 5:17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one (Adam); much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift

of righteousness shall reign in life by One, Jesus Christ.

Ro 6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

Ro 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Ro 10:4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth.

Ro 11:6 And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.

Ro 14:17 For the Kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

2Cor 5:21 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.

Eph 2:8,9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Gal 2:16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

Gal 3:24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

Gal 5:4 Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.

Phil 3:9 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.

Titus 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men.

Heb 4:15,16 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. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Heb 8:12,13 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. In that He saith, A new covenant, He hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.

Heb 10:14-17 For by one offering He hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that He had said before, This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

Newness of Life and Spiritual Growth

Being born again is being born of the Spirit. (See also: What is a Disciple)

Ez 36:26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

Ps 40:3 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.

Ps 119:113 I hate vain thoughts: but Thy law do I love.

Mt 7:24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of Mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock.

Jn 12:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

Ro 6:4 Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Ro 8:5-7 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 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, neither indeed can be.

Ro 12:1,2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.

2Cor 4:16,17 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

2Cor 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

2Cor 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, Who loved me, and gave Himself for me.

Eph 4:23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind.

Phil 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.

Phi 3:13,14 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Phil 4:8 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.

The Power of the Holy Spirit

Jesus gave us the Holy Spirit when He left earth to guide us into all truth and to give us power to witness.

Mt 7:11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask Him?

Lk 4:18,19 The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He hath anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

Jn 7:38,39 He that believeth on Me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake He of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

Jn 14:26 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.

Jn 15:26 But when the Comforter is come, Whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of Me.

Jn 16:7 I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you.

Jn 16:13 When He, the Spirit of truth is come. He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever

He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will show you things to come.

Acts 1:8 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 Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

Acts 2:17,18 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on My servants and on My handmaidens I will pour out in those days of My Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

Acts 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 4:31b And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the Word of God with boldness.

Acts 19:6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

Ro 8:26,27 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And He that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because He maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

Ro 14:17 For the Kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

1Cor 12:8-11 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: But all of these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as He will.

1Cor 14:2 For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth Him; howbeit in the Spirit he speaketh mysteries.

1Cor 14:39 Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues.

2Cor 3:17b Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

Gal 5:18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

Gal 5:22,23 The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Eph 3:16 That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man.

Eph 5:18b,19 Be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.

Jude 20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost.

The Word of God

*The Bible tells us God created the world by His spoken Word. The Bible clearly states in the first chapter of John that **Jesus is the Word of God made flesh!** In the parable of the sower, Jesus explained to His disciples how the Kingdom of God functions. He said: "The Kingdom of God is like a farmer who soweth seeds" (Mk 4:26), and He said that the seed is the Word of God, and once buried in our hearts, it grows into a harvest of blessings in our lives! He even added that this was the most important of all parables. And this 'gardening' rule is a law of God, also known as "we reap what we sow."*

*Furthermore, because all **power** is given by the **Word of God** (Jesus), **those who believe on Him and abide** in the Word have **access to the same power** and can do the same works, and even greater works,*

including resisting satan, since he has been defeated by the victory of Jesus (Word of God) on the cross.

The Word of God is what gives us faith. And knowing that we cannot please God without faith, it compels us to know and study His Word. Then, through faith, we apply and sow the Word into our lives. The incorruptible seed of the Word of God is the most powerful force in the universe.

Jesus is the Word, the Creator, and the Power

Ps 33:6,9 By the Word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. For He spake, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.

Jn 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made.

Jn 1:14 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.

Heb 1:3 Who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the Word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.

Heb 1:10 Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of Thine hands.

Heb 4:12 For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Heb 11:3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

Rev 19:11-13 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and He that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns; and He had a name written, that no man knew, but He Himself. And He was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and His name is called the Word of God.

The Word of God Will Never Fail

Num 23:19 God is not a man, that He should lie; neither the Son of Man, that He should repent: hath He said, and shall He not do it? or hath He spoken, and shall He not make it good?

1Kg 8:56b There hath not failed one Word of all His good promise, which He promised by the hand of Moses His servant.

Ps 119:89 For ever, O Lord, Thy Word is settled in heaven.

Ps 119:160 Thy Word is true from the beginning: and every one of Thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.

Ps 138:2b For Thou hast magnified Thy Word above all Thy name.

Isa 40:8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the Word of our God shall stand for ever.

Isa 55:10,11 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.

Josh 23:14b Not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the Lord your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof.

Mt 24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My Words shall not pass away.

1Pet 1:25a But the Word of the Lord endureth for ever.

The Benefits of being in the Word

Ps 37:31 The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.

Ps 19:7 The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

Ps 119:9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to Thy Word.

Ps 119:105 Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Ps 119:165 Great peace have they which love Thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

Josh 1:8 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.

Jer 15:16a Thy Words were found, and I did eat them; and Thy Word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart.

Jn 8:31b,32 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.

Jn 15:3 Now ye are clean through the Word which I have spoken unto you.

Ro 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.

Eph 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.

1Pet 2:2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby.

2Pet 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Love for God's Word

Job 23:12 Neither have I gone back from the commandment of

His lips; I have esteemed the Words of His mouth more than my necessary food.

Ps 1:2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth he meditate day and night.

Ps 40:8 I delight to do Thy will, O my God: yea, Thy law is within my heart.

Ps 119:167 My soul hath kept Thy testimonies; and I love them exceedingly.

Ps 119:47,48 And I will delight myself in Thy commandments, which I have loved. My hands also will I lift up unto Thy commandments, which I have loved; and I will meditate in Thy statutes.

Ps 119:72 The law of Thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.

Jn 15:11 These things have I spoken unto you, that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

Study and Meditate on God's Word

Ps 1:2,3 But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Ps 119:97 O how I love Thy law! It is my meditation all the day.

Ps 119:99 Thy testimonies are my meditation.

Ps 119:130 The entrance of Thy Words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

Pr 4:20-22 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.

Mt 4:4 Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Jn 6:63 It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the Words that I speak unto you, they are Spirit, and they are life.

1Tim 4:15 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

2Tim 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth.

Heb 2:1 Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.

Obedience to God's Word

Isa 1:19 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land.

Ps 119:34 I shall keep Thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

Mt 7:24-27 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of Mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of Mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

Jn 13:17 If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

Jn 14:15 If ye love Me, keep My commandments.

Jn 14:21,23 He that hath My commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me: and he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him. Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love Me, he will keep My Words: and My Father will love him, and We will come unto him, and make Our abode with him.

Jn 15:14 Ye are My friends if you do whatsoever I command you.

Acts 5:29 Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, we ought to obey God rather than men.

Jam 1:22-25 Be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the Word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

Jam 4:17 To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

1Jn 2:5 But whoso keepeth His Word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in Him.

2Jn 1:6a This is love, that we walk after His commandments.

Memorization of God's Word

Deut 11:18a Therefore shall ye lay up these My Words in your heart and in your soul.

Ps 37:31 The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.

Ps 40:8 I delight to do Thy will, O my God: yea, Thy law is within my heart.

Ps 119:129 Thy testimonies are wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them.

Pr 4:4 He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain My Words: keep My commandments, and live.

Ps 119:11 Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee.

Hearing from God

Learn to hear His voice through the Word, meditation, quietness and listening to the Holy Spirit. (See also: Find and Fulfill God's Will)

1Ki 19:12 And after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.

Ps 46:10 Be still, and know that I am God.

Pr 3:5,6 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.

Pr 16:3 Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established.

Isa 30:21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

Lk 8:10 And He said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.

Lk 12:12 For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say.

Jn 5:30 I can of Mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and My judgment is just; because I seek not Mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent Me.

Jn 8:47a He that is of God heareth God's Words.

Jn 10:4,5 And when He putteth forth His own sheep, He goeth before them, and the sheep follow Him: for they know His voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

Jn 10:27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

Jn 14:26 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.

Jn 16:13 Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He

shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will shew you things to come.

Ro 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit.

Col 3:15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts.

2Tim 3:16,17 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Heb 2:1 Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.

Heb 4:12 For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Heb 5:14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Heb 8:10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put My laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts.

Faith – The Key to the New Testament

Faith – The Only Way to Please God

The Kingdom of God operates through our faith in His Word.

Mt 9:29b According to your faith be it unto you.

Jn 20:27b Be not faithless, but believing.

Ro 4:20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God.

Ro 10:17 Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.

Ro 12:3b God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

Ro 14:23b Whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

2Cor.5:7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.

2Cor 4:18a We look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are not seen are eternal.

Heb 4:2b But the Word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

Heb 4:11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

Heb 10:23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; for He is faithful that promised.

Heb 10:35 Cast not away therefore your confidence, (faith) which hath great recompense of reward.

Heb 10:38,39a Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, My soul shall have no pleasure in him.

Heb 11:1,6 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. 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.

Heb 12:2 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.

Jam 1:6-8 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 anything from the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

Jam 2:26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

2Tim 2:13 If we believe not, yet He abideth faithful: He cannot deny Himself.

1Jn 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

Man is Given Authority through Christ

As born again Christians, we are given the same authority (power)

that Jesus had when He was on earth. (See also: Jesus Gave Us Authority to Heal)

Gen 1:26-28 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Ps 8:4-6 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.

Mt 8:8-10 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the Word only, and my servant shall be healed. For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. When Jesus heard it, He marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

Mk 9:23 If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

Mt 17:20b Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

Mt 16:19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed

in heaven.

Mt 21:21,22 Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done. And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

Mt 28:18b All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth.

Mk 11:23,24 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. What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Lk 1:37 For with God nothing shall be impossible.

Lk 18:27 And He said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.

Jn 14:12,13 He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto My Father. 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 anything in My name, I will do it.

Jn 15:7 If ye abide in Me, and My Words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

Jn 16:23,24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My name, He will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in My name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

Eph 1:19-22 And what is the exceeding greatness of His power to usward who believe, according to the working of His mighty power, Which He wrought in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and set Him at His Own right hand in the heavenly places; Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that

which is to come: And hath put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be the head over all things to the church.

Eph 3:20 Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

Phil 2:9-11 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Our Relationship with the Lord

Worship Him by Loving Him

God needs our love too, and we love Him by worshipping Him!

Deut 6:5 Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Ps 34:1-3 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.

Ps 42:1 As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after Thee, O God.

Ps 63:1-4 God, Thou art my God; early will I seek Thee: my soul thirsteth for Thee, my flesh longeth for Thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is. Thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise Thee. Thus will I bless Thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in Thy name.

Ps 73:25 Whom have I in heaven but Thee? And there is none upon earth that I desire beside Thee.

Ps 119:20 My soul breaketh for the longing that it hath unto Thy judgments at all times.

Pr 8:17 I love them that love Me; and those that seek Me early shall find Me.

Mt 22:37,38 Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment.

Jn 4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

Jam 4:8a Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you.

How Much God Loves Us

God is not angry with us, nor does He harm us or cause us grief! He loves us!

Jer 29:11 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.

Jer 31:3 I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

Isa 62:5b As the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.

Jn 14:23 If a man love Me, he will keep My Words: and My Father will love him, and We will come unto him, and make Our abode with him.

Ro 5:8 But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Ro 8:17a And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ.

Ro 8:38,39 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come. Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gal 4:5-7 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a

son, then an heir of God through Christ.

1Jn 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not.

1Jn 4:9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.

1Jn 4:19 We love Him, because He first loved us.

Reverencing (Fear of) the Lord

To love, honor, respect and obey is to have reverence.

Deut 10:12b What doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all His ways, and to love Him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul.

1Sam 12:24 Only fear the Lord, and serve Him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things He hath done for you.

Ps 25:14 The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him; and He will shew them His covenant.

Ps 31:19a Oh how great is Thy goodness, which Thou hast laid up for them that fear Thee.

Ps 103:11 For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward them that fear Him.

Ps 111:10a The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Ps 147:11 The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear Him, in those that hope in His mercy.

Pr 1:7a The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge.

Pr 8:13a The fear of the Lord is to hate evil.

Pr 14:26-27 The fear of the Lord is strong confidence. The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life.

Lk 1:50 And His mercy is on them that fear Him from generation to generation.

Acts 10:35 But in every nation he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him.

Resting in the Lord

He desires for us to "come unto Him and rest".

Ps 23:2,3a He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul.

Ps 46:10a Be still, and know that I am God.

Ps 37:7a Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him.

Isa 30:7b Their strength is to sit still.

Isa 30:15 For thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and ye would not.

Isa 40:29-31 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.

Mt 11:28-29 Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Heb 4:9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.

Heb 4:11a Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest.

Prayer

God Answers Our Prayers

Our divine method of communicating with our Heavenly Father and Jesus by the Holy Spirit!

Isa 30:19b He will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy

cry; when He shall hear it, He will answer thee.

Isa 65:24 And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

Jer 33:3 Call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

Ps 50:15 And call upon Me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me.

Ps 91:15a He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him.

Ps 116:1,2 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.

Mt 6:6b 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.

Mt 7:7,8 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Jn 15:7 If ye abide in Me, and My Words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

Ro 8:34 It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, Who is even at the right hand of God, Who also maketh intercession for us.

Jam 5:16b The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Praise and Thankfulness

There is so much power in praise!

2Chro 20:22 And when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against their ... (enemies) and they were smitten.

Jonah 2:9a But I will sacrifice unto Thee with the voice of thanksgiving.

Ps 5:11 But let all those that put their trust in Thee rejoice: let

them ever shout for joy, because Thou defendest them: let them also that love Thy name be joyful in Thee.

Ps 16:11b In Thy presence is fulness of joy; at Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Ps 32:11 Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

Ps 33:1 Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.

Ps 34:1 I will bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Ps 35:28 My tongue shall speak of Thy righteousness and of Thy praise all the day long.

Ps 50:23 Whoso offereth praise glorifieth Me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God.

Ps 68:19 Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation.

Ps 71:8 Let my mouth be filled with Thy praise and with Thy honour all the day.

Ps 71:14 But I will hope continually, and will yet praise Thee more and more.

Ps 89:15 Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance.

Ps 92:1,2 It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto Thy name, O Most High: To shew forth Thy lovingkindness in the morning, and Thy faithfulness every night.

Ps 100:4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him and bless His name.

Ps 103:1,2 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.

Ps 107:8 Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

Ps 107:22 And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare His works with rejoicing.

Ps 113:3 From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord's name is to be praised.

Ps 147:1 Praise ye the Lord: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely.

Ps 150:6 Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.

Eph 5:19,20 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1Thes 5:16-18 Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Phil 4:6-8 Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. 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.

Heb 13:15 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.

Rev 19:5b Praise our God, all ye His servants, and ye that fear Him, both small and great.

Pray in Faith (Believe)

The only way to have faith is to know the Word! (See also: Faith –The Only Way to Please God)

Mt 21:21,22 Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which

is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done. And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

Mk 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Ro 4:21 And being fully persuaded that, what He had promised, He was able also to perform.

Heb 7:25 Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them.

Heb 11:6 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.

Jam 1:6,7 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.

1Jn 3:22 Whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.

Ro 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.

Desperate Prayer

When we feel the need to cry out desperately in prayer, God is always right there, listening, answering!

2Sam 22:7 In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried to my God: and He did hear my voice out of His temple, and my cry did enter into His ears.

Ps 22:24 For He hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath He hid His face from him; but when he cried unto Him, He heard.

Ps 55:17 Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and He shall hear my voice.

Ps 62:8 Trust in Him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before Him: God is a refuge for us.

Ps 102:17 He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.

Ps 119:10 With my whole heart have I sought Thee: O let me not wander from Thy commandments.

Lam 2:19a Arise, cry out in the night: in the beginning of the watches pour out thine heart like water before the face of the Lord.

Jer 29:13 And ye shall seek Me, and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart.

Healing

Jesus Healed Every One of Them

Jesus never made anyone sick. He healed them all!

Ps 107:20 He sent His Word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

Mt 4:23,24 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. And His fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto Him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and He healed them.

Mt 8:16,17 When the even was come, they brought unto Him many that were possessed with devils: and He cast out the spirits with His Word, and healed all that were sick: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.

Mt 14:14 And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and He healed their sick.

Lk 4:39 And He stood over her, and rebuked the fever; and it left her: and immediately she arose and ministered unto them.

Lk 4:40 Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto Him; and He laid His hands on every one of them, and healed them.

Lk 9:11 And the people, when they knew it, followed Him: and He received them, and spake unto them of the Kingdom of God, and healed them that had need of healing.

Acts 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him.

Jesus Gave Us Authority to Heal

As born again Christians, we have the same authority as Jesus had. We are commissioned to also heal the sick and cast out demons! (See also: Man Is Given Authority by Christ)

Mt 10:1 And when He had called unto Him His twelve disciples, He gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

Mt 10:7,8 And as ye go, preach, saying, The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

Mk 16:17,18 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.

Lk 4:33,36 And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice. —And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What a word is this! For with authority and power He commandeth the

unclean spirits, and they come out.

Lk 9:1,2 Then He called His twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure disease. And He sent them to preach the Kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.

Lk 10:19 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.

Jn 14:12-14 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto My Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you shall ask anything in My name, I will do it.

Healing is Here for You

We can heal ourselves through believing and claiming His Word!

2Ki 20:5b I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee.

Isa 53:5 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.

Jer 30:17a For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the Lord.

Mal 4:2a Unto you that fear My name shall the Son of righteousness arise with healing in His wings.

Ps 34:19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.

Ps 103:3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; Who healeth all thy diseases.

Ps 147:3 He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

Pr 17:22 A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

Isa 40:29 He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might He increaseth strength.

Lk 17:14b And it came to pass, that, as they went they were cleansed (healed).

1Pt 2:24 Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by Whose stripes ye were healed.

Acts 9:34a Jesus Christ maketh thee whole.

3Jn 1:2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

Love for Others

Mt 5:43-44,46-47 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; – For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?

Mt 7:12 Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

Mt 22:37-40 Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Mt 25:35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave Me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave Me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took Me in.

Mt 25:40b Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me.

Lk 6:31-35 And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye

also to them likewise. For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them. And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same. And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for He is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.

Jn 13:34,35 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.

Jn 15:13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Ro 12:10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another.

Ro 13:8 Owe no man anything, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

Ro 13:10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

1Cor 13:4-8a Love suffereth long, and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up. Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Love never faileth.

1Cor 13:13 And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

1Cor 16:14 Let all your things be done with love.

1Pt 1:22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently.

Col 3:12-14 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

Gal 5:14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Gal 6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

1Pet 4:8 Above all things have fervent love among yourselves: for love shall cover the multitude of sins.

1Jn 2:10 He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.

1Jn 3:16-18 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. My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

1Jn 4:7,8 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

1Jn 4:11,12 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and His love is perfected in us.

1Jn 4:20,21 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from Him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

Gal 5:13b By love serve one another.

Eph 5:2a And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given Himself for us.

Witnessing

The Great Commission

- And the greatest privilege! – To walk as Jesus walked!

Eze 3:17-19 Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the Word at My mouth, and give them warning from Me. When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

Pr 11:30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.

Dan 12:3 They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever.

Mt 4:19 And He saith unto them, Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.

Mk 8:35 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for My sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.

Mt 9:37,38 Then saith He unto His disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest.

Mt 28:19,20 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

Mk 16:15 Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature.

Lk 9:3-5 And He said unto them, Take nothing for your journey, neither staves, nor scrip, neither bread, neither money; neither have two coats apiece. And whatsoever house ye enter into, there abide, and thence depart. And whosoever will not receive you,

when ye go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet for a testimony against them.

Mark 16:20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the Word with signs following.

Lk 12:8,9 Also I say unto you, whosoever shall confess Me before men, him shall the Son of Man also confess before the angels of God: But he that denieth Me before men shall be denied before the angels of God.

Jn 15:16 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.

Jn 20:21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as My Father hath sent Me, even so send I you.

Acts 5:42 Daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

Ro 10:14,15 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

2Tim 4:2a Preach the Word, be instant in season, out of season.

Boldness and Conviction

A gift of the Holy Spirit!

Ps 119:46 I will speak of Thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed.

Isa 40:9b Lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!

Isa 50:4a The Lord God hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary.

Jer 1:7 Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.

Mt 5:14,15 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.

Mt 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Mk 8:38 Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of Me and of My Words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of Man be ashamed, when He cometh in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.

Lk 12:8 Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess Me before men, him shall the Son of Man also confess before the angels of God.

Acts 1:8 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.

Acts 4:13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

Acts 5:29 Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, we ought to obey God rather than men.

Acts 18:9,10 Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace: For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city.

Ro 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth.

Eph 6:19,20 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Tit 2:15 These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

1Pet 3:15b Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.

Feeding the Sheep and Discipling

As a disciple of Jesus, we must teach the Word as Jesus did.

Pr 27:23 Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and look well to thy herds.

Eze 34:11 For thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I, even I, will both search My sheep, and seek them out.

Jn 15:8 Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be My disciples.

Jn 21:16 He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou Me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; Thou knowest that I love Thee. He saith unto him, Feed My sheep.

1Cor 3:6,7 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

2Tim 2:2 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.

1Pet 5:2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind.

Keeping Your Witness Simple

Jesus always taught the Word so that anyone could understand!

Mt 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

1Cor 1:17 For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the

gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.

1Cor 1:27-29 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in His presence.

1Cor 2:4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.

2Cor 1:12 For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward.

2Cor 3:12 Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech.

1Thes 2:3-6 For our exhortation was not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile: But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts. For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloke of covetousness; God is witness: Nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor yet of others, when we might have been burdensome, as the apostles of Christ.

Titus 3:9 But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain.

Be a Disciple of Jesus Christ

What is a Disciple?

Jesus said, "Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be My disciples".

Mt 6:24 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.

Mt 10:36-38 A man's foes shall be they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after Me, is not worthy of Me.

Mt 16:24,25 Then said Jesus unto His disciples, If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for My sake shall find it.

Mt 19:29 Every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

Mk 10:21 Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow Me.

Lk 9:62 No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

Lk 14:33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be My disciple.

Jn 8:31b,32 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.

Jn 12:25 He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

Jn 13:35 By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Jn 15:8 Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be My disciples.

1Cor 6:20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in

your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

2Cor 5:14a For the love of Christ constraineth us.

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, Who loved me, and gave Himself for me.

Phil 1:29 For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on Him, but also to suffer for His sake.

Phil 3:7,8 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.

Eph 6:6 Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart.

2Tim 2:3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

1Pt 2:9 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.

Fruitfulness in Our Life

We bear fruit by sowing the seed of the Word of God.

Ps 1:3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither, and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Mt 7:18,20 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

Mt 25:34-40 Then shall the King say unto them on His right hand, Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave Me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave Me drink: I was a stranger, and ye

took Me in: Naked, and ye clothed Me: I was sick, and ye visited Me: I was in prison, and ye came unto Me. Then shall the righteous answer Him, saying, Lord, when saw we Thee an hungred, and fed Thee? Or thirsty, and gave Thee drink? When saw we Thee a stranger, and took Thee in? Or naked, and clothed Thee? Or when saw we Thee sick, or in prison, and came unto Thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me.

Mk 4:19 And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lust of other things entering in, choke the Word, and it becometh unfruitful.

Jn 6:27 Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for Him hath God the Father sealed.

Jn 12:24 Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

Jn 15:8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be My disciples.

Jn 15:4,5 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in Me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without Me ye can do nothing.

Ro 7:4 Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to Him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.

The Christian Disciple's Relationship to the World

Jesus said, "You are not of this world".

Pr 1:10 My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.

Mt 10:16 Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

Mt 10:25 It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and

the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household?

Mk 4:11,12 And He said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the Kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables: That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them.

Mk 6:4-6 But Jesus, said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house. And He could there do no mighty work, save that He laid His hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them. And He marvelled because of their unbelief. And He went round about the villages, teaching.

Mk 8:36-38 For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of Me and of My Words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when He cometh in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.

Mt 7:13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat.

Jn 17:14-16 I have given them Your Word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

Jn 17:17-21 Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy Word is truth. As thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word; 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.

Ro 8:5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

Ro 12:2 Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

1Cor 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

1Cor 10:20,21 But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.

2Cor 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness?

2Cor 6:17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.

Gal 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

Col 3:2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

Eph 5:11 Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

2Tim 2:4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please Him Who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

Jam 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

1Jn 2:15-17 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the

world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 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. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

1Jn 5:19 And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.

Persecution for Christ's Sake

This is a promise to all those who believe in Jesus. (See also: God is Our Protection)

Mt 5:44 Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.

Mt 5:10-12 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.

Mt 10:17,18 But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues; And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for My sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles.

Mt 10:19,20 But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.

Mt 10:22,23a And ye shall be hated of all men for My name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved. But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another.

Mt 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear Him which is able to destroy both soul

and body in hell.

Mt 24:8-10 All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for My name's sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

Mk 13:11 But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost.

Mk 13:13 And ye shall be hated of all men for My name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Mk 15:10 For He knew that the chief priests had delivered Him for envy.

Lk 6:22,23 Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of Man's sake. Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.

Lk 21:15 For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.

Jn 15:19,20 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the Word that I said unto you, the servant is not greater than his Lord. If they have persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept My saying, they will keep yours also.

Jn 16:2 They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service.

Jn 16:33 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.

Jn 16:20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy.

Jn 17:14 I have given them Thy Word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

Acts 4:29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto Thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak Thy Word.

Phil 1:29 For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on Him, but also to suffer for His sake.

2Tim 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

1Pt 3:14 But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled.

1Pt 4:16 Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.

Rev 2:10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation...be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

False Religion vs True Discipleship

Tradition in religion makes the Word of God of none effect. The true disciple follows the Words of Jesus.

Jer 3:15 And I will give you pastors according to Mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

Hos 4:6a My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge.

Mt 7:21-23 Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father

which is in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy name? and in Thy name have cast out devils? and in Thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity.

Mt 15:3 But He answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?

Mt 15:8 This people draweth nigh unto Me with their mouth, and honoureth Me with their lips; but their heart is far from Me.

Mt 15:14 Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.

Mt 23:2,3,5 The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat: All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not. But all their works they do for to be seen of men.

Mt 23:11-13 But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted. But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.

Mt 23:25 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.

Mt 24:4,5 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in My name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

Mk 7:13 Making the Word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.

Mk 8:38 Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of Me and of My Words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when He cometh in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.

Mk 10:45 For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many.

Lk 15:4 What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?

Lk 18:11,12 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.

Jn 4:23,24 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers 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.

Jn 9:40,41 And some of the Pharisees which were with Him heard these Words, and said unto Him, Are we blind also? Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth.

Jn 10:4 And when He putteth forth His own sheep, He goeth before them, and the sheep follow Him: for they know His voice.

Jn 10:11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth His life for the sheep.

Acts 7:48 Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet.

1Cor 1:17 For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.

1Cor 2:4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.

Gal 1:6,7 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from Him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert

the gospel of Christ.

Gal 1:9 As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

Phil 4:9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

1Tim 4:12 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.

1Pt 5:2,3 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.

1Jn 3:16 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.

Unity and Fellowship of the Body of Christ

Christians need to walk in unity, and let the Word and the love of God be the focus of their assembly.

Ecc 4:9,10,12 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. And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

Ps 133:1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

Mt 18:19,20 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.

Jn 17:21 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.

Acts 2:44,45 And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.

Acts 4:32a And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul.

Ro 12:5 We, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

Ro 14:19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

1Cor 1:10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

1Cor 12:14-18 For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased Him.

1Cor 14:26 How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying.

Eph 4:3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Phil 1:27b Stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the Gospel.

Phil 2:2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

1Jn 1:7a If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another.

The Power of the Tongue

God Gave Us Power (Authority) through the Spoken Word

Pr 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

Pr 23:7a For as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he.

Mk 11:23 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.

Mt 12:34b Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

Mt 12:36,37 But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

Mt 15:18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.

Mt 16:19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Kind Words

2Chro 10:7 And they spake unto him, saying, If thou be kind to this people, and please them, and speak good words to them, they will be thy servants for ever.

Ps 19:14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

Ps 35:28 And my tongue shall speak of Thy righteousness and of

Thy praise all the day long.

Pr 10:11a The mouth of a righteous man is a well of life.

Pr 15:1a A soft answer turneth away wrath.

Pr 15:4a A wholesome tongue is a tree of life.

Pr 16:1 The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the Lord.

Pr 16:24 Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.

Pr 14:3b The lips of the wise shall preserve them.

Pr 31:26b In her tongue is the law of kindness.

Eph 4:29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

The Uncontrolled Tongue (Anger, Criticising, Bitterness, Judging and Gossiping)

Ps 39:1a I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle.

Pr 13:3 He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.

Pr 10:18 He that hideth hatred with lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, is a fool.

Pr 25:9 Debate thy cause with thy neighbour himself; and discover not a secret to another.

Pr 26:20 Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out: so where there is no talebearer, the strife ceaseth.

Pr 29:11 A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise man keepeth it in till afterwards.

Pr 30:32 If thou hast done foolishly in lifting up thyself, or if thou hast thought evil, lay thine hand upon thy mouth.

Pr 12:22a Lying lips are abomination to the Lord.

Pr 14:29 He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding; but he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly.

Pr 15:1b Grievous words stir up anger.

Pr 15:18 A wrathful man stirreth up strife: but he that is slow to anger appeaseth strife.

Pr 16:28b A whisperer separateth chief friends.

Pr 16:32 He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.

Pr 17:14 The beginning of strife is as when one letteth out water: therefore leave off contention, before it be meddled with.

Pr 18:13 He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him.

Pr 20:3a It is an honour for a man to cease from strife: but every fool will be meddling.

Pr 24:28 Be not a witness against thy neighbour without cause; and deceive not with thy lips.

Pr 25:8 Go not forth hastily to strive, lest thou know not what to do in the end thereof, when thy neighbour hath put thee to shame.

Pr 25:18 A man that beareth false witness against his neighbour is a maul, and a sword, and a sharp arrow.

Pr 26:21 As coals are to burning coals, and wood to fire; so is a contentious man to kindle strife.

Pr 28:25 He that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife.

Pr 29:20 Seest thou a man that is hasty in his words? there is more hope of a fool than of him.

Pr 29:22 An angry man stirreth up strife, and a furious man aboundeth in transgression.

Ecc 4:6 Better is an handful with quietness, than both the hands full with travail and vexation of spirit.

Ecc 7:8,9 Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: and

the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit. Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools.

Ecc 10:20 Curse not the king, no not in thy thought; and curse not the rich in thy bedchamber: for a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter.

Mt 7:1,2 Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

Mt 7:3-5 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

Jn 7:24 Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.

Ro 2:1-3 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?

Ro 14:3 Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him.

Ro 14:13 Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.

1Cor 15:33 Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

Eph 4:29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may

minister grace unto the hearers.

Phil 2:3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

Titus 3:2a To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers.

Jam 1:26 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.

Jam 3:5,6,8 Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth. And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

Jam 3:16 For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

1Pt 3:9a Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing.

Slow to Speak

Pr 10:19b He that refraineth his lips is wise.

Pr 11:12b A man of understanding holdeth his peace.

Pr 17:27,28 He that hath knowledge spareth his words: and a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit. Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding.

Pr 21:23 Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.

Pr 29:20 Seest thou a man that is hasty in his words? there is more hope of a fool than of him.

Jam 1:19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.

Confessions

A confession (*also known as a profession*) is a means of calling things that are not as though they were (Ro 4:17). It solidifies and reinforces our faith and belief in the Word and its power in our lives. *"Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; for he is faithful that promised"* (Heb 10:23).

We have a number of confessions available online on many topics of our spiritual and practical lives, and you can download those here: TheBibleForYOU.com/confessions. We have also added (below) a sample confession and we encourage YOU to make your own, by appropriating any promise in the Word of God for YOURSELF.

(Sample Confession) My Personal Relationship With the Lord

"I love You, my Lord, my God, with all my heart, with all my soul, and with all my mind" (Mt 22:37). "As the deer pants after the water brooks, so my soul pants after You, my God" (Ps 42:1). "You are my God; early will I seek You: my soul thirsts for You, my flesh longs for you! My soul follows hard after Thee and my mouth shall praise Thee with joyful lips" (Ps 63:1,8a, 5b).

Thank You, Heavenly Father for the strength you supply! "You give power to the faint; and to them that have no might you increase strength. 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" (Isa 40:29,31). "I am strengthened with might by Your Spirit in the inner man" (Eph 3:16).

"The Words that You speak unto me, they are Spirit and they are life" (Jn 6:63b). "The Word of Christ dwells in me richly in all wisdom" (Col 3:16a). "The Word will not depart out of my mouth; but I will meditate in it day and night, to observe to do all that is written therein, for then I will make my way prosperous, and then I shall have good success" (Josh 1:8). "The law of the Spirit of life in You, Jesus, has made me free from the law of sin and death. And the Spirit itself bears witness with my spirit that I am a child of God" (Ro 8:2,16). Thank You, dear Heavenly Father, that through Jesus I can, "Come boldly unto the throne of grace, that I may obtain mercy, and find

grace to help in time of need" (He 4:16). Because, You, Father, "Have raised us up together, and made us sit together in Heavenly places in Christ Jesus" (Eph 2:6a). And You have "delivered me from the power of darkness, and translated me into the kingdom of Your dear Son" (Col 1:13).

Thank You, Jesus, for Your voice! "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me" (Jn 10:27). I am "justified by faith, and have peace with God through Jesus, by Whom also I have access by faith into grace and I rejoice in hope of the glory of God...and the love of God is shed abroad in my heart by the Holy Ghost which has been given to me" (Ro 5:1,5).

Humility and Pride

God Loves the Humble

Micah 6:8 He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

Ps 25:9 The meek will He guide in judgment: and the meek will He teach His way.

Ps 37:11 But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

Pr 15:33 The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility.

Pr 22:4 By humility and the fear of the Lord, are riches, and honour, and life.

Mt 5:5 Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Mt 18:4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Mt 23:12b He that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

Lk 1:52 He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree.

2Cor 10:17 But he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

Col 3:12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering.

Phil 2:5-8 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Jam 4:10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up.

God Resists the Proud

ISam 2:3 Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by Him actions are weighed.

Dan 4:37b Those that walk in pride, He is able to abase.

Ps 51:17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

Ps 10:4 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.

Pr 3:7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil.

Pr 6:16-19 These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

Pr 8:13 The fear of the Lord is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.

Pr 11:2 When pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is wisdom.

Pr 13:10 Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom.

Pr 16:18 Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit

before a fall.

Pr 26:12 Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? There is more hope of a fool than of him.

Pr 27:2 Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.

Pr 28:25a He that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife.

Pr 29:23 A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit.

Mt 23:12 Whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

Lk 14:10 But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have worship (reverence) in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee.

Lk 16:15 And He said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.

Lk 18:9-14 And He spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

Jn 12:43 For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

Ro 12:3a To every man that is among you, not to think of himself

more highly than he ought to think.

1Cor 10:12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

1Pt 5:5,6 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.

1Jn 2:16 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.

Jam 3:16 For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

Strength and Power

The Lord is My Strength

Deut 20:4 For the Lord your God is He that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.

1Chr 28:20b Be strong and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the Lord God, even my God, will be with thee; He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the Lord.

2Chr 32:8b With him is an arm of flesh, but with us is the Lord our God to help us, and to fight our battles.

Neh 8:10b The joy of the Lord is your strength.

Isa 30:7b Their strength is to sit still.

Isa 30:15b In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength.

Isa 40:29-31 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.

Isa 41:10 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.

Jer 32:27 Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there anything too hard for Me?

Zech 4:6b Not by might, nor by power, but by My spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.

Ps 18:29,30b,32 For by Thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall. He is a buckler to all those that trust in Him. It is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect.

Ps 20:7 Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God.

Ps 27:13,14 I had fainted unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.

Ps 28:7,8 The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise Him. The Lord is their strength, and He is the saving strength of His anointed.

Ps 37:39 But the salvation of the righteous is of the Lord: He is their strength in the time of trouble.

Ps 60:11 Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man.

Ps 73:26 My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion forever.

Ps 84:5,7a Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee; in whose heart are the ways of them. They go from strength to strength.

Ps 118:8 It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.

Ps 118:14 The Lord is my strength and song, and is become my salvation.

Ps 119:28 My soul melteth for heaviness: strengthen Thou me according unto Thy Word.

2Cor 3:5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God.

2Cor 12:9,10 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. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

Eph 6:10-12 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Phil 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Depend on the Lord Only

Exo 14:13,14 Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will shew to you to day. The Lord shall fight for you and ye shall hold your peace.

Deut 20:1 When thou goest out to battle against thine enemies, and seest horses, and chariots, and a people more than thou, be not afraid of them: for the Lord thy God is with thee, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

Deut 31:8 And the Lord, He it is that doth go before thee; He will be with thee; He will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed.

Josh 23:10 One man of you shall chase a thousand: for the Lord your God, He it is that fighteth for you, as He hath promised you.

2Chron 20:12 For we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon Thee.

2Chron 20:15b,17 Thus saith the Lord unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's ...Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the Lord...fear not, nor be dismayed; for the Lord will be with you.

2Chron 32:7,8a Be strong and courageous, be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that is with him: for there be more with us than with him: With him is an arm of the flesh; but with us is the Lord our God to help us, and to fight our battles.

ISam 2:9 He will keep the feet of His saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail.

ISam 14:6b There is no restraint to the Lord to save by many or by few.

ISam 17:47 And all this assembly shall know that the Lord saveth not with sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's, and He will give you into our hands.

Ps 17:5 Hold up my goings in Thy paths, that my footsteps slip not.

Ps 35:10 Lord, who is like unto Thee, which deliverest the poor from him that is too strong. Yea, the poor and the needy from him that spoileth him?

Ps 26:1b I have trusted also in the Lord; therefore I shall not slide.

Ps 60:11 Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man.

Ps 62:5 My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from Him.

Ps 112:7,8 He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord. His heart is established, he shall not be afraid, until he see his desire upon his enemies.

Psa 118:6 The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?

Isa 26:4 Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.

Peace instead of Fear

(See also: God is Our Protection)

Deut 31:6 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.

Isa 12:2a God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid.

Isa 26:3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee.

Isa 41:10 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.

Isa 41:13 For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.

Psa 119:165 Great peace have they which love Thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

Psa 34:4 I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Psa 23:4 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.

Psa 27:1 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?

Psa 34:4 I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Psa 46:1,2 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed,

and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.

Ps 56:3,4 What time I am afraid, I will trust in Thee. In God I will praise His Word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

Ps 91:2,5 I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day.

Ps 118:6 The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?

Pr 1:33 But whoso hearkeneth unto Me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

Pr 3:24-26 When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet. Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh. For the Lord shall be thy confidence and shall keep thy foot from being taken.

Pr 29:25 The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe.

Jer 1:8 Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord.

Mk 5:36b Be not afraid, only believe.

Jn 14:27 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.

Phil 4:7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

2Tim 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

1Jn 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

Trust God for Blessed Sleep

Ps 3:5 I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the Lord sustained me.

Ps 4:8 I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for Thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.

Ps 127:2 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.

Ecc 5:12 The sleep of a labouring man is sweet, whether he eat little or much: but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep.

Isa 57:2 He shall enter into peace: they shall rest in their beds, each one walking in his uprightness.

Jer 31:26 Upon this I awaked, and beheld; and my sleep was sweet unto me.

Ps 42:8 The Lord will command His lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night His song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.

Ps 63:5,6 My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise Thee with joyful lips: When I remember Thee upon my bed, and meditate on Thee in the night watches.

Isa 26:9a With my soul have I desired Thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek Thee early.

Lam 2:19a Arise, cry out in the night: in the beginning of the watches pour out thine heart like water before the face of the Lord.

Overcoming the Enemy

Resist the Devil

Isa 59:19b When the Enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.

Mt 4:10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.

Mt 8:16 They brought unto Him many that were possessed with devils: and He cast out the spirits with His Word, and healed all that were sick.

Mt 10:1 And when He had called unto Him His twelve disciples, He gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

Mt 16:19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Mk 16:17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In My name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues.

Lk 9:42 And as he was yet a coming, the devil threw him down, and tare him. And Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the child, and delivered him again to his father.

Lk 10:17-19 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through Thy name. And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. 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.

Jn 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto My Father.

Acts 5:16 There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

Phil 2:9-11 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

1Tim 6:12 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.

Jam 1:13-15 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth He any man: 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.

Jam 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

1Jn 3:8b For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

1Jn 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world.

Be “On Guard”

Mt 26:41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Lk 11:24-26 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out. And when he cometh, he findeth it swept and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first.

Lk 22:31b,32 Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

Ro 13:14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

1Cor 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, Who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

2Cor 2:11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

2Cor 10:3-5 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after

the flesh: For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds; Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

2Cor 11:3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

Eph 6:10-12 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Eph 6:14,16,17 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.

1Thes 5:8 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.

Heb 12:1,2 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.

1Pt 4:12,13 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.

1Pt 5:8,9a Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist steadfast in the faith.

More than Conquerors

Ro 8:35-37 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.

Phil 3:8 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.

Col 1:12,13 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son.

1Jn 2:14b The Word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.

1Jn 5:5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

Rev 2:7b To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

Rev 3:5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the Book of Life, but I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels.

God is Our Protection

(See also: Peace instead of Fear)

Deut 33:12a The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by Him; and the Lord shall cover him all the day long, and he shall dwell

between His shoulders.

2Chr 14:11b Lord, it is nothing with Thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power: Help us, O Lord our God; for we rest on Thee, and in Thy name we go against this multitude. O Lord, Thou art our God; let not man prevail against Thee.

2Chr 20:12 O our God, wilt Thou not judge them? For we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon Thee.

Isa 59:1 The Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear.

Ps 3:1-3 Lord, how are they increased that trouble me! Many are they that rise up against me. Many there be which say of my soul, there is no help for him in God. But thou, O Lord, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.

Ps 5:11a Let all those that put their trust in Thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because Thou defendest them.

Ps 9:13,14 Have mercy upon me, O Lord; consider my trouble which I suffer of them that hate me, Thou that liftest me up from the gates of death: I will rejoice in Thy salvation.

Ps 7:1 O Lord my God, in Thee do I put my trust: save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me.

Ps 16:1 Preserve me, O God: for in Thee do I put my trust.

Ps 17:8,9 Keep me as the apple of Thy eye, hide me under the shadow of Thy wings. From the wicked that oppress me, from my deadly enemies, who compass me about.

Ps 18:3 I will call upon the Lord, Who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

Ps 18:48 He delivereth me from mine enemies: yea, Thou liftest me up above those that rise up against me: Thou hast delivered me from the violent man.

Ps 25:1-3 Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust

in Thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me. Yea, let none that wait on Thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.

Ps 27:5 For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion: in the secret of His tabernacle shall He hide me; He shall set me up upon a rock.

Ps 27:12,13 Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty. I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Ps 31:1-4 In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust: let me never be ashamed: deliver me in Thy righteousness. Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be Thou my strong rock, for an house of defense to save me. For Thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for Thy name's sake lead me, and guide me. Pull me out of the net that they have laid privily for me: for Thou art my strength.

Ps 31:18 Let the lying lips be put to silence; which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous.

Ps 31:13,14a For I have heard the slander of many: fear was on every side: while they took counsel together against me, they devised to take away my life. But I trusted in Thee, O Lord.

Ps 34:7 The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them.

Ps 34:17 The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

Ps 35:1 Plead my cause, O Lord, with them that strive with me: fight against them that fight against me.

Ps 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Ps 50:15 And call upon Me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me.

Ps 56:9-11 When I cry unto Thee, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; for God is for me. In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.

Ps 59:16,17 But I will sing of Thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of Thy mercy in the morning: for Thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble. Unto Thee, O my strength, will I sing: for God is my defence, and the God of my mercy.

Ps 61:2-4 From the end of the earth will I cry unto Thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For Thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy. I will abide in Thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of Thy wings.

Ps 62:6 He only is my rock and my salvation: He is my defence; I shall not be moved.

Ps 91:4 He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust: His truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Ps 118:6,7 The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me? The Lord taketh my part with them that help me: therefore shall I see my desire upon them that hate me.

Ps 91:9,10 Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

Ps 119:110,154 The wicked have laid a snare for me: yet I erred not from Thy precepts. Plead my cause, and deliver me: quicken me according to Thy Word.

Ps 121:8 The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

Ps 127:1b Except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.

Ps 141:8-10 But mine eyes are unto Thee, O God the Lord: in Thee is my trust; leave not my soul destitute. Keep me from the snares which they have laid for me, and the gins of the workers of iniquity.

Let the wicked fall into their own nets, whilst I withal escape.

Ps 143:8,9 Cause me to hear Thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in Thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto Thee. Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies: I flee unto Thee to hide me.

Ps 144:1,2a Blessed be the Lord my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight: My goodness, and my fortress; my high tower, and my deliverer; my shield, and He in whom I trust.

Ps 145:18-20a The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth. He will fulfil the desires of them that fear Him: He also will hear their cry, and will save them. The Lord preserveth all them that love Him.

Pr 1:33 Whoso hearkeneth unto Me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

Pr 14:26 In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence: and His children shall have a place of refuge.

Pr 18:10 The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.

Isa 35:3,4 Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, be strong, fear not: behold your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompense; He will come and save you.

Isa 41:10 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.

Isa 43:2 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.

Isa 50:7 For the Lord God will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know

that I shall not be ashamed.

Jer 1:8 Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord.

2Cor 4:8,9 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.

1Pt 3:12,13 For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers; but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil. And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?

Comfort

Ps 34:18 The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

Ps 37:24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with His hand.

Ps 55:22 Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee: He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

Ps 71:21 Thou shalt increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side.

Ps 94:19 In the multitude of my thoughts within me Thy comforts delight my soul.

Ps 112:4 Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: He is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

Ps 119:50 This is my comfort in my affliction: for Thy Word hath quickened me.

Ps 145:14 The Lord upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down.

Ps 147:3 He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

Mt 5:4 Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Jn 14:16-18 And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you

another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever; 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.

Jn 15:26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of Me.

Heb 13:5b He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

2Cor 1:4 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.

2Cor 1:7 And our hope of you is stedfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation.

2Cor 7:4b I am filled with comfort, I am exceeding joyful in all our tribulation.

Phil 4:7 The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

2Thes 2:16,17 Now our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.

Find and Fulfill God's Will

The disciple of Jesus will want to fulfill God's will. Faithful study of God's Word, taking time to hear His voice and learning to obey His Word will lead us to know His will. (See also: Obedience to God's Word)

Ps 27:11 Teach me Thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path.

Ps 37:5 Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass.

Ps 40:8 I delight to do Thy will, O my God: yea, Thy law is within my heart.

Ps 143:10 Teach me to do Thy will; for Thou art my God: Thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.

Pr 3:5,6 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.

Lk 22:42 Father, if Thou be willing, remove this cup from Me: nevertheless not My will, but Thine, be done.

Jn 3:30 He must increase, but I must decrease.

Jn 4:34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and to finish His work.

Jn 5:30b I seek not Mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent Me.

Jn 6:38 For I came down from heaven, not to do Mine own will, but the will of Him that sent Me.

Ro 6:13a Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God.

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

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me.

Jam 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God.

God's Supply and Our Finances

Promises of Prosperity and Blessings

God has promised abundant supply and blessings to His children.

Gen 9:3 Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things.

Deut 28:2-12 And 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 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. 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.

Josh 1:8 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.

2Chro 26:5b And as long as he sought the Lord, God made him to prosper.

Mal 3:10 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.

Psa 23:1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Psa 34:10 The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.

Psa 37:3 Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

Ps 68:19a Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits.

Ps 81:10 I am the Lord your God. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

Ps 84:11b The Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.

Ps 128:1,2 Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord; that walketh in His ways. For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.

Pr 10:3a The Lord will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish.

Pr 10:22 The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and He addeth no sorrow with it.

Pr 13:22 A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.

Mt 6:25-27 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit to his stature?

Mt 6:31-33 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? For after all these things do the Gentiles seek: for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Mt 7:7 Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

Mt 7:11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask Him?

Mt 17:27 Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for Me and thee.

Lk 12:24 Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?

Lk 22:35 And He said unto them, When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye any thing? And they said, Nothing.

Ro 8:32 He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

1Cor 9:11 If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?

Phil 4:19 My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Jam 1:17 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.

Good Stewards (Faithfulness and Diligence)

God expects us to be faithful in managing the finances He gives us.

2Chr 31:21 And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, and in the law, and in the commandments, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart and prospered.

Pr 10:4 He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.

Pr 10:5 He that gathereth in summer is a wise son: but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame.

Pr 13:4 The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.

Pr 22:29 Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men.

Pr 28:20a A faithful man shall abound with blessings.

Pr 31:27 She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

Pr 13:4 The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.

Ecc 10:18 By much slothfulness the building decayeth; and through idleness of the hands the house droppeth through.

Mt 25:23 Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.

Lk 16:10 He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

Ro 12:11 Not slothful in business; but fervent in spirit; serving the Lord.

1Cor 4:2 It is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

Eph 5:15,16 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

Col 4:5 Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.

1Thes 5:4-8 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day; we are not of the night, nor of the darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. 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.

2Thes 3:10 This we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.

The Joy of Giving

Deut 15:7,8a,10 If there be among you a poor man of one of thy brethren within any of thy gates in thy land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother: But thou shalt open thine hand wide unto him. Thou shalt surely give him, and thine heart shall not be grieved when thou givest unto him: because that for this thing the Lord thy God shall bless thee in all thy works, and in all that thou puttest thine hand unto.

Ps 41:1 Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.

Pr 3:9,10 Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

Pr 3:27 Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.

Pr 11:24,25 There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.

Pr 19:17 He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will He pay him again.

Pr 28:16b He that hateth covetousness shall prolong his days.

Mt 5:42 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

Mt 10:8b Freely ye have received, freely give.

Mt 25:40b Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me.

Lk 6:38 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 20:35b It is more blessed to give than to receive.

2Cor 9:6,7 He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

Phil 2:4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

1Jn 3:17,18 Whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

The Power of Forgiving Others

When you forgive others you set them and yourself free.

Ps 18:25 With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful; with an upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright.

Pr 3:3,4 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart. So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

Pr 10:12 Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins.

Mt 5:7 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Mt 6:14,15 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.

Mt 7:12 Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

Mt 18:21,22,35 Then came Peter to Him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, until seven times: but, until seventy times seven. So likewise shall My heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his

brother their trespasses.

Mk 11:25 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

Lk 6:36,37 Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven.

Lk 7:47 Wherefore I say unto thee, her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little.

Lk 17:4 And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him.

Ro 12:19-21 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.

Eph 4:31,32 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice. Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Heb 12:15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled.

Col 3:13a,14 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another. And above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfectness.

Creation vs. Evolution

Creation speaks of the glories of God's love and His power! Evolution is one of Satan's biggest deceptions which has led millions away

from God.

Gen 1:1,11,12 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

Neh 9:6 Thou, even Thou, art Lord alone; Thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and Thou preservest them all.

Job 12:7-9 But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee: Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee: and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee. Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the Lord hath wrought this?

Job 36:27,28 For He maketh small the drops of water: they pour down rain according to the vapour thereof: Which the clouds do drop and distil upon man abundantly.

Job 38:22 Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail?

Ps 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth His handywork.

Isa 44:24 Thus saith the Lord, thy redeemer, and He that formed thee from the womb, I am the Lord that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by Myself.

Isa 45:12 I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even My hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded.

Jer 10:12,13 He hath made the earth by His power, He hath

established the world by His wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by His discretion. When He uttereth His voice, there is a multitude of waters in the heavens, and He causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; He maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of His treasures.

Jn 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made.

Jn 17:5 Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

Ro 1:20-23 For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things.

Col 1:16 For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him.

1Tim 6:20 Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called.

2Tim 3:7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Heb 1:2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, Whom

He hath appointed heir of all things, by Whom also He made the worlds.

Heb 1:3 Who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the Word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.

Heb 11:3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

Children

God loves children! We have such a great responsibility to show God's love to our children and to teach them His ways!

Children—An Heritage of the Lord

Ps 127:3-5a Children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them.

Ps 144:12 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.

Pr 17:6 Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers.

Pr 20:7 The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him.

3Jn 1:4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

Train up a Child

Ps 34:11 Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear (reverencing) of the Lord.

Ps 119:9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to Thy Word.

Pr 3:12 For whom the Lord loveth He correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

Pr 8:32,33 Now therefore hearken unto Me, O ye children: for blessed are they that keep My ways. Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not.

Pr 13:1 A wise son heareth his father's instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke.

Pr 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Isa 54:13 And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children.

Mt 18:5,6,10a And whoso shall receive one such little child in My name receiveth Me. But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in Me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea. Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones.

Jn 10:11b The good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

Eph 6:1-4 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Heb 12:9-11 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but He for our profit, that we might be partakers of His holiness. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

THE ENDTIME

*The “Endtime” subject is known to Christians and non-Christians alike, as a period of time, specifically and prophetically put forth in the Old and New Testaments. There are controversial and differing doctrines concerning this period of time, but **all Christians do agree that the arrival of this period will certainly take place.** Below is a detailed outline of the prophetic events which Jesus referred to in Matthew 24 as the signs of the end.*

The Signs of the Endtime

Knowledge Shall Be Increased

Dan 12:4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the Words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

2Tim 3:1,7 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Mt 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Greatly Increased Natural Disasters

Mt 24:7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

Lk 21:26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

Greatly Increased Wickedness and Wars

2Tim 3:1,13 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

Mt 24:6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

Mt 24:37,38 But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark.

Lk 21:25 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring.

Rampant Perversion in The End Time

Lk 17:28-30 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

Ro 1:24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves.

2Tim 3:1-3 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good.

Great Falling Away From True Faith

2Thes 2:2,3 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled,

neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition.

Mt 24:12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

Mt 24:5,11,24 For many shall come in My name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

1Tim 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.

Increased Persecution of True Christians

Mt 24:9,10 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for My name's sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

Lk 21:16,17 And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for My name's sake.

What All These Fulfilled Signs Mean

Mt 24:33 When ye see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.

Lk 21:28 When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

Lk 21:31,32 When ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the Kingdom of God is nigh at hand. This generation not pass away, till all be fulfilled.

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