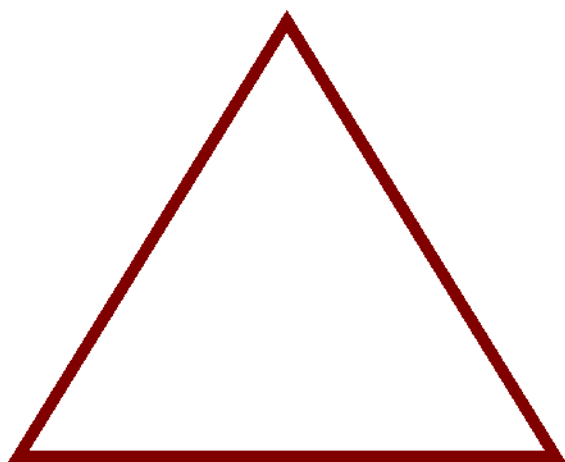


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INTRODUCTION

I take this opportunity once again to introduce to you my new book 'The ABC in Christianity' which touches on everyday life of a Christian, the status of a Christian now and in the future. The contents are but extracts from the Holy Bible and are arranged systematically in an alphabetical order for quick and easy reference for everyday life.

The topics /subjects covered are not exhaustive and each has some scripture verses and quotations involved and to a great extent are common in the Christian walk and serve as reminders for possible application as necessary.

I quietly believe the book will be useful to the reader and also thank the Lord God for giving me the privilege, grace and energy to compile and come up with the book.

Lastly, in following the Lord Jesus Christ, one need not follow blindly but follow with understanding;

Knowing who Christ is, what he likes and dislikes and endeavor to behave accordingly. (Mark 8:34-37, 1 Peter 1:13-19, Romans 12:1-2).

In this book and in all my other books, I have endeavored to restrict myself in King James version of the Holy Bible

in quotations and the subsequent texts, as it is the best ever translation in English and in case you are uncomfortable with of don't despair, as all is well and not lost. Whenever you find I have given a scripture quotation, just go to your Bible (whatever version it is) and read and you will be in the same page with me in your reading.

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Chapter 1

The A's

It is a pleasure to welcome you to today's reading. As you read, be instructed, encouraged, comforted, assured, exhorted, enlightened, reminded and established accordingly, by the Word of God; as you apply in life appropriately (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

ABSTAINANCE

Abstain from all appearance of evil.

1 Thessalonians 5:22

Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, **abstain** from fleshy lusts, which war against the soul;

1 Peter 2:11

But that we write unto them, that they **abstain** from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood.

Acts 15:20

ABILITY

Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is **able** to make him stand:

Romans 14:4

And God is **able** to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good.

2 Corinthians 9:8

Now unto him that is **able** to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

Ephesians 3:20

For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is **able** to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

2 Timothy 1: 12

I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me.

Philippians 4:13

ANXIETY

And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, thou art **careful and troubled** about many things:

Luke 10:41

Be **careful for nothing**; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

Philippians 4:6

Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

Peter 5:7

AIM

Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy.

1 Corinthians 14:1

But thou, O man of God, flee from these things; and **follow after** righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

1 Timothy 6:11

AMBASSADOR

Now then we are **ambassadors** for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20

For which **I am an ambassador** in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Ephesians 6:20

ADVOCATE

The LORD therefore be judge, and judge between me and thee, and see, and **plead my cause**, and deliver me out of thine hand.

1 Samuel 24:15

For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to **appear in the presence of God for us**.

Hebrews 9:24

My little children, these things I write unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an **advocate** with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

1 John 2:1

AFFLICTION

Many are the **afflictions** of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

Psalms 34:19

And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the **afflicted** soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday:

Isaiah 58:10

But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in **afflictions**, in necessities, in distresses,

1 Corinthians 6:4

ASSURANCE

For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much **assurance**; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.

1 Thessalonians 1:5

ADOPTION

But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,
To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the **adoption** of sons.

Galatians 4:5

Having predestinated us unto the **adoption** of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

Ephesians 1:5

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of **adoption**, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

Romans 8:15

He came unto his own, and his own received him not.
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.

Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

John 1:11-13

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of **adoption**, whereby we cry Abba, Father.

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.

Romans 8:14-16

But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,
To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the **adoption** of sons.

Galatians 4:4-5

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.

1 John 3:1

ATTENTION

THEREFORE we ought to give more earnest **heed** to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.

Hebrews 12:1

HEAR, ye children, the **instruction** of a father, and attend to know understanding.

Proverbs 4:1

AGREEMENT

Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall **agree** on earth as touching anything 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.

Matthew 18:19-20

And this I say, that the **covenant**, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.

For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise.

Galatians 3:17-18

ACCEPTANCE

If you thou doest well, shall not be **accepted**? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and shalt rule over him.

Genesis 4:7

And he said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet is **accepted** in his own country.

Luke 4: 24

APPROVAL

For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and **approved** of them.

Romans 14:17-18

Study to show thyself **approved** unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15

AUTHORITY

LET every soul be subject unto the higher **powers**. For there is no **power** but of God: the **powers** that be are ordained of God.

Romans 13:1

And they went into Ca-per'-na-um; and straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught.

And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had **authority**, and not as the scribes.

Mark 1:21-22

But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise **authority** upon them.

But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister:

And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all.

For even the Son of man came not to be ministered, unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Mark 10:42-45

Obey them that **have the rule over you**, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable to you.

Hebrews 13:17

ANGER

He that is slow to **wrath** is of great understanding: but he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly.

Proverbs 14:29

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to **anger**, and plentiful in mercy.

Psalms 103:8

The LORD is slow to **anger**, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the LORD hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet.

Nahum 1:3

Be ye **angry**, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

Ephesians 4:26

Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.

For evil doers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.

Psalms 37:8-9

A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil: but **the fool rageth**, and is confident.

He that is soon angry dealeth foolishly: and a man of wicked devices is hated.

Proverbs 14:16-17

A wrathful man stirreth up strife but **he that is slow to anger appeaseth strife**.

Proverbs 15:18

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

Proverbs 16:32

Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools.

Ecclesiastes 7:9

Wherefore, my beloved brethren **let every man be** swift to hear, slow to speak, **slow to wrath:**

For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

James 1:19-20

ANSWER

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honor him.

Psalms 91:14-15

He that **answereth** a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him.

Proverbs 18:13

And call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD: and the God that **answereth** by fire, let

him be God. And all the people answered and said, it is well spoken.

1 Kings 18:24

Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him.

Proverbs 26:4

APPEARANCE

For false Christs and false prophets **shall arise**, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect.

But take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you all things.

Mark 13:22-23

And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on E-li'-ab, and said, Surely the LORD'S anointed is before him.

But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his **countenance**, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as a man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

1 Samuel 16:6-7

For we must all **appear** before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

2 Corinthians 5:10

When Christ, who is our life, shall **appear**, then ye also **appear** with him in glory.

Colossians 3:4

That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukable, until the **appearing** of our Lord Jesus Christ:

1 Timothy 6:14

Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which, the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not me only, but unto all them also that love his **appearing**.

2 Timothy 4:8

So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he **appear** the second time without sin unto salvation.

Hebrews 9:28

ACCUSATION

Pilate then went out unto them, and said, What **accusation** bring ye against this man?

John 18:29

Yea, they **opened their mouth wide against me**, and said,
Aha, aha, our eye hath seen it.

Psalms 35:21

Strive not with a man without cause, if he have done thee
no harm.

Proverbs 3:30

And when I would have known the cause wherefore they
accused him, I brought him forth into their council:

Acts 23:28

Against an elder receive not an **accusation**, but before two
or three witnesses.

1 Timothy 5:19

Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might,
bring not railing **accusation** against them before the Lord.

2 Peter 2:11

And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come
salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and
the power of his Christ: for the **accuser** of our brethren is
cast down, which **accused** them before our God day and
night.

Revelation 12:10

ANOINTMENT

He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, he reproved
kings for their sakes,

Saying, Touch not mine **anointed**, and do my prophets no
harm.

1 Chronicles 16:21-22

And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all thy children? And
he said,

There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth
the sheep.

And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither.

And he sent, and brought him in.

Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD said, Arise, **anoint** him: for this is he.

1 Samuel 16:11-12

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.

Acts 10:38

But the **anointing** which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as, the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

John 2:27

ABUNDANCE

O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the **abundance** of the heart the mouth speaketh.

Matthew 12:34

And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have **riches** enter into the kingdom of God!

Mark 10:23

For if by one man's offense death reigned by one; (much more they which receive **abundance** of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)

Romans 5:17

Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; thy judgments are a great deep: O LORD, thou preservest man and beast.

How excellent is thy loving kindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

They shall be **abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and** thou shalt make them **drink of the river of thy pleasures.**

Psalm 36:6-8

And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God.

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.

Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. A'-men.

Ephesians 3:19-21

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: **I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.**

John 10:10

AMMENDMENT

Therefore **now amend your ways and your doings**, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will repent him of the evil that he hath pronounced against you.

Jeremiah 26:13

ADVICE

Where no **counsel** is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counselors there is safety.

Proverbs 11:14

Hear **counsel**, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end.

Proverbs 19:20

WOE to the rebellious children, saith the LORD, that take **counsel**, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin:

Isaiah 30:1

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called wonderful, **counselor**, The mighty God, the everlasting, Father, The Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Only **acknowledge** thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the LORD thy God, and hath scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed my voice, saith the LORD.

ACTIVITY

To everything there is a season, and a time to every **purpose under the heaven:**

Ecclesiastes 3:1

AMBITION

Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So **run, that ye may obtain.**

1 Corinthians 9:24

Now **ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.**

But **covet earnestly the best gifts:** and yet show unto you a more excellent way.

FOLLOW after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather **that ye may prophesy.**

1 Corinthians 13:27 31; 14:1

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.**

Philippians 3:13-14

Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of truth.**

2 Timothy 2:15

APPETITE

And **take heed** to yourselves, **lest** at any time **your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness, and cares of this life** and so that day come upon you unawares.

Luke 21:34

Let us walk honestly, as in the day; **not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness**, not in strife and envying.

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

Romans 13:13-14

Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

When Christ, who is our life shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

Colossians 3:2-6

ASHES

So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.

And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal: and he **sat down among the ashes.**

And **Ta-mar put ashes on her head**, and rent her garment on divers colors that was on her, and laid her hand on her head, and went on crying.

2 Samuel 13:19

Woe unto thee, Cho-ra'-zin! Woe unto thee, Beth-sa'-i-da! For if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Si'-don, they would **have repented long ago in sack-cloth and ashes**.

Matthew 11:21

Chapter 2

The B's

It is a pleasure to welcome you to today's reading. As you read, be instructed, encouraged, comforted, assured, exhorted, enlightened, reminded and established accordingly, by the word of God, as you apply in life appropriately. (2Timothy 3:16:17)

BOLDNESS

Now when they saw the **boldness** of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marveled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

Acts 4:13

And now, Lord, behold their threatening: and grant unto thy servants, that with all **boldness** they may speak your word,

By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of the holy child Jesus.

Acts 4:29

And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more **bold** to speak the word without fear.

Philippians 1:14

In whom we have **boldness** and access with confidence by faith of him.

Ephesians 3:12

To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

According to the external purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:

In whom we have **boldness** and access with confidence by the faith of him.

Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.

Ephesians 3:10-13

And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have **boldness** in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

1 John 4:16-17

Having therefore, brethren, **boldness** to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

And having a high priest over the house of God;

Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

Hebrews 10:19-22

BIRTH

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be **born** again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Nic-o-de'-mussaith unto him, How can a man be **born** when he is old? Can he enter the second time his mother's womb, and be **born**?

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be **born** of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

John 3:3-5

Being **born** again, not of corruptible seed, but by incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

1 Peter 1:23

For whatsoever is **born** of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

John 5:4

BUSYBODY

For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are **busybodies**.

2 Thessalonians 3:11

BRANCH

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.

John 15:5

BOOK

AND at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince whichstandeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the **book**.

Daniel 12:1

And I entreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, whose names are in the **book** of life.

Philippians 4:3

And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another **book** was opened, which is the **book** of life: and the dead were judged out of

those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

Revelation 20:12

BELIEF

Unto you therefore which **believe** he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, The stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,

1 Peter 2:7

BELOVED, **believe** not every spirit, but try the spirits whether are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of an'-ti-christ, where of ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

1 John 4:1-3

Howbeit many of them which heard the word **believed**; and the number of the men was about five thousand.

Acts 4:4

BACKSLIDING

Brethren, if any of you do **err from the truth**, and one convert him; Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

James 5:19-20

Why then is this people of Jerusalem **slidden back** by a perpetual **backsliding**? They hold fast deceit, they refuse to return.

Jeremiah 8:5

O LORD, though our iniquities testify against us, do thy it for they name's sake: for our **backslidings** are many; we have sinned against thee.

Jeremiah 14:7

Then came the word of the LORD unto Samuel, saying,
It repenteth me that I have set up Saul to be king: for he is **turned back from following me**, and hath not performed

my commandments. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the LORD all night.

1Samuel 15:10-11

This charge I commit unto thee son, Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare;

Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having **put away** concerning **faith** have made shipwreck:

Of whom is Hy-me-ne'-us and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.

1 Timothy 3:18-20

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;**

1 Timothy 4:1

I CHARGE thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine.

For the time will come when **they will not endure sound doctrine**; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

And they shall **turn away their ears from the truth**, and shall be turned unto fables.

2 Timothy 4:1-4

Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an **evil heart of unbelief**, in departing from the living God.

But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of you be **hardened through the deceitfulness of sin**.

Hebrews 3:12-13

BLESSING

BLESSED is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

Psalm 32:1-2

BLESSED is the man that walketh not in the council of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

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 the water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Psalm 1:1-3

Then I will command my **blessing** upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years.

Leviticus 25:21

Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

Revelation 22:14

Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

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

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall be see God.

Blessed are peacekeepers: for they shall be called the children of God.

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 exceedingly glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Matthew 5:3-12

And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage supper of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

Revelation 19:6-9

BAPTISM

I indeed **baptize** you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall **baptize** you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

Matthew 3:11

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

He that believeth and is **baptized** shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Mark 16:15-16

But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were **baptized**, both men and women.

Acts 8:12

Know ye not, that so many of us were **baptized** into Jesus Christ were **baptized** into his death?

Romans 6:3

For as many of you as have been **baptized** into Christ have put on Christ

Galatians 3:27

BODY

For as we have many members in one **body**, and all members have not the same office:

So we, being many, are one **body** in Christ, and every one members one of another.

Romans 12:4

All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.

Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the **body** is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the **body**.

1 Corinthians 6:12-13

There is one **body**, and one Spirit even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and the Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Ephesians 4:4-6

And he is the head of the **body**, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the pre-eminence.

Colossians 1:18

BITTERNESS

Then went Ha'-man forth that day joyful and with a glad heart: but when Ha'-man saw Mor'-de-ca-i in the kings

gate, that he stood not up, nor moved for him, **he was full of indignation** against Mor'-de-ca-i.

Esther 5:9

Let all **bitterness**, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice:

Ephesians 4:31

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.

Hebrews 12:15

BRIBERY

Behold, here I am: witness against me before the LORD, and before his anointed: whose ox have I taken? or whose ass have I taken? or whom have I defrauded? whom have I oppressed? or of whose hand have I received any **bribe** to blind mine eyes therewith? and I will restore it.

1 Samuel 12:3

For the congregation of hypocrites shall be desolate, and fire shall consume the tabernacles of **bribery**.

Job 15:34

Thou shalt not wrest judgment; thou shalt not respect persons, neither take a gift: for a **gift** doth blind the eyes of the wise, and pervert the words of the righteous.

Deuteronomy 16:19

He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house; but he that hate the **gifts** shall live.

Proverbs 15:27

Surely oppression maketh a wise man mad; and a **gift** destroyeth the heart.

Ecclesiastes 7:7

Keep thee far from a false matter; and the innocent and righteous slay thou not: for I will not justify the wicked.

And thou shalt take no gift: for **the gift blindeth** the wise, and perverteth the words of the righteous.

Exodus 23:7-8

A wicked man taketh a **gift** out of the bosom to pervert the ways of judgment.

Proverbs 17:23

He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that **shaketh his hands from holding of bribes**, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil; He shall dwell on high: his place of defense shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure.

Isaiah 33:15-16

BLOOD

But flesh with life thereof, which is the **blood** thereof, shall ye not eat.

Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his **blood** be shed: for in the image of God made he man.

Genesis 9:4-6

Only ye shall not eat **blood**; ye shall pour it upon the earth as water.

Deuteronomy 12:16

Much more then, being now justified by his **blood**, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

Romans 5:9

In whom we have redemption through his **blood**, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace,

Ephesians 1:7

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

But with the precious **blood** of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

1 Peter 1:18-19

And they overcame him by the **blood** of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Revelation 12:11

BREATH

Let everything that hath **breath** praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.

Psalms 150:6

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and **breathed** into his nostrils the **breath** of life; and man became a living soul.

Genesis 2:7

BENEFIT

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his **benefits**.

Psalms 103:2

BURDEN

And when I was present with you, and wanted, I was chargeable to no man: for that which was lacking to me the brethren which came from Mac-e-do'-ni-a supplied: and in all things I have kept myself from being **burdensome** unto you, and so will I keep myself.

2 Corinthians 11:9

Bear ye one another's **burdens**, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2

All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not.

For they bind heavy **burdens** and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.

Matthew 23:3-4

BREAD

And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with man'-na, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by **bread** only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.

Deuteronomy 8:3

Whereof do ye spend money for that which is not **bread**? And your labor for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

Isaiah 55:2

And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

Give us day by day our daily **bread**.

And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive everyone that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

Luke 11:2-4

And Jesus said unto them, I am the **bread** of Life; he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

John 6:35

I am the living **bread** which came down from heaven: if any man eats of this **bread**, he shall live forever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

John 6:51

BURIAL

For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

And that he was **buried**, and rose again the third day according to the scripture:

And that he was seen of Ce'-phas, then of the twelve:

After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

1 Corinthians 15:3 -6

Buried, with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

Colossians 2:12

BUILDING

And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will **build** my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Matthew 16:18

And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to **build** you up, and give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

Acts 20:32

According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise master builder, I have laid the foundation, and another **buildeth** thereon. But let every man take heed how he **buildeth** thereupon.

For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:10-11

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

Jude 20

Woe to him that **buildeth** a town with blood, and stablisheth a city by iniquity!

Habakkuk 2:12

BUSINESS

Thou shalt not have in thy bag divers weights, a great and a small.

Thou shalt not have in thine house divers measures a great and a small.

But thou shalt **have a perfect and just weight, a perfect and just measure** shalt thou have: that thy days may be lengthened in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

For all that do such things, and all that do unrighteously, are an abomination unto the LORD thy God.

Deuteronomy 25:13-16

A FALSE balance is abomination to the LORD: but a just weight is his delight.

Proverbs 11:1

Seest thou a man **diligent in business**? He shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men.

Proverbs 22:29

BORROWING

The wicked **borroweth**, and payeth not again: but the righteous showeth mercy, and giveth.

Psalm 37:21

The rich ruleth over the poor, and the **borrower** is servant to the lender.

Proverbs 22:7

Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would **borrow** of thee turn not thou away.

Matthew 5:42

BACKBITING

LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? Who, shall dwell in thy holy hill?

He that **backbiteth not** with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbor, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor.

Psalm 15:1, 3

Whoso privily **slandereth** his neighbor will be cut off: him that hath a high look and a proud heart will not suffer.

Psalm 101:5

BEGGING

The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up.

He raised up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dung hill, to set them among the princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are the LORD'S and he hath set the world upon them.

1 Samuel 2:7-8

I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed **begging** bread.

Psalms 37:25

BONDAGE

And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?

For the ways of man are before the eyes of the LORD, and he pondereth all his goings.

His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall **be holden with the cords of his sins.**

Proverbs 5:20-22

Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him,
If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;
They answered him, we be Abraham's seed, and were
never in **Bondage** to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be
made free?

Jesus answered them, Verily, verily I say unto you,
whosoever committeth sin is the **servant of sin**

John 8:31, 33-34

Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is
not right in the sight of God.

Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if
perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in
the **bond of iniquity**.

Acts 8:21-23

For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they
allure through the lusts of the flesh; through much
wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who
live in error.

While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in **bondage**.

2 Peter 2:18-19

BLASPHEMY

As they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil.

And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marveled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel.

But **the Pharisees said, He casteth out devils through the prince of the devils.**

Matthew 9:32-34

Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme:

But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation: because they said, he hath an unclean spirit.

Mark 3: 28-30

BLAMELESSNESS

Do all things without murmurings and disputing:
That ye may be **blameless** and harmless, the sons of God
without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse
nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

Philippians 2:14-15

And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in
your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled,

In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy
and **unblamable** and unreprouable in his sight.

Colossians 1:21-22

Now God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus
Christ, direct our way unto you.

And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one
toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward
you:

To the end he may stablish your hearts **unblamable** in
holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our
Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

1 Thessalonians 3: 11-13

Abstain from all appearance of evil. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body **be preserved blameless** unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

1 Thessalonians 5:22-24

Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and **blameless**.

2 Peter 3:12-14

BARRENNESS

He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh **unfruitful**.

Matthew 13:22

He spake also this parable; A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none.

Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, **behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none:** cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground?

And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it:

And if it bear fruit; well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down.

Luke 13:6-9

And think not to say within yourselves, we have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which **bringeth not forth good fruit** is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

Matthew 3:9-10

BLINDNESS

But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

In whom the god of this world hath **blinded** the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord' and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

2 Corinthians 4:3-5

This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,

Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God throu the ignorance that is in them, because of the **blindness** of their heart:

Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

Ephesians 4:17-19

He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.

But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath **blinded** his eyes.

1 John 2:10-11

Chapter 3

The C's

It is a pleasure to welcome you to today's reading. As you read, be instructed, encouraged, comforted, assured, exhorted, enlightened, reminded and established accordingly, by the word of God, as you apply in life appropriately. (2 Timothy 3:6-17).

CHANGE

But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are **changed** into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 3:18

Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be **changed**,

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be **changed**.

1Corinthians 15:51-52

CIRCUMCISION

Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but the keeping of the commandments of God.

1 Corinthians 7:19

For in Jesus Christ neither **circumcision** vailleth anything, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

Galatians 5:6

In whom also ye are **circumcised** with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:

Colossians 2:11

CLEANLINESS

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and **cleanse** me from my sin.

Psalms 51:2

Now ye are **clean** through the word which I have spoken unto you.

John 15:3

HAVING therefore these promises clearly beloved, let us **cleanse** ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

2 Corinthians 7:1

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it:

That he might sanctify and **cleanse** it with the washing of water by the word,

That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Ephesians 5:25-27

CHEERFULNESS

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

Proverbs 17:22

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.

John 16:33

COMMITMENT

I would seek unto God, and unto God I would **commit** my cause.

Job 5:8

Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.

Proverbs 16:3

Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

Psalms 37:5

COMPANION

He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

Proverbs 13:20

CORRUPTION

Be not deceived: evil communications **corrupt** good manners.

1 Corinthians 15:33

CONFORMITY

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

Romans 12:2

For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate, to be **conformed** to the image of his Son, that he might be the first-born among many brethren.

Romans 8:29

CITIZENSHIP

Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow **citizens** with the saints, and of the household **of God;**

Ephesians 2:19

For our **conversation** is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his

glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

Philippians 3:20-21

COMFORT

Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all **comfort**;

Who **comforteth** us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to **comfort** them which are in any trouble, by the **comfort** wherewith we ourselves are **comforted** of God.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

I, even I am he that **comforteth** you: who art thou, that shouldest be afraid, of a man that shall die, and of the son of man, which shall be made as grass;

Isaiah 51:12

CROWN

For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: he will **beautify** the meek with salvation.

Psalms 149:4

Children's children are the **crown** of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers.

Proverbs 17:6

And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things.

Now they do it to obtain a corruptible **crown**; but we an incorruptible.

1 Corinthians 9:25

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the **crown** of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

James 1:12

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

Henceforth there is laid up for me a **crown** of righteousness which the Lord the righteous judge, shall give me at that

day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

2 Timothy 4:6-8

And when those beasts give glory and honor and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,
The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their **crowns** before the throne saying,
Thou are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

Revelation 4:9-11

THE elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:
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 examples to the flock.

And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a **crown** of glory that fadeth not away.

1 Peter 5:1-4

Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy **crown**.

Revelation 3:10-11

CHOICE

I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore **choose** life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

Deuteronomy 30:19

And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, **choose** this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Am'-o-rites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

Joshua 24:15

I have **chosen** the way of truth: thy judgments have I laid before me.

Psalms 119:30

A GOOD name is rather to be **chosen** than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold.

Proverbs 22:1

For many are called but few are **chosen**

Matthew 22:14

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;

1 Corinthians 1:27

According as he hath **chosen** us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

Ephesians 1:4

But ye are a **chosen** generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the

praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

1Peter 2:9

CONDEMNATION

THERE is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Jesus Christ, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Romans 8:1

But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be **condemned** with the world.

1 Corinthians 11:32

He that believeth on him is not **condemned**: but he that believeth not is **condemned** already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

John 3:18

Believed, if our heart **condemn** us not, then we have confidence toward God.

John 3:21

COMPLETION

But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might **finish** my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

Acts 20:24

And say to Ar-chip'-pus, Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou **fulfill** it.

Colossians 4:17

But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be **perfect and entire**, wanting nothing.

James 1:4

CONTINUATION

Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them persuaded them to **continue** in the grace of God.

Acts 13:43

Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if

thou **continue** in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.

Romans 11:22

Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation** with fear and trembling.

Philippians 2:12

If ye **continue** in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

Colossians 1:24

CONFESSION

And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all strangers, and stood and **confessed** their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers.

Nehemiah 9:2

He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso **confesseth** and foresaketh them shall have mercy.

Proverbs 28:13

And there went out unto him all the land of Judea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, **confessing** their sins.

Mark 1:5

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

James 5:16

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

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

1John 1:8-9

CONSCIENCE

I SAY the truth in Christ, I lie not, my **conscience** also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost.

Romans 9:1

Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure **conscience**.

1 Timothy 3:9

Holding faith, and a good **conscience**; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck.

1 Timothy 1:9

Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil **conscience** and our bodies washed with pure water.

Hebrews 10:22

And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a **conscience void of offense** toward God, and toward men.

Acts 24:16

AND Paul, earnestly, beholding the council, said, Men and brethren, I have lived in all **good conscience** before God until this day.

Acts 23:1

Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a **good conscience**, and of faith unfeigned:

1 Timothy 1:5

And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?

But and if ye suffer for righteousness sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of hope that is in you with meekness and fear: **Having a good conscience;** that whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.

1 Peter 3:13-16

CONSISTENCY

THEY that trust in the LORD shall be as mount Zion, which **cannot be removed, but abideth forever.**

Psalms 125:1

CHURCH

Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the **church** of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Acts 20:28

Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the **church** unto God for him

Acts 12:5

And God hath set some in the **church**, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, governments, and diversities of tongues.

1Corinthians 12:28

COMPARISON

For who in the heaven can be **compared** unto the LORD?
Who among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the LORD?

Psalms 89:6

For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or **compare** ourselves with some that commend themselves, and **comparing themselves by themselves, and comparing** among themselves, are not wise.

2 Corinthians 10:12

CHILDISHNESS

For my people is foolish, they have not known me; they are sottish children, and they **have none understanding: they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.**

Jeremiah 4:22

Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

Proverbs 22:15

For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

But when that is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understand as a child I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away **childish** things.

For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

I Corinthians 13: 9-12

CALLING

Ye are witnesses, and God also, how holily and justly and unblamably we behaved ourselves among you that believe:

As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children,

That ye would **walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.**

1 Thessalonians 2:10-12

But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, **brethren beloved of the Lord** because **God hath** from the beginning **chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:**

Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.

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.

2 Thessalonians 2: 13-17

For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not mighty, not many noble, are **called**:
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.
But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:
That, according as it is written, **He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.**

1 Corinthians 1: 26-31

Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;

Who **hath saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace** which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

2 Timothy 1: 8-10

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, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

But the **God of all grace**, who **hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus**, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen settle you.

To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. A'-men.

1 Peter 5:8-11

WHEREFORE, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;

Who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also Moses was faithful in all his house.

Hebrews 3:1-2

Brethren, I account 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.

Philippians 3:13-14

I THEREFORE, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye **walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called.**

With all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love;

Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:1-2

CROSS

Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I come not to send peace, but a sword.

For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.

And 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.

He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.

Matthew 10:34-39

And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?

And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God.

Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, do not kill, do not steal, do not bear false witness, defraud not, honor thy father and mother.

And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth.

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.

And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved for he had great possessions.

And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!

Mark 10:17-23

For the preaching of the **cross** is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.

Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this world? Hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

1 Corinthians 1: 18-21

As many as desire to make a fair show in the flesh, they constrain you to be circumcised; only lest they should suffer persecution for the **cross** of Christ.

For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law; but desire to have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh.

But forbid that I should glory save in the **cross** of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision, availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.

And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Galatians 6:12-16

But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far of are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us.

Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the **cross**, having slain the enmity thereby:

And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

Ephesians 2:13-18

Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an example.

(For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping that they are the enemies of the **cross** of Christ:

Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things).

Philippians 3:17-19

And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all your trespasses;

Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his **cross**;

And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

Colossians 2:13-15

CARNALITY

For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.

For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.

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.

So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

Romans 7:18-19; 8: 5-8

AND I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto **carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.**

I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.

For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of A-pol'-los; are yet not **carnal?**

I Corinthians 3: 1-4

For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only **use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh**, but by love serve one another.

Galatians 5: 13

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.

I John 2: 15-17

CRYING

And when Pharaoh drew nigh, **the children of Israel** lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they **were sore afraid:** and children of Israel **cried out unto the LORD.**

Exodus 14:10

And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and called him up into a loft, where he abode and laid him upon his own bed.

And he cried unto the LORD and said, O LORD my God, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son?

1 Kings 17:19-20

This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.

Psalm 34:6

Their heart cried unto the Lord, O wall of the daughter of Zion, let tears run down like a river day and night: give thyself no rest; let not the apple of thine eye cease.

Arise, cry out in the night: in the beginning of the watches **pour out thine heart like water before the face of the Lord:** lift up thy hands toward him for the life of thy young children, that faint for hunger in the top of every street.

Lamentations 2:18-19

And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and forgot the LORD their God, and served Ba'-alim and the groves.

Therefore the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of Chu'-shan-rish-a-tha'-im king of Mes-o-po-ta'-mi-a: and the children of Israel served Chu'-shan-rish-a-tha'-im eights years.

And when **the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, the LORD raised up a deliverer** to the children of Israel, who delivered them, **even Oth'-ni-el the son of Ke'-naz, Caleb's younger brother.**

Judges 3:7-9

But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be no afraid.

And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.

And he said, Come. And when **Peter** was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.

But when he saw the wind boisterous, he **was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying Lord, save me.**

And immediately, Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?

Matthew 14:27-31

Chapter 4

The D's

It is a pleasure to welcome you to today's reading. As you read, be instructed, encouraged, comforted, assured, exhorted, enlightened, reminded and established accordingly, by the word of God, as you apply in life appropriately. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

DELIGHT

They that are of a froward heart are abomination to the LORD: but such as are upright in their way are his **delight**.

Proverbs 11:20

The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD: but the prayer of the upright is his **delight**

Proverbs 15:8

Rebuke the company of spearmen, the multitude of the bulls, with the calves of the people, till every one submit himself with pieces of silver: scatter thou the people that **delight** in war.

Psalms 68:30

DELIVERANCE

But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead:

Who **delivered** us from so great a death, and doth **deliver**: in whom we trust that he will yet **deliver** us;

2 Corinthians 1:9-10

He **delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver**: me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated me: for they were too strong for me.

Psalms 18:17

To **deliver** thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaketh froward things:

Proverbs 2:12

DILIGENCE

He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the **diligent** maketh rich.

Proverbs 10:4

And we desire that every one of you do show the same **diligence** to full assurance of hope unto the end:

That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Hebrews 6:11-12

Neglect not the give that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of hands of presbytery.

Meditate upon these things; **give thyself wholly** to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

Timothy 4:14-15

DOCTRINE

Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for **doctrines** the commandments of men.

Mark 7:7

As I besought thee to abide still at Eph'-e-sus, when I went into Mac-e-do'-ni-a, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other **doctrine**.

Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do.

1 Timothy 1:3-4

But continue thou in the **things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of** knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

2 Timothy 3:14

Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound **doctrine** both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

Titus 1:9

DISCIPLINE

As many as I love, I rebuke and **chasten:** be zealous therefore, and repent.

Revelation 3:19

And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the **chastening** of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:

for whom the Lord loveth he **chasteneth**, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

Hebrews 12:5-6

Chasten your son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying.

Proverbs 19:18

Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.

Proverbs 29:17

DESTRUCTION

My people are **destroyed** for lack of knowledge:

Hosea 4:6

The house of the wicked shall be **overthrown**: but the tabernacle of the upright shall flourish.

Proverbs 14:11

Wisdom is better than weapons of war: but one sinner **destroyeth** much good.

Ecclesiastes 9:18

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:

Matthew 7:13

DOUBT

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 removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done.

Matthew 21:21

And he that **doubteth** is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

Romans 14:23

DRINKING

And the LORD spake unto Aaron, saying,

Do not **drink** wine nor strong **drink**, thou, nor thy sons with thee, when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations:

Leviticus 10:8-9

Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well.

Proverbs 5:15

But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a **drunkard**, or an extortioner; with such a one, no, not to eat.

1 Corinthians 5:11

For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to **drink** into one Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:13

But whosoever **drinketh** of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

John 4:14

And be not **drunk** with wine, whereis excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

Ephesians 5:18

DISOBEDIENCE

Whereupon, O king of Agrippa, I was not **disobedient** unto the heavenly vision:

Acts 26:19

For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, **disobedient**, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.

But after that the kindness and love of God our Savior toward men appeared,

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;

Titus 3:3-5

DEBT

And forgive us our **debts**, as we forgive our **debtors**.

Matthew 6:12

I am **debtor** both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise.

So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also.

Romans 1:14

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

Romans 13:8

DEATH

For I have no pleasure in the **death** of him that dieth, saith the LORD: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye.

Ezekiel: 18:32

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the **death** of his saints.

Psalms 116:15

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

Romans 8:38-39

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to **death** in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.

1 Peter 3:18

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second **death**.

Revelation 2:11

Forasmuch then as the children are the partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that, though death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

Hebrews 2:14-15

And I turned to see the voice that spake with me, And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;

And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;

And his feet like unto fine brass, as if thy burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.

And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.

And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:

I am he that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive for evermore, A'-men; and have the keys of hell and of death.

Revelation 1:12-18

The man that wandereth **out of the way of understanding** shall remain **in the congregation of the dead**.

Proverbs 21:16

AND you hath he quickened, who were **dead in trespasses and sins**;

Ephesians 2:1

And you, being dead **in your sins** and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

Colossians 2:13

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.**

James 1:13-15

Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him;

Let him know, that **he which conuerteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death,** and shall hide a multitude of sins.

James 5:19-20

Now she that is a widow indeed and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day.

But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth.

1 Timothy 5:5-6

He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God and he shall be my son.

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whore mongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with **fire and brimstone: which is the second death.**

Revelation 21:7-8

DAY

The **days** of our years are the three score years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off; and we fly away.

Psalms 90:10

For a **day** in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Psalms 84:10

This is the **day** which the LORD hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalms 118:24

The great **day** of the LORD is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the LORD: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly.

Zephaniah 1:14

And he said to them all, if any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross **daily**, and follow me.

Luke 9:23

Give us **day** by **day** our daily bread.

Luke 11:3

For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed **day by day**.

2 Corinthians 4:16

But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one **day** is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one **day**.

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:8-9

DISQUALIFICATION

But I keep under any body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be **a castaway**.

1 Corinthians 9:27

DWELLING

I will abide in the tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings. Selah.

Psalms 61:4

HE that **dwelleth** in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Psalms 91:1

In whom ye also are builded together for a **habitation** of God through the Spirit.

Ephesians 2:22

That Christ may **dwell** in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

Ephesians 3:17

Let the word of Christ **dwell** in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Colossians 3:16

DEVOTION

I beseech you, brethren, (ye knew the house of Steph'-a-nas that it is the first fruits of A-chai'-a, and that they have **addicted** themselves to the ministry of the saints,)

1 Corinthians 16:15

Neither **give heed** to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather godly edifying which is in faith: so do.

1 Timothy 1:4

And let ours also learn to **maintain** good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful.

Titus 3:14

Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;

Colossians 4:2

DECENCY

Let us walk **honestly**, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

Romans 13:13

Knowing this, that the law is not for a **righteous** man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers.

1 Timothy 1:9

In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in **modest** apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;

Timothy 2:9

DEFILEMENT

The earth also is **defiled** under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant.

Isaiah 24:5

But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not **defile** himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the

wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not **defile** himself.

Daniel 1:8

But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they **defile** the man.

Matthew 15:18

Howbeit there is not in every man that knowledge: for some with conscience of the idol unto this hour eat it as a thing offered unto an idol; and their conscience being weak is **defiled**.

1 Corinthians 8:7

These are they which were not **defiled** with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from men, being the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb.

Revelation 14:4

DESIRE

The soul of the sluggard **desireth**, and hath nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.

Proverbs 13:4

Whom have I in heaven but thee? And there is none upon the earth that I **desire** beside thee.

Psalms 73:25

BRETHREN, my heart's **desire** and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.

Romans 10:1

FOLLOW after charity, and **desire** spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy.

1 Corinthians 14:1

Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the **desires** of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

Ephesians 2:3

AS the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul thirsteth, for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?

Psalm 42:1-2

O 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;

To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.

Psalm 63:1-2

The way of the just is uprightness: thou, most upright, dost weigh the path of the just.

Yea, in the way of the judgements, O LORD, have we waited for thee; **the desire of our soul is to thy name, and to the remembrance of thee.**

With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgements are in the earth the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

Isaiah 26:7-9

WHEREFORE, laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,

As new born babes **desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:**

If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

1 Peter 2:1-3

DISTORTION

And account that the long-suffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;

Also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable **wrest**, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

2 Peter 3:15-16

But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God **deceitfully**; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

2 Corinthians 4:2

DAWN

FOR, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

But unto **you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.**

And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of saints.

Malachi 4:1-3

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby, **the dayspring from on high hath visited us,**

To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1:76-79

And that, knowing the time, that now it is time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.

The night is far spent, **the day is at hand:** let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

Romans 13:11-12

For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eye witnesses of his majesty.

For he received from God the Father honor and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.

We have also a more sure word of prophecy; where unto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until **the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:**

2 Peter 1:16-19

DEAFNESS

THE word of the LORD also came unto me, saying,
Son of man, thou dwelleth in the midst of rebellious house,
which have eyes to see, and see not; **they have ears to hear, and hear not:** for they are a rebellious house.

Ezekiel 12:1-2

And the word of the LORD came unto Zech-a-ri'-ah,
saying.

Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Execute true
judgement, and show mercy and compassions every man to
his brother:

And oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger,
nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his
brother in his heart;

But they refused to hearken, and pulled away the shoulder,
and stopped their ears, that they should not hear.

Yea, **they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which the LORD of hosts hath sent** in his spirit by the former prophets: therefore came a great wrath from the LORD of hosts.

Zechariah 7:8-12

Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine.

For the time will come when they will **not endure sound doctrine**, but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

2 Timothy 4:3-4

DRESSING

The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the LORD thy God.

Deuteronomy 22:5

I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

In like manner also, that **women adorn themselves in modest apparel**, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;

But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works

1 Timothy 2: 9-9

LIKEWISE, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also **without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;**

While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.

Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of weaving of gold, or of putting on of apparel;

But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

1 Peter 3:1-4

Chapter 5

The E's

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ETERNITY

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.

John 3:16

While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are **eternal**.

2 Corinthians 4:18

PAUL, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness;

In hope of **eternal** life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

Titus 1:1-2

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have **eternal** life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

John 5:13

EXPERIENCE

O **taste** and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

Psalms 34:8

Have you **suffered** so many things in vain? If it be yet in vain.

Galatians 3:4

Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same **afflictions** are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

Peter 5:9

ENEMY

O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine **enemies** triumph over me.

Psalms 25:2

Rejoice not when thine **enemy** falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth:

Lest the LORD see it, and it displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him.

Proverbs 24:17-18

If thine **enemy** be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink.

For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the LORD shall reward thee.

Proverbs 25:21-22

The last **enemy** that shall be destroyed is death.

1 Corinthians 15:26

Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an example.

(For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the **enemies** of the cross of Christ:

Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)

Philippians 3:17-19

EXHORTATION

And when they had preached the gospel to the city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lys'-tra, and I-co-'ni-um, and An'-ti-och, confirming the souls of the disciples and **exhorting** them to continue in the faith, and we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

Acts 14:21-22

Or he that **exhorteth**, on **exhortation**: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

Romans 12:8

Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that ye might know our affairs, and that he might **comfort** your hearts.

Ephesians 6:22

And I beseech you, brethren, suffer the word of **exhortation**: for I have written a letter unto you in few words.

Know ye that our brother Timothy is set at liberty; with whom, if he come shortly, I will see you.

Hebrews 13:22-23

EDUCATION

And thou shalt **teach** them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

Deuteronomy 6:7

EARTH

He stretcheth out the north over the **empty place**, and hangeth the early upon nothing.

Job 26:7

Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the **earth**?
Declare, if thou hast understanding.

Who hath laid the measures there of, if thou knowest? Or
who hath stretched the line upon it?

Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? Or who
laid the corner stone thereof;

Job 38:4-6

But the LORD is the true God, he is the living God, and an
everlasting king: at his wrath the **earth** shall tremble, and
the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation.

Jeremiah 10:10

Heaven is my throne, and **earth** is my footstool: what
house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what is the place
of my rest? hath not my hand made all these things?

Acts 7:49-50

For the **earth** is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof.

1 Corinthians 10:26

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are
above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

Set your affection on things above, not in things on the earth.

Colossians 3:1-2

EATING

HO, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

Isaiah 55: 1-2

The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the LORD that seek him: your heart shall live for ever.

Psalms 22:26

In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, master, eat.

But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of.

Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him aught to eat?

Jesus saith unto them, my meat is to do the will of him, that sent me, and to finish his work.

John 4: 31-34

When the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, neither his disciples, they also took shipping, and came to Ca-per'-na-um, seeking for Jesus.

And when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, Rabbi, when camest thou hither?

Jesus answered them and said, Verily, Verily, I say unto you, ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.

Labor 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.

Then said they unto him, what shall we do, that we might work the works of God?

Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

John 6: 24-29

For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busy bodies. Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own breads

Thessalonians 3: 10-12

EXERCISE

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;

Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God had created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:

For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up

in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained.

But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and **exercise thyself rather unto godliness.**

For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance.

For therefore we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, specially of those that believe.

1 Timothy 4:1-10

PAUL, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;

Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy;

When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lo'-is, and thy mother Eu'-ni-ce; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

Wherefore **I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee** by the putting on of my hands.

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

2 Timothy 1:1-7

EMPLOYEE

UNTO thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens.

Behold, as the eyes of **servants** look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of **a maiden** unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the LORD our God, until that he have mercy upon us.

Psalms 123:1-2

A wise servant shall have rule over a son that causeth shame, and shall have part of the inheritance among the brethren.

Proverbs 17:2

Who then is a **faithful and wise servant**, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?

Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

Verily, I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

Matthew 24:45-47

AND Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Pot'-i-phar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ish'-mae-lites, which had brought him down thither.

And **the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.**

And his master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand.

And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: and he made him overseer over his house and all that he had he put into his hand.

And it came to pass from the time that he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the

LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field.

And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand; and he knew not aught he had, save the bread which he did eat.

And Joseph was a goodly person, and well-favored.

And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, lie with me.

But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what is with me in the house and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand;

There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back anything from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?

And it came to pass, as she spake to Joseph day by day, that he hearkened not unto her, to lie by her, or to be with her.

Genesis 39:1-10

Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; not with

eyeservice, as men pleasers; but as the servants **of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart;**

With good will doing service as to the Lord, and not to men: knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.

Ephesians 6:5-8

Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things; not answering again; Not purloining, but **showing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things.**

Titus 2:9-10

LET as many **servants** as are under the yoke **count their own masters worthy of all honor, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed.**

And they that have believing masters, let them not despise them, because they are brethren; but rather do them service, because they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit. These things teach and exhort.

1 Timothy 6:1-2

Chapter 6

The F's

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FAMILY

God setteth the solitary in **families**: he bringeth out those which are bound with chains: but the rebellious dwell in dry land.

Psalm 68:6

For from henceforth there shall be five in one **house** divided three against two, and two against three.

Luke 12:52

Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the **household** of God;

Ephesians 2:19

FRUITFULNESS

The **fruit** of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winnetth souls is wise.

Proverbs 11:30

Bring forth therefore **fruits** meet for repentance:

Matthew 3:8

For a good tree bringeth no forth corrupt **fruit**; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

Luke 6:43

Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away; and every branch that beareth **fruit**, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

John 15:2

That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being **fruitful** in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

Colossians 1:10

AND he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of **fruits**, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for healing of the nations.

Revelation 22:1-2

BLESSED is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

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.

Psalms 1:1-3

The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.

They **shall still bring forth fruit in old age**; they shall be fat and flourishing;

To show that the LORD is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Psalm 92:12-15

I AM the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

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.

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.

John 15:1-5, 16

KNOW ye not, **brethren** (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth?

For the woman which hath a husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband.

So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.

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.**

For when we were in the flesh the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.

But **now we are delivered from the law**, that being dead wherein we were held; **that we should serve in newness of spirit**, and not in the oldness of the letter.

Romans 7:1-6

For ye were sometimes darkness, but **now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:**

(For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)

Ephesians 5:8-9

And **this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgement;**

That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ;

Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

Philippians 1:9-11

FULLNESS

THE earth is the LORD'S, and the **fullness** thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

Psalms 24:1

And of his **fullness** have all we received, and grace for grace.

John 1:16

And I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the **fullness** of the blessing of the gospel of Christ

Romans 15:29

And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the **fullness** of God.

Ephesians 3:19

For in him dwelleth all the **fullness** of the Godhead bodily.

Colossians 2:9

FAMINE

And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with **hunger**, and with death and with beasts of the earth.

Revelation 6:8

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a **famine** in the land, not a **famine** of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD.

Amos 8:11

FORTRESS

The name of the LORD is a strong **tower**: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.

Proverbs 18:10

FUTURE

For surely there is an end; and thine **expectation** shall not be cut off.

Proverbs 23:18

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.

Jeremiah 29:11

FOUNDATION

Of old hast thou laid the **foundation** of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands.

Psalms 102:25

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.

Matthew 7:24-25

Lest haply, after he hath laid the **foundation**, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish.

Luke 14:29-30

Nevertheless the **foundation** of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his.

And, Let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

Timothy 2:19

FOOTHOLD

Every place that the sole of your foot shall **tread upon**, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.

Joshua 1:3

But as for me, my feet were almost gone; **steps had well-nigh slipped.**

Psalm 73:2

Neither give **place** to the devil.

Ephesians 4:27

FASTING

But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth:

I humbled my soul with **fasting**; and my prayer returned into my own bosom.

Psalm 35:13

THEN, was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

And when he had **fasted** forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungered.

Matthew 4:1-2

Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and **fasting**.

Matthew 17:21

And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with **fasting**, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.

Acts 14:23

IT came to pass after this also, that the children of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and with them other beside the Am'-mon-ites, came against Je-hosh-a-phat to battle.

Then there came some that told Je-hosh'-a-phat, saying, There cometh a great multitude against thee from beyond the sea on this side Syria; and, behold, they be in Haz'-a-zon-ta'-maz, which is En-ge'-di.

And Je-hesh'-a-phat feared, and set himself to seek the Lord, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.

And Judah gathered themselves together, to ask help of the LORD: even out of all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD.

And Je-hosh'-a-phat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD, before the new court.

And said, O LORD God of our father, art thou God in heaven? and rulest not thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee? Art not thou our God,

who didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, ad gavest it to the seed of Abraham thy friend for ever?

And they dwelt therein, and have built thee a sanctuary therein for thy name, saying,

If, when evil cometh upon us, as the sword, judgement, or pestilence, or famine, we stand before this house, and in thy presence, (for thy name is in this house) and cry unto thee in our affliction, then thou wilt hear and help. And now, behold, the children of Ammon and Moab and mount Se'-ir, whom thou wouldest not let Israel invade when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned from them, and destroyed them not; Behold, I say, how they reward us, to come to cast us out of thy possession, which thou hast given us to inherit.

O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know what to do: but our eyes are upon thee.

2 Chronicles 20: 1-12

NOW in the twenty and fourth day of this month the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, and with sack clothes, and earth upon them.

And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all strangers, and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers.

And they stood up in their place, and read in the book of the law of the LORD their God one fourth part of the day; and another fourth part they confessed, and worshiped the LORD their God.

Nehemiah 9: 1-3

AND the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the second time, saying. Arise, go unto Nin'-e-veh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee.

So Jonah arose and went unto Nin'-e-veh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nin'-e-veh was an exceeding great city of three days' journey.

And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, yet forty days, and Nin'-e-veh shall be overthrown.

So the people of Nin'-e-veh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them.

For word came unto the king of Nin'-e-veh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered him with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.

And he caused it to be proclaimed and published through Nin'-e-veh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, heard nor flock, taste any thing: let them not feed, nor drink water:

But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands.

Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not?

And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not.

Jonah 3

Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river of A-ha'-va, that we might afflict ourselves before God, to seek of him a right way for us and for our little ones, and all our substance. For I was ashamed to require of the king a band of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy in the way: because we had spoken unto the king, saying. The

hand of God is upon all them for good that seek him; but his power and his wrath is against all them that forsake him. So we fasted and besought our God for this: and he was entreated of us

Ezra 8: 21-23

Wherefore have fasted, say they, and thou seest not? Wherefore have we afflicted our soul and thou takest no knowledge? Behold, in the day of your fast ye find pleasure, and exact all your labors.

Behold, ye fast for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness: ye shall not just as ye do this day, to make your voice to be heard on high.

Is it such a fast that I have chosen? A day for a man to afflict his soul? is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the LORD?

Is not this the fast I have chosen? To loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?

Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the

naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?

Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy rearward .Then shalt thou call, and the LORD shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity:

And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday: And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones:

And thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not. and they shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.

Isaiah 58: 3-12

Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may

appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face;

That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

Matthew 6: 16-18

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 publication. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publication, standing a far 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.

Luke 18: 9-14

NOW there were in the church that was at An'-ti-och certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas and Simeon that was called Ni'ger, and Lu'-ci-us of Cy-re'-me , and Man'-a-en, which been brought up with Herod the te'-trarch, and Saul. As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work where unto I have called them.

And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

Acts 13: 1-3

FEAR

The **fear** of the LORD is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

Proverbs 14:27

The **fear** of man bringeth a snare: but whose putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.

Proverbs 29:25

Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with **fear** and trembling.

Philippians 2:12

FREEDOM

Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

John 8:31-32

Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is **Liberty**.

2 Corinthians 3:18

STAND fast therefore in the **liberty** wherewith Christ hath made us **free**, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

Galatians 5:1

For, brethren, ye have been called unto **liberty**; only use not **liberty** for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

Galatians 5:13

As **free**, and not using your **liberty**, for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.

Peter 2:16

FOOLISHNESS

For he seeth that wise men die, likewise the **fool** and the brutish person perish, and leave their wealth to others.

Psalms 49:10

THE **fool** hath saith in his heart, There is no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: there is none that doeth good.

Psalms 53:1

Go from the presence of a **foolish** man, when thou perceivest not in him the lips of knowledge.

Proverbs 14:7

Because the **foolishness** of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

1Corinthians 1:25

FOOD

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 more than raiment?

Matthew 6:25

In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat. But he said unto them, I have **meat** to eat ye know not of.

John 4:31-32

For my flesh is **meat** indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

John 6:55

For every one that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. 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.

Hebrew 5:13-14

FORGIVENESS

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.

Matthew 6:14-15

And be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, **forgiving** one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Ephesians 4:32

For bearing one another, and **forgiving** one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ **forgave** you, so also do ye.

Colossians 3:13

FELLOWSHIP

And let us consider one another to provoke unto love to good works:

Not forsaking the **assembling** of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as y see the day approaching.

Hebrews 10:24-25

And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and **fellowship**, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Acts 2:42

God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the **fellowship** of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 1:9

Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything 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.

Matthew 18:19-20

Then the same day **at evening**, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where **the disciples were**

assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

And when he had so said, he showed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

John 20:19-20

And, being **assembled together** with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

Acts 1:4-5

Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a Sabbath day's journey.

And when they were come in, **they went up into an upper room, were abode** both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Al'-phe-us, and Simon Zelo'-tes, and Judas the brother of James.

These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

Acts 1:12-14

AND when the day of Pentecost was fully come, **they were all with one accord in one place.**

Acts 2:1

And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where **they were assembled together;** and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

Acts 4:31

And we sailed away from Phil'-ippi after the days of unleavened bread, and came unto them to Tro-as in five days; where we abode seven days.

And upon the first day of the week, when **the disciples came together to break bread,** Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.

Acts 20:6-7

FARMING

AND Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD. And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a **keeper of sheep**, but Cain was a **tiller of the ground**.

Genesis 4:1-2

And Noah began to be a **husbandman**, and he planted vineyard.

Genesis 9:20

The words of Amos, who was among the **herdsmen** of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the day of Uzziah of Jeroboam the son of Joash King of Israel, two years before the earth quake.

And he said, The LORD will roar from Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the habitations of the shepherds shall mourn, and the top of Carmel shall wither.

Amos 1:1-2

FAITH

NOW **faith** is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1

For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of **faith**.

Romans 12:3

Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: (For we walk by **faith**, not by sight)

2 Corinthians 5:6-7

We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners of Gentiles, 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 **faith** of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

Galatians 2:15-16

Fight the good fight of **faith**, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed good profession before many witnesses.

1 Timothy 6:12

FIRST

But seek ye **first** the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Matthew 6:33

And it is written, the **first** man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

The **first** man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the LORD from heaven.

1 Corinthians 15:45-47

But the wisdom that is from above is **first** pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

James 3:17

We love him, because he **first** loved us.

1 John 4:19

And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not, I am the

first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, A'-men; and have the keys of hell and of death.

Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

Revelation 1:17-19

FORGETFULNESS

Only **take heed to thyself**, and keep thy soul diligently, **lest thou forget** the things which thine eyes have seen; and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons;

Specially the day that thou stoodest before the LORD thy God in Hor'-eb, when the LORD said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children.

Deuteronomy 4:9-10

Beware that thou **forget** not the LORD thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgements, and his statutes, which I command thee this day:

Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein;

And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied;

Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the LORD thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage;

Deuteronomy 8:11-14

But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

And it shall be, **if thou** do at all **forget the LORD thy God**, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, **I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish.**

Deuteronomy 8:18-19

FRIENDSHIP

A man that hath friends must show himself friendly: and
there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

Proverbs 18:24

Two are better than one; because they have a good
reward for their labor.

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.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

Greater love hath no man than this, that **a man lay down
his life for his friends.**

Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth
not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for
all things that I have heard of my Father, I have made
known unto you.

John 15:13-15

Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

1 Corinthians 15:33

Chapter 7

The G's

It is a pleasure to welcome you to today's reading. As you read, be instructed, encouraged, comforted, assured, exhorted, enlightened, reminded and established accordingly by the word of God, as you apply in life appropriately (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

GRACE

Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who speaking to them persuaded them to continue in the **grace** of God.

Acts 13:43

By whom we have received **grace** and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:

Among whom are ye also called of Jesus Christ:

Romans 1:5-6

For ye know the **grace** of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

2 Corinthians 8:9

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.

Galatians 1:6-7

In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his **grace**,

Ephesians 1:7

Let your speech be always with **grace**, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

Colossians 4:6

But he giveth more **grace**. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

James 4:6

But the God of all **grace**, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

Peter 5:10

GUIDANCE

For by wise **counsel** thou shalt make thy war: and in the multitude of **counselors** there is safety.

Proverbs 24:6

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 show you things to come.

John 16:13

Show me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths.

Psalms 25:4

For this God is our God forever and ever: he will be our **guide** even unto death.

Psalms 48:14

GENEROSITY

The Liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.

Proverbs 11:25

He that hath a **bountiful eye** shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor.

Proverbs 22:9

That they do good, that they be rich in good works, **ready to distribute**, willing to communicate;

1 Timothy 6:18

GROWTH

And the LORD visited Hannah, so that she conceived, and bare three sons and two daughters. And the child Samuel **grew** before the LORD.

1 Samuel 2:21

And the child **grew**, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the desert till the day of his showing unto Israel.

Luke 1:80

And Jesus **increased** in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

Luke 2:52

But the word of God **grew** and multiplied.

Acts 12:24

So mightily **grew** the word of God and prevailed

Acts 19:20

GRIEF

And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that **I sat down and wept, and mourned** certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven,

Nehemiah 1:4

And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being **grieved** for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out: and his hand was restored whole as the other.

Mark 3:5

And **grieve** not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

Ephesians 4:30

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye **sorrow** not, even as others which have no hope.

1 Thessalonians 4:13

GOODNESS

A **GOOD** name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one's birth.

Ecclesiastes 7:1

BEHOLD, **how good** and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

Psalms 133:1

Good and upright is the LORD: therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

Psalms 25:8

His Lord said unto him, well done, thou **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.

Matthew 25:21

And Jesus said unto him, why callest thou me **good**? There is none **good** but one, that is, God.

Mark 10:18

For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is **good**, and simple concerning evil.

Romans 16:19

GLORY

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the **glory** which shall be revealed in us.

Roman 8:18

For ye are bought with a price: therefore **glorify** God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

1 Corinthians 6:20

To whom God would make known what is the riches of the **glory** of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of **glory**:

Colossians 1:27

According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to **glory** and virtue:

Peter 1:3

GENTILITY

NOW I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and **gentleness** of Christ, who in presence am base among you, but being absent am bold toward you:

But I beseech you, that I may not be bold when I am present with that confidence, wherewith I think to be bold against some, which think of us as if we walked according to the flesh.

2 Corinthians 10:1-2

I THEREFORE, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

With all **lowliness** and meekness, with long-suffering,
forebearing one another in love;

Ephesians 4:1-2

A **SOFT** answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words
stir up anger.

Proverb 15:1

But we were **gentle** among you, even as a nurse cherisheth
her children.

1 Thessalonians 2:7

GUARD

Set a **watch**, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of
my lips.

Psalms 141:3

Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues
of life.

Proverbs 4:23

O Timothy, **keep** that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:

1 Timothy 6:20

GRAVE

Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of **death**.

Proverbs 7:27

I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, A'-men; and have the keys of hell and of **death**.

Revelations 1:18

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the **dead** in Christ shall rise first:

1 Thessalonians 4:16

Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the **graves** shall hear his voice,

And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

John 5:28-29

GOVERNMENT

O Let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and **govern** the nations upon earth. Selah.

Psalms 67:4

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: the **government** shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

GODLINESS

But know that the LORD hath set apart him that is **godly** for himself: the LORD hear when I call unto him.

Psalms 4:3

If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to **godliness**;

He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is **godliness**: from such withdraw thyself.

1 Timothy 6:3-5

Yea, and all that will live **godly** in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

2 Timothy 3:12

Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the LORD he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else.

Thou shalt **keep** therefore **his statutes, and his commandments**, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee and that thou mayest prolong thy days upon the earth, which the LORD thy God giveth thee, for ever.

Deuteronomy 4:39-40

Though a sinner do evil a hundred times, and his days be prolonged, yet surely, **I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, which fear before him:**

But it shall not be well with the wicked, neither shall he prolong his days, which are as a shadow; because he feareth not before God.

Ecclesiastes 8:12-13

Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings.

Isaiah 3:10

BLESSED is every one that feareth the Lord; that walketh in his ways.

For thou shalt eat the labor of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.

Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table.

Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the LORD.

The LORD shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life.

Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel.

Psalms 128

I EXHORT therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;

For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may **lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.**

For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior;

Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

1 Timothy 2:1-4

But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and **exercise thyself rather unto godliness.**

For bodily exercise profiteth little: but **godliness is profitable unto all things**, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation.

1 Timothy 4:7-9

But **godliness with contentment is great gain.**

1 Timothy 6:6

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, **we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present, world;**

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ;

Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Titus 2:11-14

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of **persons ought ye be in all holy conversation and godliness.**

2 Peter 3:10-11

GIFT

As every man hath received the **gift**, even so minister the same one to another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

1 Peter 4:10

God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and **gifts** of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?

Hebrews 2:4

Now there are diversities of **gifts**, but the same Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:4

For the wages of sin is death: but the **gift** of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6:23

Having then **gifts** differing according to the grace that is given us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;

Romans 12:6

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the **gift** of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 2:38

Gates

IN that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks.

Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth **may enter in.**

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHO'-VAH is everlasting strength.

Isaiah 26:1-4

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:

Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Matthew 7:13-14

And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me **that great city, the holy Jerusalem,** descending out of heaven from God,

Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;

And had a wall great and high, and **had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels,** and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.

And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof.

And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.

And he measured the wall thereof, a hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.

And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass.

And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald;

The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst.

And **the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl:** and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honor into it.

And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

And they shall bring the glory and honor of the nations into it.

And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: **but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.**

Revelation 21:9-27

AND he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.

And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to show unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.

Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

And I John saw these things and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which showed me these things.

Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.

And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.

He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me; to give every man according as his work shall be.

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

Revelation 22:1-14

Chapter 8

The H's

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HOPE

And now abideth faith, **hope**, charity, these three; but the greatest of these charity.

1 Corinthians 13:13

Who against **hope** believed in **hope** that the might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, so shall thy seed be.

Romans 4:18

For the **hope** which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;

Colossians 1:5

Looking for the blessed **hope**, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ;

Titus 2:3

The wicked is driven away in his wickedness: but **the righteous hath hope** in his death.

Proverbs 14:32

But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets: And **have hope toward God**, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.

Acts 24:14-15

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. **And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.**

1 John 3:2-3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord **Jesus Christ**,
which according to his abundant mercy **hath begotten us**
again **unto a lively hope** by the resurrection of Jesus Christ
from the dead,

To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that
fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto
salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Peter 1:3-5

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared
to all men,

Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts,
we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this
present world,

Looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing
of the great God and our **Savior Jesus Christ;**

Titus 2:11-13

For we know that the whole creation groaneth and
traveileth in pain together until now.

And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first
fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within

ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

For **we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope:** for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

But **if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.**

Romans 8:22-25

For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we **through patience and comfort of the scriptures** might **have hope.**

Romans 15:4

HEALING

And said, if thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD, thy God and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: I am the LORD, that **healeth** thee.

Exodus 15:26

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are **healed**.

Isaiah 53:5

But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with **healing** in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

Malachi 4:2

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who **healeth** all thy diseases;

Psalms 103:2-3

And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid hands on him, and **healed** him.

Acts 28:8

To another faith by the same Spirit; to another gifts of **healing** by the same Spirit;

1 Corinthians 12:9

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in **health**, even as thy soul prospereth.

3 John 2

And it came to pass, that as he was come nigh unto Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the way side begging:

And hearing the multitude pass by, he asked what it meant.

And they told him, that Jesus of Nazareth passeth by. And he cried, saying, Jesus, thou Son of David have mercy on me. And they which went before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cried so much the more.

Thou son of David, have mercy on me.

And Jesus stood, and commanded him to be brought unto him: and when he was come near, he asked him.

Saying, What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee? And he said, Lord, that I may receive my sight.

And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight; thy faith have saved thee. And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God: and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God.

Luke 18: 35-43

Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he had committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

James 5: 14-16

BLESSED is he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble,

The LORD will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth: and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies.

The LORD will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness.

Psalms 41:1-3

COME, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.

After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight:

Hosea 6:1-2

HEAVEN

Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for **new heavens** and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Whereof, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

3 Peter 3:13-14

For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from **heaven**

2 Corinthians 5:2

AND I saw a **new heaven** and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

Revelation 21:1

HOLINESS

And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying **Holy, holy, holy**, Lord God almighty which was, and is, and is to come.

Revelation 4:8

But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye **holy** in all manner of conversation;

Because it is written, Be ye **holy**, for I am **holy**.

1 Peter 1:15-16

Follow peace with all men, and **holiness**, without which no man shall see the Lord:

Hebrews 12:14

For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto **holiness**.

1 Thessalonians 4:7

And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true **holiness**.

Ephesians 4:24

HATRED

If the world **hated you**, ye know that it **hated** me before it **hated** you.

John 15:18

And ye shall be **hated** of all men, for my name's sake: But he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

Matthew 10:22

The fear of the LORD is to **hate** evil. Pride and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I **hate**.

Proverbs 8:13

Whosoever **hateth** his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

1 John 3:15

HONESTY

He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, **nor sworn deceitfully**.

He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Psalm 24:4-5

BETTER is the poor that walketh in his integrity, than he that is **pervese** in his lips, and is a fool.

Proverbs 19:1

A **Just weight and balance** are the LORD'S: all the weights of the bag are his work.

Proverbs 16:11

HYPOCRISY

Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the **hypocrites** do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

Matthew 6:2

IN the mean time, when there were gathered together an innumerable multitude of people, insomuch that they trode on one upon another, he began to say unto his disciples first of all, Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is **hypocrisy**.

Luke 12:1

HOUSE

The curse of the LORD is in the **house** of the wicked: but he blesseth the habitation of the just.

Proverbs 3:33

I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the **house**, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.

1 Timothy 5:14

But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own **house**, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

1 Timothy 5:8

And everyone 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 a hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

Matthew 19:29

HUNGER

And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never **hunger**; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

John 6:35

I have been young, and now am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed **begging bread**.

Psalm 37:25

For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the **hungry** soul with goodness.

Psalm 107:9

HUMILITY

The **meek** will he guide in judgement: and the **meek** will he teach his way.

Psalm 25:9

For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the **meek** with salvation.

Psalm 149:4

Surely he scorneth the scorers: but he giveth grace unto
the lowly.

Proverbs 3:34

Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary
humility and worshiping of angels, intruding in those
things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his
fleshy mind,

And not holding the Head, from which all the body by
joints and bands having nourishment ministered and knit
together, increaseth with the increase of God.

Colossians 2:18-19

Humble yourself therefore under the mighty hand of God,
that he may exalt you in due time:

1 Peter 5:6

Wherewith shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself
before the high God? shall I come before him with burnt
offerings, with calves of a year old?

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, or with
ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my first-born for

my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He hath showed 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?**

Micah 6:6-8

When thou art bidden of any man to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room; lest a more honorable man than thou be bidden of him;

And he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room.

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 in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee.

For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that **humbleth himself shall be exalted.**

Luke 14:8-11

And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest.

And he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors.

But ye shall not be so: but **he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve.**

For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth.

Luke 22:24-27

For I say, through the grace given unto me, to **every man** that is among you, **not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly**, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

Romans 12:3

Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

James 4:10

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:

Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

1 Peter 5:5-7

HONOR

The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and before **honor** is humility.

Proverbs 15:33

Honor the LORD with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase:

Proverbs 3:9

BLESS the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with **honor** and majesty:

Psalms 104:1

That all men should **honor** the Son, even as they **honor** the Father. He that honoreth not the Son honoreth not the Father which hath sent him.

John 5:23

Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear, **honor** to whom **honor**.

Romans 13:7

HELP

Having therefore obtained **help** of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come:

Acts 26:22

My **help** cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.

Psalms 121:2

Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my **helper**, and I will not fear what man shall do

Hebrews 13:5-6

HOSPITALITY

Be not forgetful to **entertain** strangers: for thereby some have **entertained** angels unaware.

Hebrews 13:2

A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, **given hospitality**, apt to teach;

1 Timothy 3:2

Distributing to the necessities of saints; given to **hospitality**.

Romans 12:13

Use **hospitality** one to another without grudging.

1 Peter 4:9

HARVEST

But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

Then saith he unto his disciples, The **harvest** truly is plentious, but the laborers are few, pray ye therefore the Lord of harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his **harvest**.

Matthew 9:36-38

Now I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that oftentimes I purposed to come unto you, (but was let hitherto,) that I might have **some fruit** among you also, even as among other Gentiles.

Romans 1:13

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for **whatsoever, a man soweth, that shall he also reap.**

For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but **he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.**

And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Galatians 6:7-10

Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you,

Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are while already to harvest.

And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.

John 4:35-36

HEAD

But I would have you know, that the **head** of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.

1 Corinthians 11:3

And hath put all things under his feet and gave him to be the **head** over things to the church, Which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all.

Ephesians 1:22-23

And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the first-born from the dead; that in all things he might have the pre-eminence.

For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell.

Colossians 1:18-19

HERESY

Forasmuch as we have heard that **certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no such commandment:**

It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord,
to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas
and Paul,

Men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord
Jesus Christ.

Acts 15:24-26

For first of all, when ye come together in the church, I hear
that there be divisions among you: and I partly believe it.

For **there must be also heresies among you, that they
which are approved may be made manifest among you.**

When ye come together therefore into one place, this is not
to eat the Lord's supper.

For in eating every one taketh before other his own supper:
and one is hungry, and another is drunken.

What? Have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise
ye the church of God, and shame them that have not? What
shall I say to you? Shall I praise you in this? I praise you
not.

1 Corinthians 11:18-22

BUT there were false prophets also among the people, even
as there shall be **false teachers** among you, who privily

shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

2 Peter 2:1

Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before beware lest ye also, being **led away with the error of the wicked**, fall from your own steadfastness.

But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever, A'-men.

2 Peter 3:17-18

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INTERCESSION

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know what we should pray for as we ought: But the Spirit himself maketh **intercession** for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Romans 8:26

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.

Hebrews 7:25

I EXHORT therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, **intercessions**, and giving thanks, be made for all men;

1 Timothy 2:1

And I sought for a man among them, that I should make up the hedge, and **stand in the gap** before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

Ezekiel 22: 30

INTEGRITY

Then I said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine **integrity**? Curse God, and die.

Job 2:9

BETTER is the poor that walketh in his integrity, than he that is perverse in his lips, and is a fool.

Proverbs 19:1

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.

Luke 16:10

In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine showing **uncorruptness**, gravity, sincerity,

Titus 2:7

The **integrity** of the upright **shall guide** them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.

Proverbs 11:3

Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out.

Most men will proclaim everyone his own goodness: but a **faithful man** who can find?

The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him.

Proverbs 20:5-7

AND **Samuel said unto all Israel,**

Behold, I have hearkened unto your voice in all that ye said unto me, and have made a king over you.

And now, behold, the king walketh before you: and I am old and gray headed; and, behold, my sons are with you: and I have walked before you from my childhood unto this day.

Behold, here I am: **witness against me before the LORD, and before his anointed:** whose ox have I taken or whose ass have I taken? or whom have I defrauded? Whom have I

oppressed? or of whose hand have I received any bribe to blind mine eyes therewith? And I will restore it you.

And they said, Thou hast not defrauded us, nor oppressed us, neither hast thou taken aught of any man's hand.

And he said unto them, The LORD is witness against you, and his anointed is witness this day, that ye have not found aught in my hand. And they answered, He is witness.

1 Samuel 12:1-5

NOW Na'- a-man, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honorable, because by him the LORD had given deliverance unto Syria: he was also a mighty man in valor, but he was a leper.

And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid; and she waited on Na'- a-man's wife.

And she said unto her mistress, Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Sam-mar'-i-a! for he would recover him of his leprosy.

And one went in, and told his Lord, saying, Thus and thus said the maid that is of the land of Israel.

And the king of Syria said, Go to, go and I will send a letter unto the king of Israel. And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand pieces of gold, and ten changes of raiment.

And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, Now when this letter is come unto thee, behold, I have therewith sent Na'- a-man my servant to thee, that thou mayest recover him of his leprosy.

And it came to pass, when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he rent his clothes, and said, Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man doth send unto me to recover a man of his leprosy? wherefore consider I pray you, and see how he seeketh a quarrel against me.

And it was so, when E-li'-sha the man of God had heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? Let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel.

So Na'- a-man came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of E-li'-sha.

And E-li'-sha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean.

But Na'- a-man was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper.

Are not Ab-a'-na and Phar'-par, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage.

And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean?

Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him: and he said, behold now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel: now therefore, I pray thee, **take a blessing of thy servant.**

But he said, As the LORD liveth, before whom I stand, I will receive none. And he urged him to take it; but he refused.

2 Kings 5:1-16

INHERITANCE

A good man leaveth an **inheritance** to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.

Proverbs 13:22

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an **inheritance** incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Peter 1:3-5

And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal **inheritance**.

Hebrews 9:15

Knowing that of the Lord, ye shall receive the reward of the **inheritance**: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

Colossians 3:24

The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his **inheritance** in the saints,

Ephesians 1:18

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot **inherit** the kingdom of God: neither doth corruption **inherit** incorruption.

1 Corinthians 15:50

Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterous, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall **inherit** the kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the **inheritance** of the saints in light:

Colossians 1:12

IMPOSSIBILITY

And, behold, thy cousin Elizabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren.

For with God nothing shall be **impossible**.

Luke 1:36-37

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.

Hebrews 11:6

And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is **impossible**, but not with God: for with God all things are **possible**.

Mark 10:27

IMMORALITY

Neither let us commit **fornication**, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.

1 Corinthians 10:8

But **fornication**, and all uncleanness, or coveteousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;

Ephesians 5:3

For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from **fornication**:

That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor;

1 Thessalonians 4:3-4

IDOLATRY

Now therefore put away, said he, the **strange gods** which are among you, and incline your heart unto the LORD God of Israel.

Joshua 24:23

Little children, keep yourselves from idols. A'-men.

1 John 5:21

Thou shalt have none **other gods** before me.

Deuteronomy 5:7

Their land also is full of **idols**; they **worship the work of their own hands**, that which their own fingers have made:

Isaiah 2:8

IGNORANCE

This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,

Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the **ignorance** that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

Ephesians 4:17-18

And the time of this **ignorance** God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

Acts 17:30

I hearkened and heard, but they spake not aright: no man repented him of his wickedness, saying, What have I done? Every one turned to his course, as the horse rusheth into the battle.

Yea, the stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times; and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming; but **my people know not the judgement of the LORD.**

Jeremiah 8:6-7

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light. That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh unto the world. **He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.**

He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

John 1:6-11

BRETHREN, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.

For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.

For they **being ignorant of God's righteousness and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.**

Romans 10:1-3

Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry.

Therefore disputed he in the synagogue with the Jews, and with the devout persons, and in the market daily with them that met with him.

Then certain philosophers of the Ep-i-cu-re'-ans, and of the Sto'-ics, encountered him. And some said, What will this babbler say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods: because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection.

And they took him, and brought him unto Ar-e-op'-a-gus, saying,

May we know what this new doctrine, whereof thou speakest, is?

For thou bringest certain strangethings to our ears: we would know therefore what these things mean.

(For all the Athenians and strangers which were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing.)

Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious.

For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, **To the unknown God. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.**

God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;

Neither is worshiped, with men's hands as though he needed anything, seeing he giveth to all life, and breadth, and all things;

And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed and the bounds of their habitation;

That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from everyone of us:

For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the God- head is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, grave by art and man's device.

And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom, he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

Acts 17:16-31

For my people is foolish, they have not known me; they are sottish children, and they have none understanding: they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.

Jeremiah 4:22

INSPIRATION

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 perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

INTERPRETATION

Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private **interpretation**.

For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

2 Peter 1:20 -21

If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at most by three, and that by course; and let one **interpret**.

But if there be no **interpreter**, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God.

1 Corinthians 14:27-28

This is the dream; and we will tell the **interpretation** thereof before the king.

Daniel 2:36

IMPATIENCE

AND when the **people saw that Moses delayed** to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

Exodus 32:1

And Samuel said, What hast thou done? And Saul said, Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that **thou camest not within the days appointed**, and that the Phil-is-tines gathered themselves together at Mich'-mash;

Therefore said I, The Phil-is'-tines will come down now upon me to Gilgal, and I have not made supplication unto the LORD: I forced myself therefore, and offered a burnt offering.

1 Samuel 13:11-12

INDUSTRY

Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise:

Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler,

Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest.

Proverbs 6:6-8

Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished: but **he that gathereth by labor shall increase.**

Proverbs 13:11

Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring, one another;

Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing in prayer;

Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.

Romans 12:10-13

IMMATURITY

AND I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto **babes in Christ**.

I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.

1 Corinthians 3:1-2

He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.

Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:

That we henceforth be no more **children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;**

Ephesians 4:10-14

For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the

oracles of God; and are **become such as have need of milk** and not of strong meat.

For every **one that** useth milk **is unskillful in the word of righteousness:** for he **is a babe**.

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.

Hebrews 5: 12-14

Chapter 10

The J's

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JOY

Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is

prepared: for this day is holy unto the Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength.

Nehemiah 3:10

A **merry** heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.

Proverbs 15:13

JUSTIFICATION

Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be **justified** in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

Romans 3:20

Yea, surely God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert **judgment**.

Job 34:12

For by thy words thou shalt be **justified**, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

Matthew 12:37

Wherefore the law was our school master to bring us unto Christ, that we might be **justified** by faith.

Galatians 3:24

That being **justified** by grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Titus 3:7

JERUSALEM

For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create **Jerusalem** a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

And I will rejoice in **Jerusalem**, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

Isaiah 65:17-19

But ye have come unto mount Zi'-on, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly **Jerusalem**, and to an innumerable company of angels,

Hebrews 12:22

AND I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

And I John saw the holy city, new **Jerusalem**, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Revelations 21:1-2

JEALOUSY

For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you **envying**, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

1 Corinthians 3:3

And women answered one another as they played, and said, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands.

And Saul was very wroth, and the saying **displeased** him; and he said, They have ascribed unto David ten thousands;

and to me they have ascribed but thousands: and what can he have more but the kingdom?

1 Samuel 18:7-8

For **jealousy** is the rage of a man: therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance.

Proverbs 6:34

Charity suffereth long, is kind; charity **envieth** not; charityvaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

1 Corinthians 13:4

Chapter 11

The K's

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KNOWLEDGE

My people are destroyed for lack of **knowledge**: because thou hast rejected **knowledge**, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

Hosea 4:6

Receive my instruction, and not silver; and **knowledge** rather than choice gold.

Proverbs 8:10

Wise men lay up **knowledge**: but the mouth of the foolish is near destruction.

Proverbs 10:14

The heart of the prudent getteth **knowledge**; and the ear of the wise seeketh **knowledge**.

Proverbs 18:15

I am the good shepherd, and **know** my sheep, and am **known** of mine.

John 10:14

And even as they did not like to retain God in their **knowledge**, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do things which are not convenient;

Romans 1:28

KEEPER

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have **kept** the faith:

2 Timothy 4:7

Because, thou hast **kept** the word of my patience, I also will **keep** thee from the hour of temptation, which shall

come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

Revelation 3:10

Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

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

Philippians 4:6-7

And he said unto him, why callest thou me good: there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, **keep** the commandments.

Matthew 19:17

And the LORD said unto Cain, where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?

Genesis 4:9

KING

Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty,
the LORD mighty in battle.

Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the
King of glory.

Psalms 24:8,10

And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written,
KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

Revelation 19:16

KNOCK

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.

Matthew 7:7-8

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.

Revelation 3:20

KINGDOM

For the **kingdom** of God is not in word, but in power.

1 Corinthians 4:20

Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into everlasting **kingdom** of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:10-11

Wherefore we receiving a **kingdom** which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

For our God is a consuming fire.

Hebrews 12:28-29

Kneeling

And he came out, and went, as he was wont, to the mount of Olives; and his disciples also followed him.

And when he was at the place he said unto them, pray that ye enter not into temptation.

And he was withdrawn from them about a stones cast,
and kneeled down, and prayed,

Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

Luke 22:39-42

FOR this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentile,

If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to outward:

How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words,

Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)

Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;

That the Gentiles should be follow heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:

Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power.

Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ.

And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.

Wherefore desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.

For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Ephesians 3:1-14

And they stoned **Stephen** calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

And he **kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge.** And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Acts 7:59-60

Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tab'-itha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and alms deeds which she did.

And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber.

And forasmuch as Lyd'-da was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they send unto him two men, desiring him that he would not delay to come to them.

Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and showing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them.

But **Peter** put them all forth, and **kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tab'-itha arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up.**

And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more.

Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men.

For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.

Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn everyone night and day with tears.

And now, brethren, I command you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to

give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel.

Yea, ye yourselves know that these hands have ministered unto my necessities and to them that were with me.

I have showed you all things how that so laboring ye ought to support the weak; and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and prayed with them all.

Acts 20:25-36

AND it came to pass, that after we were gotten from them, and had launched, we came with a straight course unto Co'-os, and the day following unto Rhodes, and from thence to Pat'-a-ra:

And finding a ship sailing over unto Phoe-ni'-cia, we went aboard, and set forth.

Now when we had discovered Cyprus, we left it on the left hand, and sailed into Syria, and landed at Tyre: for there the ship was to unlade her burden.

And finding disciples we tarried there seven days: who said to Paul through the Spirit, that he should not go up to Jerusalem.

And when we had accomplished those days, we departed and went our way; and they all brought us on our way, with wives and children, till we were out of the city: and **we kneeled down on the shore, and prayed.**

Acts 21:1-5

Chapter 12

The L's

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LAMP

Thy word is a **lamp** unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Psalm 119:105

For the commandment is a **lamp**; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:

Proverbs 6:23

The spirit of man is the **candle** of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly.

Proverbs 20:27

LOOK

And Jesus said unto him, No man having put his hand to the plough, and **looking** back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

Luke 9:62

Nevertheless we, according to his promise **look** for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

2 Peter 3:13

Do ye **look** on things after the outward appearance? If any trust to himself that he is Christ's, let him of himself think this again, that, as he is Christ's even so are we Christ's.

2 Corinthians 10:7

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.

Hebrews 12:2

LAND

The righteous shall inherit the **land** and dwell therein for ever.

Psalm 37:29

For the upright shall dwell in the **land**, and the perfect shall remain in it.

Proverbs 2:21

d. LAZINESS

He becometh poor that dealeth with a **slack hand**: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.

Proverbs 10:4

A **slothful** man hideth his hand in his bosom, and will not so much bring it to his mouth again.

Proverbs 19:15

LIFE

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**.

John 3:16

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have **life**, and that they might have it more abundantly.

John 10:10

But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end **everlasting life**.

Romans 6:22

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.

Galatians 2:20

For ye are dead, and your **life** is hid with Christ in God.
When Christ, who is our **life**, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

Colossians 3:3-4

LUST

And while the flesh was yet between their teeth, ere it was chewed, the wrath of the LORD was kindled against the people, and the LORD smote the people with a very great plague.

And he called the name of that place Kib'-roth-hat-ta'-a-vah: because there they buried the people that lusted.

Numbers 11:33-34

Ye have heard that it was said by then of old time, THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT ADULTERY:

But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to **lust** after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

Matthew 5:27-28

My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck.

When thou goeth, it shall lead thee; and thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall take with thee.

For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:

To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a stranger woman.

Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids.

For by means of a whorish woman a man is brought to a piece of bread: and the adulteress will hunt for the precious life.

Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?

Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned?

So he that goeth into his neighbor's wife; whosoever touches her shall not be innocent.

Men do not despise a thief, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry;

But if he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house.

But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul.

A wound and a dishonor shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away.

For jealousy is the rage of a man: therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance.

He will not regard any ransom; neither will he rest content, though thou givest many gifts.

Proverbs 6:20-35

Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT ADULTERY:

But I say unto you, That **whosoever looketh at a woman to lust after he** in his heart hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

Matthew 5:27-30

This I say then, **Walk, in the Spirit and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.**

For the flesh lusted against the Spirit and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

Galatians 5:16-18

FURTHERMORE then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.

For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.

For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should **abstain from fornication:**

That everyone of you should **know how to possess** his own **vessel in sanctification and honor;**

Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:

That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.

For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

1 Thessalonians 4:1-5

Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honor, and some to dishonor.

If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

2 Timothy 2:19-22

Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, where as they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

1 Peter 2:11-12

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.

James 1:13-15

LOVE

And now abideth faith, hope, **charity**, these three; but the greatest of these is **charity**.

1 Corinthians 13:13

But God commendeth his **love** toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth anything nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by **love**.

Galatians 5:6

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 **love** one to another.

John 13:34-35

Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore **love** is the fulfilling of the law.

Romans 13:10

LET brotherly **love** continue. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

Hebrews 13:1-2

LEADERSHIP

Also he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind **lead** the blind? Shall they not both fall into the ditch?

Luke 6:39

And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your **servant:**

Matthew 20:27

That I gave my brother Ha-na'-ni, and Han-a-ni'-ah the ruler of the palace, charge over Jerusalem: for he was a **faithful man**, and **feared God** above many.

Nehemiah 7:2

And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labor among you, and **are over you** in the Lord, and admonish you;

And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

LIGHT

Then spake Jesus again unto them saying, I am the **light** of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the **light** of life.

John 8:12

Ye are the **light** of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.

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

Matthew 5:14, 16

For God, who commanded the **light** to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the **light** of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:6

For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye **light** in the Lord: walk as children of **light**:

Ephesians 5:8

IN the beginning God created the heaven and earth.

And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

And **God said, Let there be light: and there was light.**

And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

Genesis 1:1-5

There was a man sent from God, whose name was **John**

The same **came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe.**

He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light.

That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

John 1:6-9

Then Jesus said unto them,

Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth.

While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jesus and departed, and did hide himself from them.

John 12:35-36

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that **God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.**

If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

1 John 2:5-7

Liberty

THERE, is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

For the law of **the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free** from the law of sin and death.

For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Romans 8:1-4

For if that which is done away was glorious, much more that which remaineth is glorious.

Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech:

And not as Moses, which put a veil over his face, that the children of Israel could not steadfastly look to the end of that which is abolished:

But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which veil is done away in Christ.

But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart.

Nevertheless, when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away.

Now the Lord is that Spirit: and **where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.**

2 Corinthians 3:11-17

For, **brethren**, ye **have been called unto liberty**; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.

Galatians 5:13-15

Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, where as they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme;

Or unto governors as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.

For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:

As free, and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as servants of God.

Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

1 Peter 2:11-17

LENDING

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, and shalt surely **lend him sufficient for his need, in that which he wanteth.**

Deuteronomy 15:7-8

I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen **the righteous** forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

He is ever merciful, and **lendeth; and his seed is blessed.**

Psalms 37:25-26

A good man showeth favor, and **lendeth**: he will guide his affairs with discretion.

Psalm 112:5

But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you,

Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.

And unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek offer also the other; and him that taketh thy cloak forbid not to take thy coat also.

Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask them not again.

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 sinner also do even the same.

And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinner 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.

Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.

Luke 6: 27-36

LOSS

And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them,

Whosoever 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; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.

For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

Mark 8:34-36

Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord I know thee that thou art a hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strewed:

And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth:
lo, there thou hast that is thine.

His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and
slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed
not, and gather where I have not strewed:

Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the
exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received
mine own with usury.

**Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him
which hath ten talents.**

For unto everyone that hath shall be given, and he shall
have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken
away even that which he hath.

**And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer
darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**

Matthew 25:24-30

And why, call me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which
I say?

Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and
doeth them, I will show you to whom he is like:

He is like a man which built a house, and digged deep, and
laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the

stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.

But **he that heareth, and doeth not**, is like a man that without a foundation **built a house upon the earth**; against **which the stream did beat** vehemently, **and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.**

Luke 6:46-49

For other **foundation** can no man lay than that is laid, which **is Jesus Christ.**

Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort, it is.

If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

1 Corinthians 3:11-15

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