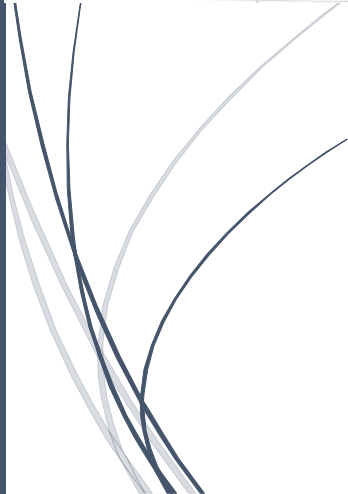


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Morning Dew Disciples of Jesus Christ
 The Lord says to my Lord:
 "Sit at my right hand,
 until I make your enemies your footstool."
 The Lord sends forth ^ufrom Zion
 your mighty scepter.
 Rule in the midst of your enemies!
 Your people will offer themselves freely
 on the day of your power,
 in holy garments;
 from the womb of the morning,
 the dew of your youth will be yours.
 (Ps 110:1-3)

A highway from Egypt to Assyria

In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and Assyria will come into Egypt, and Egypt into Assyria, and the Egyptians will worship with the Assyrians.

In that day Israel will be the third with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth, whom the Lord of hosts has blessed, saying, "Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria ^jthe work of my hands, and Israel my inheritance." (Isa 19:23-25)

And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel: (Revelation 7:4)

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, (Revelation 7:9)

For
Moring Dew Disciples
Who makes
Enemy of the Risen Savior
To His footstool

via Debora, during prayer

Instruction

Reflect deeply to remove any barriers to receiving blessings. Engage in heartfelt repentance, consider the context of your circumstances, reflect on your experiences with the Holy Spirit, and share your insights with the Jesus Disciples community.

Eyes to see, ears to hear, heart to understand

Morning Dew Class Notes



"Feed My lambs"

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The Risen Christ

The Risen Christ
Upholds the world today
By the power of His Word.

The Risen Christ bestows the gift
Of the Holy Spirit,
Who dwells in the hearts of believers.

When you walk with the Risen Christ,
Light takes root within you,
Driving out the darkness.

Light reigns supreme—
Darkness falters.
Light builds and restores;
Darkness crumbles into ruin.

The dead rise,
Revived by the Spirit of Life.
A righteous flame ignites within,
Bringing renewal and hope.
It breathes life into weary souls,
Revives forgotten dreams,
And rekindles the joy of the Lord.

The tower of Babel crumbled.
Do not build your own Babel.
Instead, build upon the foundation of the
Risen Savior,
Rooted in the love of the Father.

Follow the Risen Christ.
Glorify His name;
Raise His banners high!

Adonai, bless us and open our eyes to see,
Adonai, bless us and open our ears to hear,
Adonai, bless us and open our heart to
understand,
We pray in the name of Jesus our Lord.

A. FAITH

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1) Faith is not of this world

1 The mystery of faith

Heaven's blessings come through faith, and faith is born from God's Word. This is the mystery of faith. When you treasure the Word in your heart and nurture it with belief, love grows and thrives. A strong, steady faith will make you flourish like a tree by a river, with vibrant, lively leaves. With patience, you'll bear fruit that reveals God's wisdom. Faith also unlocks the deep treasures and truth hidden in the Word.

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ. (Rom 10:17)

But to this day the Lord has not given you a heart to understand or eyes to see or ears to hear. (Deut 29:4)

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

Already you are clean because of the Word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. (Jn 15:1-5)

That according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. (Eph 3:16-19)

2 The secret of faith

Faith is a mystery that can only be grasped through faith itself. A living, active faith reveals itself through obedience. Though it cannot be measured, holding steadfastly to faith grants the strength to overcome both personal struggles and external challenges. If faith could be acquired through study, experience, or logic, humanity would have already perfected it. Yet heaven remains beyond human comprehension. Take a moment to consider why only God deserves honor, glory, and praise.

Work of God is believing Jesus (Jn 6:28-29)

Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith— just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”? Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith. (Gal 3:5-9)

No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and him in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. (1 Jn 4:12-16)

3 Meet God through the door of faith

Let go of the things that hinder your faith with a humble and repentant heart, and open your mind. This openness can lead you to encounter Jesus Christ—the Word made flesh and our Creator. By opening your heart, believing, and meditating on His Word, you allow it to shape your life. This transformation in your heart will renew your thinking. Let God's hope guide your heart beyond your personal desires. Rather than pursuing your own wishes, align your thoughts with God's Word. Wrong thinking can lead you astray; like Judas, who yielded to temptation, Satan can sow doubt and confusion in your mind. Instead, choose faith and walk through the narrow gate to blessings. Learn to listen with understanding, see with clarity, and seek the path that leads to God's blessings.

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ. (Rom 10:17)

For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith." (Rom 1:17)

It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. (Rom 3:26)

For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. (Rom 10:10)

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my Word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life. (Jn 5:24)

By faith we understand that the universe was created by the Word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. (Heb 11:3)

And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. (Heb 11:6)

2) Open heart, trace of meeting with God

4 Put down what is mine

Let go of the things that block your faith with a humble and repentant heart, and open your mind. This openness can lead you to encounter Jesus Christ—the Word made flesh and the Creator. By opening your heart, believing, and reflecting on His Word, you allow it to shape and transform you.

Let God's hope guide your heart more than personal ambitions. Rather than focusing on your own desires, align your thoughts with God's Word. Misguided thoughts can lead to confusion and poor choices, just as Satan led Judas astray.

Choose faith and walk the narrow path to God's blessings. Cultivate the ability to truly hear, see, and follow the path that leads to His blessings.

There is a way that seems right to a man,
but its end is the way to death (Pr 16:25)

For what will it profit a man if he gains the
whole world and forfeits his soul?
Alternatively, what shall a man give in
return for his soul? (Mt 16:26)

Therefore, if the Son sets you free, you will
be free indeed. (Jn 8:36)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is
within me, bless his holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not
all his benefits, who forgives all your
iniquity, who heals all your diseases, Who
redeems your life from the pit, Who crowns
you with steadfast love and mercy, who
satisfies you with good So that your youth
is renewed like the eagle's. (Ps 103:2-5)

5 Open your heart

Physical ears cannot hear the Holy Spirit's voice; only the ears of faith can. Likewise, physical eyes cannot perceive the spiritual truths revealed in God's Word; only the eyes of faith can. So, open your heart wide with faith, allowing the light of God's Word to shine through.

Being open is a blessing that enables us to hear the Holy Spirit's voice. Reflect on whether your ears are truly attuned to His guidance, which voice you are listening to, and whether you are following His direction. Consider the purity of your heart, your obedience to God's Word, and where you stand on your faith journey.

Think of Zacchaeus, a short, wealthy man who climbed a sycamore tree to see Jesus, undeterred by the opinions of others. Similarly, we should identify and remove the obstacles that hinder our openness. Through repentance and prayer, seek the blessing of an open heart. Since faith grows by hearing God's Word, earnestly pursue the Lord's blessing, along with His Word, to strengthen your faith.

But to this day the Lord has not given you a heart to understand or eyes to see or ears to hear. (Deut 29:4)

In their case, the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. (2 Cor 4:4)

6 When you believe Word

Having received the one true God means I have heard the Holy Spirit knocking at the door of my heart. Furthermore, confessing Jesus as the Christ with my mouth signifies that my spirit has encountered God.

Whether we pray, meditate on the Word, immerse ourselves in nature, or engage with news and media, we can encounter the living God. As we seek Him with humble hearts and faithfully follow His Word, our understanding deepens, leading to more encounters with Him. By opening our minds and approaching Him with humility and repentance, we can meet the living God who governs the universe, as revealed in His Word.

No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. (1 Jn 4:12-15)

And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. (Jn 17:3)

7 Pure heart

Just as nature adheres to the laws of the universe and displays its beauty, we too should open our minds to recognize the Creator. By listening to His Word, seeking understanding, and cultivating faith, we can overcome impatience and greed, learning to trust in the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Purifying our hearts through repentance and embracing the Word of God allows us to reflect the righteousness of Christ. We must recognize that our bodies are temples; let us maintain their sanctity by keeping them clean and pure.

When we gather, it is important to create an environment free from idolatry and impurity—one that fosters faith and is grounded in the Word. Let us invite the Holy Spirit into our midst.

By living in obedience, faith, prayer, worship, and meditation on the Word, we open ourselves to the presence of the living God.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. (Mt 5:8)

Sow for yourselves righteousness;
reap steadfast love;
break up your fallow ground,
for it is the time to seek the Lord,
that he may come and rain righteousness
upon you. (Hos 10:12)

And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. (Heb 11:6)

For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. (Heb 4:2)

8 In the Word

Immerse yourself in the Word and embrace repentance. With a sincere heart, believe and meditate on the Word as you await the Lord's return, and you will find yourself attuned to the voice of God. Deepen your connection to the Word. Do you dwell on what you don't understand? Before meditating on the Word, strive to grasp its meaning. Rather than consuming Scripture in large quantities, invite the Holy Spirit into your morning meditations. Continue your contemplation until you perceive the teachings of the Holy Spirit within the Word.

As you receive God's Word, guard against losing the insights bestowed upon you. Remember the Israelites, who heard the Word in the wilderness yet could not cross the Jordan River.

The journey of life requires us to choose the narrow gate—Jesus Christ—and the narrow path—the Word. In due time, you will reap the rewards of triumph and spiritual fruitfulness.

Jesus answered him, If anyone loves me, he will keep my Word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. (Jn 14:23)

Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says Jesus is "accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit. (1 Cor 12:3)

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? (1 Cor 3:16)

By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. (1 Jn 4:13-15)

9 Doing your best

Some might find God in their pursuit of life's pleasures, such as savoring delicious food, while others may encounter Him in their quest for professional excellence. By earnestly seeking treasures in every nook and cranny, one gains the opportunity to truly encounter the living God.

Making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; yes, if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures, (Pr 2:2-4)

Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight. (Pr 9:9-10)

I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, and I find knowledge and discretion. (Pr 8:12)

What the wicked dreads will come upon him, but the desire of the righteous will be granted. (Pr 10:24)

Whoever pursues righteousness and kindness will find life, righteousness, and honor. (Pr 21:21)

Incline your ear, and hear the Words of the wise, and apply your heart to my knowledge, for it will be pleasant if you keep them within you, if all of them are ready on your lips. That your trust may be in the Lord, I have made them known to you today, even to you. Have I not written for you thirty sayings of counsel and knowledge, to make you know what is right and true, that you may give a true answer to those who sent you? (Pr 22:17-21)

3) Learning faith

10 Faith leads to faith

Faith is not of this world. Without being born again by the Holy Spirit, it cannot be understood. To the world, faith is a stumbling block and foolishness. The world calls the Word nonsense and dismisses God as foolish. But God declares them fools. He will ruin their reason, destroy their wisdom, and tear down their understanding. He will judge them.

God created all visible things from that which is unseen. Only by faith can one come to know this truth. Faith leads the believer into deeper faith.

Why study the Word? Reflect on whether it is for your own growth or to fulfill the Word itself.

But we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, (1 Cor 1:23)

The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is none who does good. (Ps14:1)

What the wicked dreads will come upon him, but the desire of the righteous will be granted. (Pr 10:24)

The Lord possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. (Pr 8:22-23)

In the beginning, God created the Heavens and the earth. (Gen 1:1)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. (Jn1:1-3)

11 Faith comes hearing the Word

The order of the world changes over time, but the Word remains unchanged. Faith is built upon that unchanging Word. Through the Word, God transforms finite life into infinite life. And when God's work is completed, it is said that this world will burn and disappear. Reflect on why God, who created and rejoiced in the world, would intend to reduce it to nothingness.

Faith is eternal, and eternity is realized only by those who believe in the Word. Eternal truths, beyond the grasp of worldly knowledge, can only be discerned through the Word.

Obedience to the Word is an opportunity to personally experience the power of God. We must acknowledge, confess, and invite the sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ, who atoned for our sins, rendering us pure as snow. Moreover, the body of a saint is a temple of God and will be resurrected through Christ.

There is no remembrance of former things, nor will there be any remembrance of later things yet to be among those who come after. (Ecc 1:11)

A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever. (Isa 40:6-8)

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. (Heb 13:8)

For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. (Heb 4:2)

But according to his promise we are waiting for new Heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. (2 Pet 3:13)

12 Practice complete faith

Think in the Word, seek in the Word, plan in the Word, and accomplish all things through the Word. Jesus said that nothing is impossible for those who believe in the Word. Do not compare yourself to the world, but stand firm in the Word and follow it. Those who have faith in Christ obey His Word, and their answer is always "Yes." Overcome fear with faith, and fulfill your role with steadfastness. Act in faith, and let your actions reflect that faith.

The teachings of Genesis and the Ten Commandments emphasize obedience, not just effort. Hard work, in the worldly sense, cannot overcome inner struggles; it only postpones their resolution. True victory comes from aligning our efforts with the will of the Holy Spirit. It's important to distinguish between simply working hard and following the Holy Spirit's guidance.

The path to blessing lies in obeying the Holy Spirit, honoring the Word, offering acceptable worship, preparing worthy sacrifices, and praying with faith in God's promises. Remember, the only power capable of overcoming both ourselves and our adversaries is the strength of the Word—this is the foundation of our faith and action. God promises blessings to those who believe and act with wisdom, like the virtuous woman described in Proverbs 31. His teachings guide His children not only to overcome evil but to thrive in righteousness and wisdom.

As surely as God is faithful, our Word to you has not been Yes and No. For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you, Silvanus and Timothy and I, was not Yes and No, but in him it is always Yes. For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory. (2 Cor1:18-20)

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. (Gal 5:16)

13 Abraham's faith

Abraham's faith was not about a grand plan, but about simply following God's Word and obeying it to glorify Him. We are called to follow Abraham's example of faith. The glory of God is revealed regardless of the size or significance of the task. Likewise, we pray to glorify God's name through our faith, asking to be equipped with faith that is deep, wide, holy, and well-prepared.

The righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, (Rom 3:22-24)

In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, "So shall your offspring be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. That is why his faith was "counted to him as righteousness." But the Words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification. (Rom 4:16-25)

Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling stone, as it is written, (Rom 9:32-33)

14 The faith that stopped Jesus' step

Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, heard that Jesus was nearby. Seizing the opportunity, he called out loudly, asking Jesus to restore his sight. Despite the crowd's attempts to silence him, Bartimaeus remained undeterred. He knew Jesus was the promised descendant of David, with the power to heal. His persistent faith caught Jesus' attention, and Jesus stopped, moved by Bartimaeus' belief. He then granted the beggar's request, restoring his sight.

At that time, many beggars relied on the charity of others, and all had heard of Jesus' miraculous powers. Yet it was Bartimaeus alone who, through his unwavering faith, managed to stop Jesus in His tracks and meet Him face to face. This story teaches us about the power of bold faith that seizes every opportunity, even compelling Jesus to respond. Through his faith, Bartimaeus not only regained his sight but also chose to follow Jesus, recognizing the deeper truth in His teachings.

And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart. Get up; he is calling you." And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. (Mk 10:47-50)

Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. (Je 29:12-13)

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; (Isa 55:6)

4) Done by faith

15 Accomplished through faith (Heb 11)

- 1) Through faith, we can make the unseen seen, and make our hopes a reality.
- 2) Through faith, we can offer a sacrifice that is pleasing to God.
- 3) Through faith, we can proclaim the Word beyond the limits of time and space.
- 4) Through faith, like Enoch, we can walk with God and live a life that pleases Him.
- 5) Through faith, we can invite God and place Him before us.
- 6) Through faith, like Noah, we can build an ark and save our family from impending judgment.
- 7) Through faith, we can obtain righteousness even in a sinful world.
- 8) Through faith, in the Holy Spirit, we can see miracles and signs that accomplish the impossible.
- 9) Through faith, we are born again in the Spirit, call the Creator God as our Father, and know that there is an eternal world.
- 10) Through faith, like Abraham, we can live according to the Word and build a house in the Promised Land while living in tents.
- 11) Through faith, Abraham offered Isaac as a burnt offering, and received life and blessing.
- 12) Through faith, Isaac passed on God's blessing to Jacob.

- 13) Through faith, Joseph saw what needed to be done after his death and ordered it.
- 14) Through faith, Moses' mother overcame fear.
- 15) Through faith, Moses was able to see a glory far greater and eternal than the glory of Egypt.
- 16) Through faith, the people of Israel passed over the judgment of the death of the firstborn.
- 17) Through faith, the people of Israel crossed the Red Sea as if it were dry land.
- 18) Through faith, the people of Israel marched around the city of Jericho seven times and captured it.
- 19) Through faith, Rahab the prostitute saved herself and her family from the impending judgment.

16 Faith is not labor, but obedience

Do not doubt the Word of God; instead, obey it and follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit. While worldly goals are achieved through hard work, God's work is accomplished through obedience. Diligence is a form of obedience, and through it, you can receive eternal blessings. Only God's Word is eternal and unchanging. If you desire eternal blessings, prioritize His Word.

Crossing the Red Sea was part of God's will. The Israelites, however, faced a grim reality: Egyptian soldiers were pursuing them, and they had no strength to fight back. The Red Sea was their only escape. But only God could make a way through the sea. He alone knew the path through the waters—a path that became both a judgment against the enemy and a display of God's glory.

Consider your current situation from God's perspective, not just your own. Ask yourself: Who has created my eternal path? Am I faithfully following His guidance?

And the Lord appeared to him and said, "Do not go down to Egypt; dwell in the land of which I shall tell you. (Gen 26:2)

And Isaac sowed in that land and reaped in the same year a hundredfold. The Lord blessed him, (Gen 26:12)

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love. You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? This persuasion is not from him who calls you. A little leaven leavens the whole lump. (Gal 5:6-9)

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. (Gal 5:16-17)

17 Faith is not effort, but obedience

We must distinguish between faithfully following the Lord's Word and merely striving in worldly endeavors. True obedience to God's Word unveils His power. For instance, Moses accomplished God's purposes through his obedience. God's work is carried out by those who repent, return to Him, believe in His promises, heed His Word, and are guided by the Holy Spirit. The Word of God is the only force capable of defeating Satan. On Judgment Day, worldly pursuits will prove fleeting, while God's work will yield eternal rewards.

God's work is accomplished solely through adherence to His Word. We must be trained to follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit, whom God has graciously given to us. It is vital to recognize the distinction between obeying God's Word and relying solely on worldly knowledge. The power of God is accessible only through the Holy Spirit. When we align our efforts with the Holy Spirit, we can profoundly touch and transform the hearts of others.

I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. (Jn 17:23)

The mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me. (Col 1:26-29)

18 Obey without doubt or excuse

What does the Word of God mean to me? Do I follow my own thoughts, or do I align my actions with His Word? It is crucial to recognize the eternal and unchanging nature of God's Word. Like Moses, who obeyed without hesitation when told to "catch the tail of the serpent," we too must obey in faith, without making excuses.

The living God desires to meet me, yet my impure and doubting heart often blocks His presence. Although God is always near, my failure to recognize and trust in His presence prevents a true encounter. Can I truly hide from God?

To "fear the Lord" is to obey His Word. Love, timeless and unbreakable, transcends time, space, and fame. Acting in love is an expression of fearing the Lord, which leads to joyful obedience. God calls us to build our lives on the firm foundation of His Word, empowering those who, like children, obey with joy.

But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. (Rev 2:4-5)

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. (Gen 12:4)

5) Believe and achieve your dreams

19 The problem is lack of faith

Today, we seek hope that is rooted in faith in God, striving to glorify Him in all that we do. As spiritually reborn children of God, our challenge is not material scarcity, but a lack of faith. We must focus on the teachings of Jesus and nurture our faith. Just as Joseph in Genesis embraced God's guidance and was spiritually anointed, we too should seek a life filled with the Holy Spirit. Jesus reassures us during life's storms and guides us along the way. Yet, like the Apostle Peter, if we fixate on our immediate troubles and lose sight of Jesus, we risk faltering. Just as Peter sank when he took his eyes off Jesus while walking on water, we too may stumble. Let us, therefore, cling to His unchanging Word and walk in faith, trusting Him through every part of our lives.

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. (Ps 1:1-3)

Until what he had said came to pass, the Word of the Lord tested him. (Ps 105:19)

He opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed through the desert like a river. For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham, his servant. So he brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing. (Ps 105:41-43)

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. (Mt 6:33)

She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. (Pr 31:13)

Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you. Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure. Do not swerve to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil. (Pr 4:25-27)

20 Wilderness training for faith

Blessed is the person who, after being anointed by the Holy Spirit, is led into the wilderness. This moment marks the beginning of a journey that ultimately leads to God's blessings. In the wilderness, individuals undergo a process of spiritual training, confronting challenges both external—such as the pressures of the world—and internal, such as their own doubts and desires. This journey of faith involves struggles that teach us to rely on God's Word. It calls us not to compromise with the world but to remain steadfast in our faith, holding fast to God's promises until the end and fully experiencing His power, as Scripture has promised.

The land, which we passed through to spy it out, is an exceedingly good land. If the Lord delights in us, he will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land that flows with milk and honey. (Num 14:7-8)

David departed from there and escaped to the cave of Adullam. And when his brothers and all his father's house heard it, they went down there to him. (1 Sam 22:1)

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. (Mt 4:1-2)

For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. (Rom 8:13)

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, (Eph 3:20)

And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the Word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. (Rev 12:11)

21 Dying as dead, loosing as lost

Regard what is dying as already dead, and what is to be lost as already lost. To die in the Word is to live forever. We must become warriors, transforming the trials of this world into testimonies of victory through faith and obedience. Remember, there is an eternal reward for those who believe and endure persecution for the sake of the Word. The team that fights alongside God—who makes His enemies a footstool—is the "Morning Dew." Live in the joy of the Bride, basking in the first love of Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom. Speak words of righteousness, obey willingly, and be prepared to endure trials if necessary. To disobey is to abandon God Himself. Reflect on what Satan will do to those who disobey, and consider the fate that awaits those who fall into his grasp.

But the Word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it. "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. (Deut 30:14-15)

For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. (Mt 16:5-27)

Then I saw a new Heaven and a new earth, for the first Heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. (Rev 21:1)

Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy. Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. (Rev 22:11-12)

22 Faith grows hearing the Word

Faith is nurtured through engagement with the Word. As we immerse ourselves in the living Word, our faith deepens, shaped by our understanding and perception of it. This faith is kindled as a gift through reading and experiencing the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Unlike worldly knowledge, faith—rooted in spiritual wisdom—requires a constant readiness to embrace the Word at all times. Whether we are thirsty for knowledge or hungry for spiritual nourishment, we should eagerly consume the Word. This includes reflecting on passages that move our hearts and making personal notes as we meditate on them. In doing so, and through Christ, we can overcome the challenges of the world. Our faith grows as we learn from the Holy Spirit and faithfully obey His teachings.

And the Lord answered me: "Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it." (Hab 2:2)

For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith." (Rom 1:17)

This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet: "I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world." (Mt 13:35)

From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of Heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. (Mt 11:12)

For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. (Jn 6:55-56)

And we impart this in Words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. (1 Cor 2:13)

23 Recovering the rock of faith

Faith is believing in the Word you've heard, trusting in God, and glorifying His name through obedience. However, faith that lacks proper introspection may fail to fully understand God's power.

1. Do I believe that Jesus Christ is my savior?
2. Do I believe that Jesus Christ is the only begotten son of the living God, the Messiah?
3. Do I believe that God so loved the world?
4. Do I believe that Jesus was incarnated through a virgin?
5. Do I believe that Jesus paid for all my sins on the cross?
6. Do I believe that Jesus resurrected in the flesh and I will also resurrect from death, and that my body, which believes in Him, has become the temple of God?
7. Do I believe that Jesus ascended and that I will live forever?
8. Do I believe that Jesus will return as written and will fulfill as said in the Word?
9. Do I believe, as the Word says, that judgment will come to all people, and that Jesus will be with me until the end of the world?
10. Do I know that my deeds are waiting for me?

Examine yourself and stand firm in your faith. Ask whether Christ is within you and look for evidence of good deeds done in obedience to His Word. Ensure that you are faithfully carrying out the work entrusted to you. Reflect on whether you are following the Holy Spirit or yielding to the desires of your heart. Faith grows as you listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit. Believe that your sins are forgiven, and trust in His promises as you wait. These are the people of faith.

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. (Jn15:16)

24 Look at the cause

Love God deeply, fear Him, and trust Him in all things. By doing so, you will experience the transformative power of faith. In Mark 9:23, Jesus emphasizes that the key is not focusing on the power to cast out evil spirits, but on faith itself. God desires to see our faith, which must be firmly rooted in His Word. Just as a person who hears and obeys God's Word builds their house on solid rock, so our faith must be unshakable.

Reflect on Peter's experience in Matthew 14:22-33, when he began to sink while walking on water. His sinking wasn't due to divine or satanic forces, but because his faith wavered. This story challenges us to examine the strength of our own faith. Before critiquing the faith of others, we must first assess our own. For God's children, faith is the most important thing.

But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" (Mt 14:30-31)

But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. (James 1:6-8)

For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. (Heb 4:2)

Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. (Heb 10:35)

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him. (1 Jn 5:14-15)

6) Faith bring fruit in due season

25 God's timing is perfect

Why was Lazarus resurrected three days after his death? This timing is often interpreted as aligning with a belief, possibly held by some Jewish scholars and Pharisees, that the soul could return to the body within three days of death. In the Gospel of John, the narrative highlights the despair of Lazarus's sisters and the skepticism of those who questioned why Jesus had delayed in coming to his friend's aid. Lazarus's resurrection, occurring after a period traditionally associated with finality, underscores themes of divine timing and purpose. This event, along with Jesus' own crucifixion and resurrection, is integral to Christian theology's understanding of God's plan of salvation. The narrative emphasizes the obedience of Jesus and his disciples, calling believers to live faithfully within God's plan and reinforcing the belief that faithfulness fulfills God's Word. Ultimately, it highlights a central tenet: God's timing is always perfect.

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die, do you believe this?" (Jn 11:25-26)

And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. (Mt 24:14)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. (Ps 103:3-5)

26 Run regardless of the result

Was the 40-year journey in the wilderness a failure? Although what began as an 11-day journey was extended by the Lord to 40 years, this period was not one of failure. Instead, it served to fulfill a divine purpose. Those who understand God's Word and follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit are called to establish His kingdom on earth. The truth remains steadfast, and the Holy Spirit works tirelessly to accomplish God's plan. As Scripture promises, the fulfillment of Jesus' kingdom will unfold in His perfect timing.

We are like children in the loving, merciful hands of our Father. Our role is to trust, pray, and wait patiently for God's intervention. In due time, He will glorify His name. Even amid the challenges brought by our enemies, we will come to know that Jesus Christ, whom we serve, is indeed Lord over all.

God demonstrated His power by parting the Red Sea, providing dry ground for the Israelites to cross. During their 40 years in the wilderness, He miraculously preserved their clothing and shoes, ensuring they did not wear out. Let us trust in Him and run the race with hearts full of thanksgiving.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me that I should be like him? Says the Holy One. (Isa 40:24-26)

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. (Isa 43:2)

"You are my witnesses," declares the Lord, "and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me." (Isa 43:10)

27 Dream of Joseph

Joseph had a dream, but because of this dream, he would face adversity. His own brothers, ignoring his pleas, would sell him to a slave trader. Yet, even as a slave, Joseph held onto his dream. He couldn't alter his status, but he remained steadfast, living righteously and adhering to God's Word, despite ridicule. In his master's house, he continued to fear the Lord and kept himself from adultery. Because he kept from sin, he would be falsely accused and imprisoned. But in that prison, God provided sanctuary, shielding Joseph from further harm until the opportune time. It was in prison that Joseph truly encountered God. In this prison of confinement, God transformed confinement into protection and blessing. God used his time in prison to nurture him through His Word. In time, as he had dreamed, God elevated Joseph to the position of prime minister. This story reminds us that the trials we face in Christ pale in comparison to the forthcoming glory. Joseph's dream was beyond worldly success. Do we recognize how, in our own lives today, God similarly shields us from evil and guides our paths?

He remembers his covenant forever, the Word that he commanded, for a thousand generations, the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac, which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant, (Ps 105:8-10)

When he summoned a famine on the land and broke all supply of bread, he had sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave. His feet were hurt with fetters; his neck was put in a collar of iron; until what he had said came to pass, the Word of the Lord tested him. The king sent and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free; he made him lord of his house and ruler of all his possessions, to bind his princes at his pleasure and to teach his elders wisdom. (Ps 105:17-22)

28 Vision is achieved only by faith

Only through the door of faith can we truly come to know God and experience His power. The promises of His Word are brought to life through personal faith, and the vision He gives can only be fulfilled through that same faith. It is by faith alone that the unseen and the hoped-for become a reality. God works with us in alignment with our vision, and for those who believe and obey, His plan will unfold in His perfect timing.

For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened (Heb 4:2)

But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; (James 1:6-7)

In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (1Pet 1:6-9)

The plans of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from the Lord. All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the spirit. Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established. The Lord has made everything for its purpose, even the wicked for the day of trouble. (Pr 16:1-4)

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ. (Rom 10:17)

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1) Prayer for restoration of the first love

29 God works the same

God remains constant, the same yesterday, today, and forever. The same God who guided Moses and Elijah continues to guide us today. Begin with prayer to rekindle your original devotion. Remember, the prayers of the righteous are powerful. This truth remains unwavering: God is faithful. Prayers that lack faith or are motivated by selfish desires often go unanswered. And if they are answered, it may signal the beginning of a downfall.

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your Word. On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased. (Ps 138:1-3)

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. (Ps 145:1-2)

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him. (1 Jn 5: 14-15)

Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and Heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit. My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. (James 5:17-20)

30 Refresh the first love in prayer

Faith is about reclaiming our first love, and prayer plays a key role in renewing that passion. It is essential for restoring our true relationship with God. As sojourners on this earth, awaiting the coming of God's kingdom, we should focus on our own spiritual journey rather than comparing ourselves to others. Through prayer, we can discern whether our trials are a form of judgment or a call to repentance. Praying solely for worldly success is not the goal. Instead, we should aim to triumph by aligning with God's will, seeking spiritual fulfillment over worldly achievements. Renew your first love through prayer.

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. "So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them." (Num6:24-27)

In the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, perceived in the books the number of years that, according to the Word of the Lord to Jeremiah the prophet, must pass before the end of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years. Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. (Dan 9:2-3)

O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. O Lord, pay attention and act. Delay not, for your own sake, O my God, because your city and your people are called by your name. While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my plea before the Lord my God for the holy hill of my God, (Dan 9:19-20)

31 The Attitude of prayer

The right attitude in prayer is to love God with all your heart. Pray for His will to be fulfilled out of love. Understand the deep meaning behind the command to "Love one another." Avoid prayers that do not bring glory to the Lord. Prepare for the rapidly changing and challenging times ahead. Pray for God's people to rise in strength and faith. Bless and pray for those who have dedicated themselves to the Lord, preparing them to become part of the 'Morning Dew' generation.

Approach the Lord in prayer, and He will respond with wisdom and good things. Meditate on His Word day and night, raise your voice in praise, and draw near to Him. Our loving Father desires us to be thorough and intimate in our conversations with Him.

Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. (Isa 1:18)

But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. (Heb 10:12-13)

The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool." The Lord sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies! Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments; from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours. (Ps 110:1-3)

I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. (Jn 17:23)

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, (Rev 7:9-10a)

32 The fragrance of prayer

The times are evil. Pray without ceasing. Offer intercession, petitions, and thanksgiving for all people. Focus on aligning everything with God's will and seek to discern it. Do not pray for worldly benefits or recognition; instead, aim to fulfill God's purposes. Pray the heart-wrenching prayer of Psalm 77.

Pray to restore a right relationship with God. Through prayer, shatter the dark forces that oppose the gospel. Use prayer to gain insight into God's judgment. Prayer empowers the faithful to receive their inheritance. Always be thankful to God. Offer prayers that are fragrant and pleasing to Him, for such prayers are a delightful aroma to God and bear fruit in good works.

I cry aloud to God, aloud to God, and he will hear me. In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord; in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying; my soul refuses to be comforted. When I remember God, I moan; when I meditate, my spirit faints. Selah

You hold my eyelids open; I am so troubled that I cannot speak. I consider the days of old, the years long ago. I said, "Let me remember my song in the night; let me meditate in my heart." Then my spirit made a diligent search: "Will the Lord spurn forever, and never again be favorable? Has his steadfast love forever ceased? Are his promises at an end for all time? Has God forgotten to be gracious? Has he in anger shut up his compassion?" Selah (Ps 77:1-9)

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. (Mt 7:7-8)

33 Prayer of a whole grain

Why is prayer often called the breath of the soul? Reflect on this as you read passages like Psalm 99, John 14:13-14, and Jeremiah 33:3. Consider what God's intentions might be for you. Always ask yourself, *What does God want me to do?* Keep this question at the forefront of your mind when you pray. In Mark 9:29, Jesus says, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting." What does "this kind" refer to? It underscores the importance of dedicating all our desires and strength to aligning with God's will. When acting in Jesus' name, have faith and avoid doubt. Be humble, taking on the role of a servant. Rejoice in the success of others and embrace a spirit of unity and humility. This is the proper attitude for fellowship with our Heavenly Father.

The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let
the earth quake! The Lord is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them
praise your great and awesome name! Holy
is he! The King in his might loves justice.
You have established equity; you have
executed justice and righteousness in
Jacob. Exalt the Lord our God; worship at
his footstool! Holy is he! (Ps 99:1-5)

Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do,
that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
If you ask me anything in my name, I will
do it. "If you love me, you will keep my
commandments." (Jn 14:13-15)

Thus says the Lord who made the earth, the
Lord who formed it to establish it—the
Lord is his name: Call to me and I will
answer you, and will tell you great and
hidden things that you have not known. (Je
33:2-3)

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give
thanks in all circumstances; for this is the
will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1Thes
5:16-19)

34 Always pray

• Come to me with my Words

Prepare this generation by planning everything with prayer. Don't worry—pray about everything. Just as the disciples, chosen in the name of Jesus, were protected, we too will be protected. Pray for your loved ones to be kept safe in Jesus' name. Many people cry out when urgent problems arise, but God says, "My people, come to Me with My Word." That is the key difference.

Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; break up your fallow ground, for it is the time to seek the Lord, that he may come and rain righteousness upon you. (Hos 10:12)

Return, O Israel, to the Lord your God, for you have stumbled because of your iniquity. Take with you Words and return to the Lord; say to him, "Take away all iniquity; accept what is good, and we will pay with bulls the vows of our lips." (Hos 14:1-2)

You shall not make gods of silver to be with me, nor shall you make for yourselves gods of gold. An altar of earth you shall make for me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, your sheep and your oxen. In every place where I cause my name to be remembered I will come to you and bless you. (Ex 20:23-24)

And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith. (Mt 21:22)

If you abide in me, and my Words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. (Jn 15:7)

35 Daily confession of faith

- **Confession**

Be grateful for becoming a child of God.

Be grateful for the forgiveness of sins.

Be grateful for being declared righteous.

Be grateful for the gift of eternal life.

Be grateful for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Think about how to please God.

- **Confess this when you pray**

I am always lacking,

but God is always perfect.

I am incapable,

but God is omnipotent.

I am weak,

but God is always strong.

I am limited by space,

but God is everywhere.

My abilities are limited,

but God's power is infinite.

Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh.
Is anything too hard for me? (Je 32:27)

But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." (Mt 19:26)

And Jesus said to him, "'If you can't! All things are possible for one who believes.'" (Mk 9:23)

I can do all things through him who strengthens me. (Phil 4:13)

2) Accomplish by an answer of prayer

36 Sow today in prayer and faith

Could God not have turned stones into bread? After all, He sent quails to feed the Israelites in the wilderness and brought forth water from a rock. Such a powerful God responds to the earnest prayers of His people. However, we must remember that we cannot reap where we have not sown. Miracles don't happen simply because we lead ordinary lives. Expecting a harvest without putting in the effort is like expecting something for nothing. What should we call someone who expects a harvest without sowing any seeds? We must sow today, with both prayer and faith.

Take with you Words and return to the Lord; say to him, "Take away all iniquity; accept what is good, and we will pay with bulls the vows of our lips." (Hos 14:2)

And it was the third hour when they crucified him. And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. (Mk 15:25-27)

Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. (Gal 6:7-8)

She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She is like the ships of the merchant; she brings her food from afar. She rises while it is yet night and provides food for her household and portions for her maidens. She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She dresses herself with strength and makes her arms strong. (Pr 31:13-17)

37 Prayer for achieving goals

- To establish a strong personal base

Daniel believed in God's promise, as written in the teachings of Solomon, and prayed three times a day facing Jerusalem, fulfilling God's Word. He remained faithful to the end in a foreign land, serving as a high public official, choosing not to return to his homeland. Daniel believed it was God's will for him to live out his days in exile. Similarly, God's will for Moses was not to become an idol in Israel, but to serve as a spiritual leader. As a result, God concealed the location of Moses' death from the devil.

Pray in the name of Jesus to fulfill your goals in the Lord. Believe that the small mustard seed planted through prayer will grow and flourish in your heart. Ask, seek, and knock with faith. Cast your net wide, as the Lord commands, not relying on human methods. When you declare the promises of God's Word and pray, that work will come to pass. Stand firm, govern with obedience, and bless the faithful. Pray to strengthen each person's foundation, ensuring the necessary resources to support this foundation remain stable. Be prepared with devotion and prayer when God's blessings overflow through this foundation. Present offerings and sacrifices that are pleasing to God and bring Him joy.

By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established; by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches. A wise man is full of strength, and a man of knowledge enhances his might, for by wise guidance you can wage your war, and in abundance of counselors there is victory. (Pr 24:3-6)

My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold, and my yield than choice silver. I walk in the way of righteousness, in the paths of justice, granting an inheritance to those who love me, and filling their treasuries. (Pr 8:19-21)

38 Prayer for growth

Plant the mustard seed, representing the desire of your heart, which God has placed within you according to His promise, through prayer. As the sprout emerges, symbolizing the beginning of your work, and the branches grow, showing visible progress, nurture it with prayer and follow the plan. In due time, it will bear fruit. Pray specifically and earnestly to the Lord. Many people miss opportunities because they overlook the details. In their pursuit of big things, they may fall into the deception of idols and Satan, missing the small, still voice of God. Stay alert! Do I, my children, spouse, and friends, only value big things? Welcome God into every aspect of your plans and endeavors. God is wonderful and values even the small, detailed things.

Recognize that there is a time and season for prophecy. Prophecy is given to build God's kingdom in accordance with His Word and will. God looks at the condition of my heart and attitude, not just the size or outward appearance. Satan may accomplish great things, but he cannot manage the small, intricate tasks that require love and patience. Raising disciples may seem small in scale, but it is rich in detail and love. Offer your prayers for growth, using specific Scripture and faith, to glorify God through the fruits of your labor.

She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates. (Pr 31:26-31)

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. (Ps 32:8)

39 Prayer for passing hardship

Consider whether my struggles—whether illness or other difficulties—are leading me toward repentance, and align my prayers with this introspection. The laws of the Old Testament should not be abandoned but fulfilled. It is important to ask: Who is truly great in Heaven, and who is considered small? Can I confidently say that my righteousness exceeds that of the Pharisees? We must recognize that salvation cannot be achieved by following the law alone; repentance for failing to adhere to God's Word is essential.

Am I living in accordance with the Ten Commandments and the New Commandments? When I pray, I must do so with a pure heart, grounded in the promises of God's Word. I should pray for the fulfillment of His Word, not to serve my own will. Instead of bending the Word to fit my desires, I should obey it faithfully to fulfill God's will. I must avoid envy and jealousy over others' successes and choose instead to bless them. If there is a genuine effort within me to fulfill the Lord's will, then I am keeping His commandments. However, living solely to satisfy my own desires is not in alignment with His will. Unlike the Pharisees, who performed righteous acts to be seen by others, saints act out of love for God.

Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out (Deut 28:6)

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him (1 Jn 5:14-15)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God (Phil 4:6)

You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions (James 4:3)

40 Prayer for hope and intercession

Why does it sometimes feel like prayers go unanswered? At times, silence may be a divine response, meant to honor the greater glory of God. In such moments, we are called to believe, pray, and wait, for trials purify the heart, making it shine brighter. God blesses desires that align with His will, so remember this when you pray.

Longing for earthly things is like building a house on sand—such desires are unstable and can lead to negative outcomes. In contrast, when our desires align with God's will, we experience peace and fulfillment.

Do you recognize the calling and purpose in the life of someone you know? If their path aligns with God's plan, their life serves a higher purpose. Let us pray for the fulfillment of their goals in harmony with God's will.

For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. (Hab 2:14)

And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. (Mt 24:14)

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, (Rev 7:9)

Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments; from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours. (Ps 110:3)

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! (Ps 67:3)

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. (Jn 10:10)

41 Prayer for material needs

Do not complacently assume that God will automatically fulfill your needs. Instead, pray with specificity and detail, clearly stating the reasons for your requests. God is always ready to help and will provide assistance. Simply assuming that He will respond without asking is not an act of faith; it borders on arrogance. Approach prayer with humility and sincerity, no matter the size of your request.

God loves us with an unwavering, primary love and desires that we reciprocate this love as our highest affection. Avoid entanglements with sin and never underestimate the significance of even the smallest acts of faith. As our omnipotent Father and provider, God will fulfill all requests made in faith through Jesus Christ. Consider His assurance in Psalm 23:1-2: *"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters."*

When praying, be persistent. If an answer isn't apparent after praying three times, continue praying ten times more. Those who earnestly seek God may receive a quicker response, while others may have to wait longer. Remember, God's promise in Matthew 7:7 remains as relevant today as ever: *"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."*

If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in Heaven give good things to those who ask him! "So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets. (Mt 7:11-12)

He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? (Rom 8:32)

"If God is for us, who can be against us?_how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?" "It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn?" "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" (Rom 8:32, 33, 35)

42 Prayer for power and love

The power and love of Heaven are not mere commodities to be stored and dispensed in small portions. They are to be actively sought, received as needed, and fully utilized. As our needs change, so too will the powers granted to us. We must believe and proclaim with the strength given by the Holy Spirit, sharing generously with all our might. Until the Lord's return, it is God's desire for His blessings to flow through us. But will I be a conduit for these blessings?

Meanwhile, the devil lurks, waiting for an opportunity to claim me through sin, hoping to turn me into a conduit for curses. God the Father, the source of all blessings and power, generously pours out His endless and infinite blessings on His children—from Heaven above and from the earth below.

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. (Jn 10:10)

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. (Heb 13:8)

Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. (Heb 13:15-16)

You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore, whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. (James 4:3)

I walk in the way of righteousness, in the paths of justice, granting an inheritance to those who love me, and filling their treasuries. (Pr 8:20-21)

43 When the cup overflows

Learn deeply and experience the reality that God is actively at work today. When God accepts me, my actions align with His view of what is "normal." As my cup of prayer overflows, blessings follow. This cup is filled not only by my own prayers but also by the prayers of others—including those who prayed for me even before I was born. One person's prayer leads to another, culminating in answered prayers.

It is also crucial to remember that judgment comes when the cup of my sins overflows. Judgment exists both in this world and in the eternal realm. God warns sinners—individuals, families, churches, organizations, and nations—calling them to repent and return to Him. When we repent, God graciously delays His judgment. His mercy is enduring, marked by patience and a slowness to anger. His kindness is rooted in righteousness, and He governs with justice.

And another angel came and stood at the altar with a golden censer, and he was given much incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar before the throne, and the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel. (Rev 8:3-4)

The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Ph 4:5b-7)

If you abide in me, and my Words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. (Jn 15:7)

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him. (1 Jn 1:14-15)

3) As it is written in your Word

44 Prayer that YHWH desired

True prayer is about aligning with God's will. We pray for His glory and the fulfillment of His purposes on earth. In prayer, our focus should be on seeking God's plan, not merely fulfilling our own desires. It is crucial to pray before taking action, as acting on our own can lead us astray from God's path. Remember, God, the "I AM that I AM," shaped the visible world from the invisible and governs all things. His Word is unchanging and serves as a firm foundation for our lives. Anchor yourself in His teachings, and let them guide your prayers.

Trust in God's will as revealed in His Word, and pour out your heart to Him. Patience is key; wait for His response with faith, undeterred by changing circumstances. Like the dawn, His answer will come at the appointed time. God's blessings, peace, and protection are with us as we wait.

To revere God is to live according to His Word. Hold the wisdom of Proverbs 3 close to your heart and let it guide your actions. In the kingdom of Heaven, those who live by His teachings will find their place.

Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. Therefore, you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man. Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones. Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline or be weary of his reproof, for the Lord reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights. (Pr 3:3-12)

45 Preserve the integrity of the Word

Pray for the complete and unaltered preservation of the Word. Proclaim it and remain faithful to its teachings. Adversaries are constantly at work to dilute its purity. Put on the priestly robes in faith, and pray fervently that the beautiful Word written within them is preserved, printed, and distributed.

Far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. (Eph 1:21-23)

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. (1 Pet 2:9)

Saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" (Rev 5:12)

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the Heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from Heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my Word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. (Isa 55:8-11)

46 Pray for mission field

Embarking on a spiritual mission without proper preparation often leads to failure. Begin by praying to bind the powers of the ruler of the air in the region where you will serve. Seek to understand the needs of the people, and prepare through prayer. Next, develop a concrete strategy, continuing to seek God's guidance throughout the process. As part of His spiritual army, expect Satan to defend his ground more vigorously. Therefore, success depends on first conquering through abundant prayer.

Fill the cup of prayer before launching the mission to defeat the enemy's strongholds. Strategize to connect the necessary elements for spreading the Word, and discern wisely. In these challenging times, even greater prayerful preparation is required. Prayers without faith merely echo in the air, while the prayers of the Lord's servants are a sweet fragrance to God and a powerful weapon in His hands.

Carefully and prayerfully discern your first step: Should you begin with prayer, or should you immediately go forth to preach the gospel?

Go through, go through the gates; prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway; clear it of stones; lift up a signal over the peoples. (Isa 62:10)

Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit. (1 Cor 12:3)

In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. (2 Cor 4:4)

God said to Balaam, "You shall not go with them. You shall not curse the people, for they are blessed." (Num 22:12)

47 Israel, Land, People, Spirit, Temple

Let us intercede for the fulfillment of the prophecy: to rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem, for the return of the people of "Israel" from all corners of the world to their homeland, and for the establishment of the King's Highway connecting Egypt, Israel, and Assyria.

Behold, I will gather them from all the countries to which I drove them in my anger and my wrath and in great indignation. I will bring them back to this place, and I will make them dwell in safety. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God. I will give them one heart and one way, that they may +fear me forever, for their own good and the good of their children after them. I will make with them an everlasting covenant, that I will not turn away from doing good to them. And I will put the fear of me in their hearts that they may not turn from me. I will rejoice in doing them good, and I will plant them in this land in faithfulness, with all my heart and all my soul. (Je 32:37-41)

In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and Assyria will come into Egypt, and Egypt into Assyria, and the Egyptians will worship with the Assyrians. In that day Israel will be the third with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth, whom the Lord of hosts has blessed, saying, "Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel my inheritance." (Isa 19:23-26)

Therefore thus says the Lord God: Now I will restore the fortunes of Jacob and have mercy on the whole house of Israel, and I will be jealous for my holy name. (Ez 39:25)

Then they shall know that I am the Lord their God, because I sent them into exile among the nations and then assembled them into their own land. I will leave none of them remaining among the nations anymore. (Ez 39:28)

4) Prayer warriors

48 The reason prayers are answered

It is said that the prayers of the righteous hold great power. Not all prayers receive a response, but those offered in faith by the righteous are more likely to fulfill their purpose. However, it is important to recognize that prayers stemming from a weak will or fleshly desires may not be answered. Fulfilling such requests could, in fact, lead to greater harm.

We must be mindful that with honor, trials may follow. In that moment, I will listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit within me and obey. In such times, the Lord might call me home, and my spirit will stand in His presence.

The God of today is the same as the God of Moses and Elijah. Let us praise the God who answers prayers seeking His kingdom and His righteousness, in the name of Jesus. May His glory shine forth like the sun.

Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it. (Jn 14:13-14)

The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. (1 Pet 4:7-8)

Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. (1 Jn 3:21-22)

Pray then like this: "Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." (Mt 6:9-13)

49 Pray as if all depend on my prayer

Pray as if the fate of our nation hinges on your prayers. Approach each prayer with the conviction that the destiny of your affiliated organization rests upon them. Believe firmly that without your prayers, these issues will remain unresolved.

In the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, perceived in the books the number of years that, according to the Word of the Lord to Jeremiah the prophet, must pass before the end of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years. Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. I prayed to the Lord my God and made confession, saying, "O Lord, the 'great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules. We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. (Dan9:2-6)

Now therefore, O our God, listen to the prayer of your servant and to his pleas for mercy, and for your own sake, O Lord, make your face to shine upon your sanctuary, which is desolate. O my God, incline your ear and hear. Open your eyes and see our desolations, and the city that is called by your name. For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. O Lord, pay attention and act. Delay not, for your own sake, O my God, because your city and your people are called by your name. (Dan 9:17-19)

50 Pray with a joyful heart

Prayer is not about fulfilling our own desires, but about seeking God's will. Therefore, let us approach Him with joy and praise in our hearts. Reflect on the prayers of Jesus, who always sought God's guidance, and of Elijah, who prayed with unwavering faith. Like these faithful servants, let us dedicate time to the practice of prayer, preparing ourselves for the challenges ahead.

When our prayers align with God's will, no challenge is insurmountable. The obstacles we face become opportunities to glorify God. Rather than dwelling on past regrets, let us transform our mistakes into fuel for spiritual growth. Life itself is a blessing—an opportunity to achieve greatness in His name. Let us cast aside our fears of the future, as well as thoughts of poverty, pain, loss, and negative emotions such as bitterness, hatred, and despair, placing them all at the foot of the cross.

God cherishes prayers and meditations that seek to understand His divine plan. True prayer is about aligning ourselves with God's will. Let us avoid praying for things that do not glorify Him, such as mere satisfaction in food and drink. Instead, let us pray earnestly to fulfill His will, knowing that He hears and responds.

Pray then like this: Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. (Mt 6:9-10)

Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it. "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." (Jn 14:13-15)

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. (Mt 5:8)

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. (Jn 13:34)

51 Pray like Elijah

Just as Elijah had the power to open and close the heavens, so too should we pray like Daniel, who led the rebuilding of the temple, guided by the promises of God's Word and the power of repentance. Do not be swayed by the voices of others; instead, listen to the voice of the Lord. Remember that Adam could have lived had he adhered to God's Word. However, his choice to follow his emotions and his wife's counsel—representing the world's influence—led to death and suffering for both, bringing not life, but demise and distress to his beloved spouse.

Just as sheep follow their shepherd's voice and are guided by him, reflect on this: Are you following the Master? Consider whether, like Adam, you might unintentionally lead a loved one toward eternal separation from God due to emotional impulses. Trust in the desires the Lord has placed in your heart. Seek and knock with faith. Persist in visualizing your goals until the work is complete. Believe in God's Word, connect with Him through prayer, and continue to outline your vision. Avoid the world's path, as Peter did, who fished all night but caught nothing. If your work is inspired and empowered by God's Word, it will result in divine miracles.

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. (Mt 7:7)

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. (Heb 13:8)

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. (1 Pet 2:9)

Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and Heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit. (James 5:17-18)

52 Pray like Daniel

While in exile, Daniel diligently studied the prophecies concerning the restoration of the temple, as recorded by prophets like Jeremiah and Isaiah. He firmly believed in God's promise to restore Jerusalem—a belief that inspired him to pray three times a day, earnestly seeking God's guidance for the rebuilding of the second temple. Daniel's example of faith and prayer teaches us to trust in God's promises, persist in prayer, and act according to His will.

God assures us that prayers offered in the name of Jesus will be answered—but on His timeline, not ours. Our role is to believe in His promises and walk by faith, which often requires patience and perseverance as we wait for His response. Acting impulsively, without waiting for God's guidance, means choosing our own path rather than His. We should remain attentive to the Holy Spirit, refraining from rushing ahead. At times, God's silence serves to magnify His glory, and in such moments, maintaining faith and patience becomes essential. We must continue to pray fervently, in alignment with God's will, until our prayers are fully answered.

Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it. (Jn 14:13-14)

Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. (1 Jn 3:21-22)

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him. (1 Jn 5:14-15)

53 Bind that oppose through prayer

Pray for the fulfillment of God's will on Earth. Establish a proper altar of prayer that honors His name. True prayer aligns with and seeks to fulfill the Lord's will. Present all prayers, supplications, and intercessions with a heart of gratitude. Actively pray against any spirit that opposes the Gospel, binding it in the name of Jesus. Pray without ceasing, day and night, for we live in evil times. Discern whether current events are manifestations of God's judgment, and pray accordingly.

Pray then like this: Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. (Mt 6:9-10)

And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. (Mt 24:14)

And he said to me, It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. (Rev 21:6-7)

For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. (2 Tim 4:3-4)

That he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the Heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, (Eph1:20-22)

54 Pray for the helplessness of hope

- North Korea:

It is even more tragic than their poverty and hunger that the people of North Korea have lost hope in their hearts. A heart that cannot find the meaning of life is truly hopeless. Forgetting eternity leads to profound misery. Yet, God is still at work in North Korea—in its prisons and wilderness. Pray that the hearts of the North Korean people do not harden, and that they do not lose the hope of discovering life's true meaning.

- Muslim Imam, Jewish Rabbi:

Pray that Muslim Imams and Jewish Rabbis may have dreams and visions that lead them to seek Christ. Earnestly pray for the salvation of lost souls.

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God and there is none else. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

The Lord Will Pour Out His Spirit. And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit. And I will show wonders in the Heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes.

And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls. (Joel 2:27-32)

C. HOLY SPIRIT

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1) Filled with the Holy Spirit

55 Two kinds of power

In the world, there are two distinct types of spiritual power. The first is the power of the Holy Spirit, flowing from its fullness. The second is a counterfeit power, akin to the illusionary abilities demonstrated by Simon the Magician, known for his sorcery. This contrast invites introspection: Does our faith resemble a mere scarecrow—standing in the field, outwardly formed but devoid of life and power? What real strength can such an empty symbol possess?

To cultivate genuine faith, we must become people of deep conviction. This requires active engagement with belief, the pursuit of spiritual truths, and an acceptance of God's power. We must be infused with the Holy Spirit, drawing strength not from superficial displays but from a deeply rooted faith. It is crucial to carefully examine testimonies and experiences, discerning when, where, and how the Holy Spirit's power truly manifests in our lives.

All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. (Act 1:14)

And I will show wonders in the Heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; (Act 2:19)

And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Act 2:38)

And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. (Heb 11:6)

And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your Word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus. (Act 4:29-30)

56 Remain in power of the Holy Spirit

The Church of Ephesus, mentioned in Revelation 2, initially experienced profound spiritual love after receiving the Holy Spirit. However, they struggled to maintain consistent spiritual depth. It is important to understand that walking in harmony with the Spirit requires more than human effort ("the strength of the flesh"). We cannot sustain what began spiritually through our own strength. Instead, we must rely on the continuous power and companionship of the Holy Spirit. To cultivate and preserve a deep spiritual connection, it is essential to actively follow the Spirit's guidance and teachings.

But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. (Rev 2:4-5)

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. (Gal 5:16-18)

Thus says the Lord of hosts: If you will walk in my ways and keep my charge, then you shall rule my house and have charge of my courts, and I will give you the right of access among those who are standing here. (Zech 3:7)

Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of Heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of Heaven. (Mt 18:3-4)

57 Eyes recognize the spirit-filled person

Imagine a world where individuals are fully imbued with the Holy Spirit. How might this radically transform our reality? As I reflect on my spiritual journey, I often wonder how much I am truly filled with the Holy Spirit. The more I contemplate the influence of Jesus' teachings and the Holy Spirit in my life, the more profound the questions become. In the Bible, Pharaoh recognized Joseph's extraordinary wisdom, which is often attributed to being filled with the Holy Spirit. This leads me to ask: Can I, like Pharaoh, discern when someone is filled with the Spirit?

Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. (Lk 2:25)

They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" (Lk 24:32)

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. (Act 2:4)

Joseph answered Pharaoh, "It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh a favorable answer." (Gen 41:16)

And Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find a man like this, in whom is the Spirit of God?" (Gen 41:38)

(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord (Eph 5:9-10)

Addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ (Eph 5:19-20)

58 Seek the gifts of the Holy Spirit

Pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit in Jesus' name. The Holy Spirit, active since Pentecost, has been a constant presence—yesterday, today, and forever. Remember, the Kingdom of God is not built on eloquent preaching alone but through the power of the Holy Spirit. No one on earth is righteous by their own merit; we are made righteous only through faith in Christ.

Pray for the gifts the Holy Spirit bestows upon the Church. Reflect on those who have received these special gifts. The Scriptures promise the Holy Spirit's gifts to all who believe in and follow Christ. We should eagerly welcome these gifts and proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth, spreading His teachings.

God desires to empower us with the Holy Spirit to continue the work of the Apostles. Yet, the disbelief and disobedience of the world often hinder this mission. However, those who are willing to listen will hear, understand, and embrace the truth.

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from Heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. (Act2:1-3)

As it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one." (Rom 3:10-12)

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in Heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Mt 28:18-20)

59 Gift of the Holy Spirit

Faith is not something that can be purchased with money. It is essential to ensure that our intentions do not obstruct the work of the Lord. We must recognize the true origin of faith and wholeheartedly seek the strength found in the name of Jesus Christ. Rather than relying solely on our own judgment, let us focus on the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit through faith.

The morning dew serves as a metaphor for the gift of the Holy Spirit, refreshing and revitalizing us. We should actively seek the Spirit's power, as embracing these gifts brings great blessings to both our lives and the church. Strive always to be filled with the Holy Spirit, remaining obedient and patient as we await the fruits of the Spirit. When the Holy Spirit moves within us, everything tends to align, bringing about harmony and prosperity.

Therefore, I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills. (1 Cor 12:3-11)

2) Follow the Holy Spirit

60 Living according to the Holy Spirit

A blessed life is one that trusts in God, follows His commandments, relies on Him fully, spreads the Gospel, and believes in the absolute power of the living God. It involves surrendering all worries to the Lord, facing adversity without fear, and remaining calm in the face of disasters. Additionally, it calls for resisting worldly temptations and shunning self-promotion. Such a life can be compared to receiving manna in the wilderness—a profound symbol of divine sustenance and guidance through life's challenges.

Since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. (1Pet 1:16-19)

Casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. (1Pet 5:7-8)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. (Ps 23:1-6)

61 Acknowledge and believe

What power do I truly possess? Can my experiences, knowledge, or theories stand against the rulers of darkness in this age? The Kingdom of God is not defined by mere words but by power. I must not judge God's work through my own understanding or use it to elevate myself. Instead, I must remain steadfast, rooted in the Word and committed to prayer. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, I can speak in tongues, prophesy, heal, and drive out evil spirits, continuing the works of the Apostles. With the same Holy Spirit power that filled the upper room, may His Kingdom come on Earth.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. (Lk 4:18-19)

If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. (Jn 14:15-17)

This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. (Act 2:32-33)

Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father. (1Jn 2:24)

And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. (1 Jn3:3)

62 Do not make God in my thoughts

The God who was with Moses remains unchanged: the same yesterday, today, and forever. Rather than reshaping God to fit our own ideas, we should seek to know Him as He has revealed Himself, embracing His will with humble and joyful obedience. Jehovah God, our merciful and kind Father, embodies love and longs to connect with us as a close friend. Instead of conforming to the ways of the world, we are called to align our lives with the Word of God. Reflect on the depth of His love, likened to an eagle protecting its chicks. Just as an eagle spreads its wings to shield its young, God sheltered Israel and continues to protect His people with the same tender care today.

Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the Lord your God,

who teaches you to profit, who leads you in the way you should go. Oh that you had paid attention to my commandments! Then your peace would have been like a river, and your righteousness like the waves of the sea; your offspring would have been like the sand, and your descendants like its grains; their name would never be cut off or destroyed from before me." (Isa 48:17-19)

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. (Je 29:11-13)

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. (Jn 15:13-14)

63 God is seeking devoted heart

Today, God grants life and power to those who wholeheartedly dedicate themselves to their faith. The Holy Spirit is the source of life, and in Christ, we discover true power. God has entrusted His name and authority to His children. Love is not merely a matter of knowledge—it calls for action. Thus, I must strive to keep my spirit holy and pure. By doing so, I am equipped to transform the hearts of others through the gift of love.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. (Mt 5:8)

And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the Word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. (Rev 12:11)

With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Eph 4:2-3)

The mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. (Col 1:26-28)

For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. (1Thes 5:10)

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. (Phil 4:8)

64 Repent, believe, receive the power

The Power of the Holy Spirit at the Pentecost

Jehovah God seeks individuals with steadfast hearts—those He can empower and entrust with His work. The empowerment of the Holy Spirit, as demonstrated at Pentecost, is distinct from the diverse gifts of the Spirit, each serving its unique purpose. Without this divine power, relying solely on spiritual gifts can lead to the mistaken belief that one is accomplishing God's work through human strength alone.

The disciples were called to live as witnesses of Christ, reaching out to save lost souls. The message remains clear: Hear the Word of God, repent, be saved in the name of Jesus, and receive the Holy Spirit through faith.

Take time to reflect and examine your life. Stand firm in your faith. Seek evidence of God's work within you. Ensure the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life, and carefully discern whether you are walking in step with the Spirit or being influenced by the desires of the flesh.

And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. (1Jn 4:14-15)

If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it. "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. (Jn 14:14-15)

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him. (1Jn 5:14-15)

And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. (Act 5:14-15)

65 Voice of the Spirit in the Word

Believing in and meditating on the Word opens our hearts to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, fostering faith within us. By obeying the Word we have received, we can experience the transformative power of Heaven. Such experiences sharpen our ability to recognize the voice of the Holy Spirit. To remain aligned, we must stand firm in faith, pray according to the Word, and listen attentively to the Spirit's direction. Without cultivating the ability to hear and follow the Holy Spirit's teachings, one risks sharing knowledge that lacks true power.

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ. (Ro 10:17)

Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is 'accursed!'" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit. (1 Cor 12:3)

Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. (1Jn 4:15)

And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. (Heb 11:6)

Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. (1Jn 3:21-22)

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in Heaven give good things to those who ask him! (Mt 7:7-11)

66 With the Holy Spirit

When interacting with others, remember that every person is created in God's image. It is essential to speak with respect and kindness, understanding that your words can have a profound impact. Beyond moral teachings, the Holy Spirit acts as a guide and source of empowerment, enabling us to overcome adversity. Consider the biblical story of Ruth. During a time of famine, Ruth's faith and reliance on God became a beacon of hope. As a Moabite woman, her unwavering loyalty to her Israelite mother-in-law, Naomi, and her steadfast belief were ultimately rewarded with God's blessings. Her story exemplifies the triumphs experienced by those who trust in the Holy Spirit during challenging times.

In this light, seize every opportunity to share the gospel, but always do so with humility and respect. The Holy Spirit provides extraordinary and unparalleled power that strengthens and sustains us. Embrace your faith fully, striving to embody God's virtues such as love, patience, and kindness. Make decisions rooted in prayer, and faithfully apply the guidance you receive in your daily life. Let your actions and words consistently reflect God's grace and purpose.

And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. (James 1:4-5)

For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. (2 Tim 1:7)

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. (1 Pet 2:11)

Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. (2 Pet 3:14)

Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him (1 Jn 3:21-22)

67 Daily walking with the Holy Spirit

The children of God are invited to experience daily encounters with the living God through the Holy Spirit. These moments unfold as they meditate on God's Word, pray, and engage in heartfelt worship. Consider why Jesus extended baptism even to "the least in the kingdom of Heaven." In the secret place of prayer, under the shelter of the Almighty, one can truly meet and commune with the living God.

But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many Words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. (Mt 6:6-8)

And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. (Mt 10:28-31)

So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from Heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." (Jn6:53-58)

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1) Using and being Used

68 Two types

In Christian belief, people can be viewed from God's perspective as serving one of two purposes: temporal (used for a limited time and then set aside) or permanent (used for eternal, everlasting purposes). Reflecting on the twelve disciples of Jesus, some may fall into the category of temporal use. It is important to recognize that individuals serving temporal purposes can be influenced by both divine and satanic forces. A life marked by worldly success, without genuine discipleship in Christ, may lead to being temporarily utilized by both powers. In contrast, those chosen for God's permanent purposes are destined for greater rewards in Heaven as recognition of their steadfastness and faithful service. However, those relegated to temporal use face a grim destiny, potentially resulting in judgment and eternal separation from God.

Crucially, being chosen by God is not dependent on human approval or merit but is a result of His unconditional grace. He entrusts greater responsibility to those who demonstrate obedience and faithfulness in their walk with Him.

During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, (Jn13:2)

And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly. (Mt 26:75)

He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. (Jn 21:17)

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. (Jn15:16)

69 All that does is continually change

Life is a dynamic, ever-changing journey where even seemingly steadfast truths can evolve over time. Certainty often eludes us, as what once seemed unwavering may shift depending on the context. In our pursuit of understanding, we seek progress, yet we are confronted with profound questions: the nature of sin, the mystery of eternity, the inevitability of mortality, and the challenges posed by the natural world. Without absolute power, we find ourselves trapped in an unending cycle of transformation. Amid this intricate tapestry of existence, the Creator—God—emerges as the only entity capable of resolving our fundamental dilemmas concerning life, death, and the forces of nature. In this framework, some individuals play transient roles, while others assume a permanent role of influence and eternal purpose.

You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?

So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit.

Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of Heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in Heaven.

On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’

And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’ (Mt 7:16-23)

70 Who do you glorify

A business may begin with loans or external financial assistance, but mission work relies on divine provision. Only God can part the Jordan River. He appoints the right individuals and provides the necessary helpers. Recognizing this distinction is crucial to avoid confusion about the nature of missionary work. And when the work is complete, it's important to reflect on who receives the glory.

And I, behold, I have given with him Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan: and in the hearts of all that are wise hearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee; (Ex31:6)

Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. (Deut 8:4)

Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks but all the churches of the Gentiles give thanks as well. (Rom16:3-4)

Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. I have received full payment, and more.

I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God.

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus (Phil 4:17-19)

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. (Ps23:1)

For the Gentiles strive after all these things, and your Heavenly Father knows that you need them. (Mt 6:32)

71 Action in “balanced” power

According to the planned design, simply behaving 'normally' is inherently sufficient. This concept of normalcy, as defined by God's creation, is inherently good and harmonious. To be 'normal' means aligning oneself with God's pleasing design. A life that adheres to this standard is preserved and peaceful, sustained by God's grace. It remains in equilibrium and flourishes under His blessings, staying true to its course. A balanced soul is inherently strong, and achieving this balance requires moving in step with God's providence and acting in accordance with His will at the right times. Disrupting this equilibrium, however, invites the adversary's temptations and leads one away from the path of righteousness by neglecting His Word. Therefore, it is essential to exercise caution, avoid extremes, and strive for balance in all things.

Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:7-9)

Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil. (Mt 5:37)

72 Keep the creation order

Adhere to the order of creation: a mandate to "be fruitful, multiply, and steward the earth." This command is not solely about physical procreation; it also calls us to nurture growth in all areas of life. For those who cannot have children, there are still meaningful ways to contribute, such as through disciple-making, as exemplified by figures like Paul.

Reflect on these foundational principles: to grow, expand, and responsibly care for our world. Consider how these actions honor the purpose and responsibility entrusted to humanity. Align your actions with these principles by asking yourself whether they honor God's design, are pleasing to Him, align with His will, and occur in His timing.

Remember, God's love is infinite. He guides and nurtures us, even when we stray. While it is essential to uphold the creation order, compassion and understanding should be at the forefront when addressing deviations. Those who challenge these principles may face consequences, but we should hope that all find guidance and the blessing of the creation code along their journey. And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the Heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." (Gen1:28)

Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. (Ps 127:3)

73 Questions for the team

- 1) What is the Canaan given to me? How can I obtain it?

And I commanded you at that time all the things that you should do. (Deut 1:18)

If you love me, you will keep my commandments. (Jn14:15)

- 2) Am I drinking the living water?

And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment." (Rev 21:6)

- 3) How can I cleanse my life and heart?

Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work. (2 Tim 2:21)

You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, for it is made holy by the Word of God and prayer. (1 Tim 4:5)

- 4) Can I hide from God? Can I secretly act to avoid God's eyes?

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, (Gen 17:1)

Where shall I go from your Spirit?

Or where shall I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to Heaven, you are there!

If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

If I take the wings of the morning

and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

even there your hand shall lead me,

and your right hand shall hold me. (Ps 139:7-10)

5) What does it mean to walk in the light?

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. (1 Jn1:7)

6) What does it mean to be holy? What does it mean to live a holy life?

And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth. (Jn 17:19)

7) Who is a faithful servant of God? What does it mean to distribute food according to the time, and how can one prepare for it?

Many a man proclaims his own steadfast love, but a faithful man who can find? (Pr 20:6)

And the Lord said, "Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom his master will set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the proper time? (Lk 12:42)

8) Why do we fear? How can we overcome that fear?

But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up. (Dan 3:18)

9) Can the voice of the shepherd be heard?

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. (Mt 5:8)

10) Am I qualified to be a disciple of Jesus?

If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. (Lk 14:26-27)

11) What is gentleness? Why should one be gentle?

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

12) Do I have a poor spirit? What does having a poor spirit mean?

All these things my hand has made,
and so all these things came to be,
declares the Lord.

But this is the one to whom I will look:
he who is humble and contrite in spirit
and trembles at my Word. (Isa 66:2)

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven. (Mt5:3)

2) Where do I belong

74 Where I belong

We must discern where each person belongs: New Believers, Unbalanced Believers, those trained to follow the Holy Spirit, and True Worshipers who glorify God. Recognizing individuals' work and dedication, is crucial to identify the true workers. Reflect on your role and actions with this context. Envision the "Dew community" as part of this discernment process.

Where do I belong?

Where does my family belong?

Where does my country belong?

Being aligned with those who belong to God helps us align with His will. So, where is my focus, and what will be the eternal impact of my work?

Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. (Mt12:30)

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the Word without fear. Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment.

What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice. (Phil 1:12-18)

75 Soldier's duty is guard the nation

Learn about the roles of apostles, prophets, and priests. Stay vigilant and prepared to receive God's kingdom. Reflect on these questions: What actions are expected of you in your current position? What guidance and tasks has the Holy Spirit provided today? Strive to discern and follow these divine instructions.

Similarly, just as a soldier's duty is to defend their country, embrace and fulfill your responsibilities. Consider: What specific duties are yours to carry out?

And he said to them, Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. (Mk 16:15)

You therefore must be perfect, as your Heavenly Father is perfect. (Mt 5:48)

And he said to them, You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God. (Lk 16:15)

I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Tim 6:13-14)

No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. (2 Tim 2:4)

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the Word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. (2 Tim 4:1-2)

76 Oneness, unity

Not Uniting Is Like Tearing the Body of Christ

It is vital for a nation to find unity through a shared spiritual or moral vision—one that transcends tribal divisions. When factions and power struggles take precedence, it's as though we are tearing apart the very fabric of our collective spiritual body. We must pause and reflect: Are pride and selfish ambition hindering our unity? Are we allowing deceit to take root in our hearts? Such attitudes breed division and jealousy, diminishing the influence of the Holy Spirit.

True service requires a “grieving heart”—a deep sense of empathy and compassion, which are essential for fostering unity. Without this, unity remains a distant dream. Recognizing disunity as a grave sin is the first step in confronting and overcoming it. We must remove all traces of division and deceit through sincere repentance.

I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. (Jn17:23)

Jesus answered him, If anyone loves me, he will keep my Word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my Words. And the Word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me. (Jn14:23-24)

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. (Jn10:10)

Eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. (Eph 4:3-6)

Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; break up your fallow ground, for it is the time to seek the Lord, that he may come and rain righteousness upon you. (Hos 10:12)

77 There is no tomorrow in God's work.

In God's work and ministry, adopt the mindset of treating each encounter as though it could be your last with that individual. This perspective opens the way for God's love and the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit to work through you. Clothe yourself with the full armor of God and embrace the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Proclaim the Gospel, heal the sick, liberate the oppressed, set the imprisoned free, and declare the year of salvation—all while faithfully following the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified. (Isaiah 61:1–3)

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under Heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. (Ecc 3:1-8)

3) Why 'Morning Dew'

78 Call to action

The Kingdom of Jesus Christ is both blessed and eternal, a realm where truth exists in its purest form—clear and untainted for all who seek it. As disciples, it is our duty to live by this truth and share it with love, fostering understanding and compassion, even in the face of opposition to Christ's teachings. Recognizing the presence of the Holy Spirit is essential. Through faith and prayer, we strive to be filled with the Holy Spirit's power, much like the divine experience granted to the faithful in the Upper Room on Pentecost.

The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool." (Ps 110:1)

And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. (Heb 10:11-14)

And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the Word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. (Rev 12:11)

Whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. (1Jn 2:6)

And he said to them, "Go into all the world and "proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. (Mk 16:15-16)

For your steadfast love is great to the Heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Be exalted, O God, above the Heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth! (Ps 57:10-11)

79 The dedication priority

The order of devotion that God desires is first to care for your family and children, and then to care for missionaries.

When Enoch had lived 65 years, he fathered Methuselah. Enoch walked with God after he fathered Methuselah 300 years and had other sons and daughters. (Gen 5:21-22)

The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, (1 Tim 3:1-4)

Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared, who forbid marriage and require abstinence from foods that God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, for it is made holy by the Word of God and prayer. (1 Tim 4:1-5)

This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, (2 Tim 2:3-5)

80 Clean Vessels

God works through clean vessels to fulfill His purposes. To become instruments of His will, we must strive for purity in both heart and life, preparing ourselves to be used by Him. This involves actively cleansing ourselves of anything that opposes His will, allowing His power to flow through us and be reflected in our actions.

One major obstacle to this is greed, a particularly dangerous trap. Greed leads to idolatry, bringing corruption, decay, and ultimately a life devoid of meaning and purpose. It opens the door for Satan—whose mission is to steal, kill, and destroy—to carry out his plans against us.

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. (Col 3:5)

But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. (Eph 5:3-5)

But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity." Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable. Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work. So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. (2 Tim 2:19-22)

81 The Purity of Morning Dew

Jesus believed in the words of the Old Testament and faithfully followed them. Even on the cross, He rejected the mixed wine, choosing instead to establish the Church through His pure blood.

Just as morning dew symbolizes purity—unadulterated, uncompromising, and uncontaminated—so too must we recognize that life is not sustained by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God, especially as we navigate life’s wilderness of testing. This echoes Jesus’ teaching: “Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness.”

It is crucial to understand why we must be distinct from the world and strive to emulate Jesus’ life. Jesus Christ, who never compromised—even in His final moments on the cross—sets the standard for purity, symbolized by the morning dew. This metaphor represents victory over evil and worldly powers, speaking to those who faithfully uphold God’s Word and dedicate themselves to Him. Like the morning dew, they joyfully obey the eternal Bridegroom, the source of all life, preserving their first love and remaining loyal—even to the point of martyrdom. This leads to reflective questions: Am I living a life of purity in accordance with God’s Word? Are there areas in my walk with Him where purity is lacking? Ultimately, the morning dew points to the present manifestation of God’s coming glory.

You therefore must be perfect, as your Heavenly Father is perfect. (Mt 5:48)

I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, and I find knowledge and discretion. (Pr 8:12)

Everyone then who hears these Words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. (Mt 7:24)

So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. (1 Jn 4:16)

82 Morning dew, continuously purifying

The morning dew remains untouched in its essence, symbolizing the purity of body, mind, and spirit. Unyielding in the face of hardship and persecution, it humbly takes its place, generously sharing and harmonizing with the world around it.

Sin and evil strive to corrupt and contaminate, seeking to dilute holiness. Satan seeks to infiltrate our hearts with a false sense of righteousness, drawing us further from God. Evil distorts the Word of God, while demons and their agents work to weaken the influence of the Holy Spirit. Yet, like the morning dew, purity endures—undiluted and perpetually renewed.

God does not dwell in spaces tainted by impurity. He resides in a clean heart, and profound power flows from a heart that cherishes Him with unblemished devotion.

We must remain vigilant, ensuring that we do not confuse the divine Word of God with mere human interpretations. A pure heart sees God and offers unmistakable evidence of belonging to Him. While the world may pollute things like water and oil, it cannot touch the purity of the morning dew. Amidst the impurities of the world, the morning dew stands as a symbol of pristine, untainted purity.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. (Matt. 5:8)

And he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.” (Lk 16:15)

Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my Word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my Words. And the Word that you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me.” (Jn 14:23-24)

83 Tuning My Faith - 8 Strings

The Word is unchanging, but we must actively open the doors of our minds and hearts to fully embrace it and invite the Holy Spirit into our lives. Jesus Christ desires unity with the Father for all believers, and through this unity, we find strength. By faithfully following the Word and aligning ourselves with repentance and faith, we draw closer to Him. However, Satan works tirelessly to disrupt this process, seeking to block the alignment of our thoughts and hearts. He sows division among believers, leading to actions that lack love and hindering the fulfillment of the Lord's desire for unity. This calls for honest reflection: What doors have we left open, giving the enemy access to our lives?

Tune in love

(Open thought and mind 1 King 19:12)

HEAD (ABSOLUTE TRUTH)

HEART (FIRST LOVE, BOLDNESS)

EYES (ETERNAL RELATION)

EARS (THREE VOICES)

NOSE (BREATH, TOWER BABEL)

MOUTH (POWER, JUDGMENT)

HANDS (WHO DO YOU MAKE HAPPY)

FEET (WHAT FOR)

"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their Word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me." (Jn17:20-23)

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. (Eph 6:13)

4) Become the Morning Dew

84 The life of Morning Dew

Embrace single-minded devotion to Christ and become like the pure morning dew that embodies peace. This morning dew symbolizes a life of holy offering, steadfast and unwavering in its commitment. It does not compromise with the world or with the Word, but holds firm to both.

To become like the morning dew is to emulate Christ, who never compromised the Word—even on the cross. The "morning dew" represents the present reality of the living God, destined for future glory. Devoted to God with an undivided heart. It follows divine wisdom and rejects the compromises the world offers. The "morning dew" understands that only those who follow God's will are qualified to be with Him and recognizes the difference between dead faith and living faith.

Sin hinders our ability to hear the truth, make right decisions, or take proper action. In dead faith, one cannot encounter the living God.

Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him. Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?" Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my Word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." (Jn14:21-23)

I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them. (Jn17:26)

Sanctify them in the truth; your Word is truth. (Jn17:17)

85 Piety is an essential virtue that leaders must possess

Piety is an essential virtue for both devout followers and leaders within the faith. It enables the faithful to recognize and empathize with the spiritual struggles of others, promoting humility, fostering a deep longing for righteousness, and encouraging compassion. Through piety, the heart is purified, leading to a life of peace. Moreover, it offers guidance to those persecuted for their righteousness, interceding on their behalf so they may receive God's blessings.

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. (Lev: 19:2)

Consecrate yourselves, therefore, and be holy, for I am the Lord your God. (Lev 20:7)

You shall be holy to me, for I the Lord am holy and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be mine. (Lev 20:26)

And you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the Words that you shall speak to the people of Israel. (Ex 19:6)

Since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." (1 Pet 1:16)

You therefore must be perfect, as your Heavenly Father is perfect. (Mt 5:48)

I, yes I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake and remembers your sins no more. (Isa 43:25)

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. (Rev 1:5-6)

86 the "Normal" Morning Dew

After creating the world, God declared, "It is good." This statement symbolizes a life that is balanced and in harmony with God's design. Living a balanced life enables us to discern God's will and understand His timing. However, when a person strays from God's Word, their life becomes unbalanced and disconnected from His teachings. In such cases, they may be misled by the enemy, believing they are doing God's work when, in fact, they are acting contrary to His will. They remain unaware that they are walking a path of sin. Therefore, it is crucial for us to discern whether our actions align with good or evil.

In the context of the church or missionary work, relying solely on our own methods and thoughts is akin to the practices of the Pharisees and Sadducees. God seeks those who serve Him not for personal gain, but out of genuine reverence and fear. This is the essence of true service to God.

Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. (Josh 1:6-8)

Whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. (1 Jn 2:6)

For my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water. (Je 2:13)

87 Qualities of meekness

"Morning Dew," with its humble and unblemished purity, reflects the qualities of a loyal and flawless caretaker. Like the transparent dew, meekness embodies a deep understanding of responsibility and the self-discipline required to fulfill entrusted tasks. It is about seeking God's kingdom and His righteousness.

Yet, we know that this Earth will eventually pass away, and all things will perish. In this context, the meek—those promised in Scripture—will inherit the land. They will rule it, enjoy its blessings, and live abundantly, fulfilling God's will by triumphing over the enemies of Christ.

The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool." (Ps 110:1)

But by the same Word the Heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the Day of Judgment and destruction of the ungodly. (2 Pet 3:7)

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. (Mt 11:29-30)

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

For those blessed by the Lord shall inherit the land, but those cursed by him shall be cut off. The Lord establishes the steps of a man, when he delights in his way; though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong, for the Lord upholds his hand. I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his children begging for bread. (Ps 37:22-25)

88 Morning Dew – a peace maker

Morning Dew understands that righteousness and judgment belong to God alone. It does not overstep this divine authority or take pride in its own righteousness. Instead, it lovingly guides others toward God's blessings and teachings.

With compassion, Morning Dew offers gentle correction to those struggling in their faith, helping them return to the path of belief. It encourages and comforts fellow believers, celebrates the good deeds done in God's grace, and reflects the gentleness, humility, and patience of Christ.

Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil. (Mt 5:37)

By this we may know that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. (1Jn2:6)

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. (1Cor 13:4-7)

For which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the Word of God is not bound! Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself. (2 Tim 2:9-13)

5) Living in the First Love, a Morning Dew

89 A person of faith walking with the Lord

Morning Dew joyfully dedicates itself, living as a bride devoted to her first love—faithful, holding fast to the Word, overcoming the power of the world, being crucified with Jesus on the cross, and walking in faith with the risen Lord. Such people fear no death, are without blemish or flaw, and have passed through the fire. When we believe in the Word and stand upon it, Christ makes all things possible.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you (1Thes 5:16-18)

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. (Rom 12:1)

And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the Word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. (Rev 12:11)

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. (Gal 2:20)

By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit (1Jn 4:13)

And this commandment we have from Him: whoever loves God must also love his brother. (1Jn 4:21)

Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? (1Jn 5:5)

90 Morning Dew, Ruth

God recognized Ruth's unwavering faith and honored her by making her the great-grandmother of King David, securing her a vital place in the lineage of Jesus Christ. Ruth's life serves as a beautiful example of what I call the "Morning Dew" life—a life marked by steadfast faithfulness, even in the face of famine. Her unwavering commitment to God's Word stands as a testament to her profound faith.

Ruth's journey offers a powerful lesson in living as the "Morning Dew," particularly through her adherence to the Ten Commandments. She exemplified the commandment to "Honor your father and mother," not only through her devotion to God but also through her respectful and caring attitude toward Naomi, an elderly and impoverished woman. This attitude reflects a heart full of humility and loyalty, embodying the true spirit of honoring one's parents.

Ruth's faith reveals the character of a truly blessed saint—one who recognizes God's presence and walks with Him in every aspect of life. Her example challenges us to reflect: What does it mean to walk with the Lord? Are we, like Ruth, actively engaging in our missions with hearts aligned to His will? Let us strive to follow Ruth's example in our own lives—through our missions, acts of service, and unwavering dedication—while focusing on supporting and uplifting our fellow believers.

And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every Word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. (Deut 8:3)

But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." (Ruth 1:16-17)

LOVE: Ruth, mourning the loss of her husband and father-in-law, found herself in a foreign land fraught with challenges. She lived in a context marked by scarcity and nationalism, where hope was a rare and fragile commodity. Yet, despite these daunting circumstances, Ruth chose to follow God, embracing a life of hardship in an unfamiliar and often hostile environment rather than returning to the comfort of her homeland. Her obedience to God remained steadfast, regardless of the difficulties she faced.

Ruth's journey stands as a profound example of walking with God unconditionally—a devotion reminiscent of the pure and selfless love of "first love." She demonstrated her faith through tireless labor, gleaning grains in the fields while enduring physical exhaustion, ridicule, and shame. As both a foreigner and a woman, she faced discrimination and humiliation, yet her unwavering faith and commitment propelled her forward. Ultimately, her steadfast devotion led to God's blessing through Boaz.

Ruth's story challenges us to reflect on our own lives: Am I meeting my family's needs with the same sense of responsibility that Enoch exemplified? How do my actions compare to the misguided choices of Ananias and Sapphira, or to the grumbling attitudes of the Israelites in the wilderness? What decisions do I make when faced with trials and tribulations? Ruth's example encourages us to examine our walk with God and to consider the depth of our own commitment to our beliefs and responsibilities.

Enoch walked with God after he fathered Methuselah 300 years and had other sons and daughters. (Gen 5:22)

She said, "Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves after the reapers.' So she came, and she has continued from early morning until now, except for a short rest." (Ruth 2:7)

And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you all that you ask, for all my fellow townsmen know that you are a worthy woman. Disaster pursues sinners, but the righteous are rewarded with good. (Prov 3:11/ 13:21)

OWN CROSS: Ruth's journey was marked by profound faith, exemplifying her willingness to carry her own cross and follow the Word of God. Under the shadow of the Almighty, she found solace and guidance, transforming a foreign land into a place of belonging. Her unwavering commitment to God was evident in her readiness to leave behind her parents, her people, and her homeland.

Her life stands as a powerful testament to overcoming adversity through obedience. Despite the inherent dangers of her mission field, Ruth remained fearless and steadfast. Her task of gathering grains was more than a physical act; it served as a profound metaphor for spiritual discernment. Just as not all grains are fit for consumption and require careful selection, so too must we exercise discernment in our spiritual journey, distinguishing what is spiritually nourishing from what is not. This metaphor imparts an invaluable lesson: not all pursuits carry the same spiritual value. We must learn to discern and prioritize what is good and worthwhile.

The act of gathering grains, requiring bending and hard labor, symbolizes humility and dedication. Though challenging, it is a task to be embraced without shame. Ruth's story encourages us to persevere in our responsibilities, no matter how arduous they may seem, always keeping faith and obedience at the center of our efforts.

If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. (Lk 14:26-27)

And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of my Father who is in Heaven that one of these little ones should perish. (Mt 18:13-14)

And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the Word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. (Rev 12:11)

Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. (Mk 16:15b)

91 Family

• Marriage

Pray diligently so as not to miss the right age for marriage. Singleness is not God's will. It is God's will to build God's kingdom through families, multiply, and prosper. Pray diligently so as not to miss the right age for marriage. Singleness is not God's will.

What did God say about marriage? Put down your thoughts and follow God's will. Consider the final reckoning and judgment. Which is more important, marriage or mission? What does the Word say? Don't ask people, but find out what God is saying during prayer. Confirm if you have received the gift of living single like Paul.

God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the Heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." (Genesis 1:28)

• Children

Raise children in the Lord. If you live without knowing what to do, like Jacob and Esau, like David's brothers, like Joseph and his brothers, you will waste a lot of time. Don't follow the ways of the world, find God's path. Pray for the future of your children and discipline them.

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. (Ephesians 6:4)

• Wife

In ministry, the dedication and tearful prayers of a wife are most important. A wise wife is worth more than pearls. Wives should understand the importance of missions, pray with tears, and be grateful. Prayer is the key to opening the gates of Heaven.

6) “MDD” instruction

(MDD-Morning Dew Disciple)

92 MDD use of instruction

Do not distribute all the textbooks at once. Instead, address important matters directly, avoiding repetitive questions and unnecessary interpretations. When you pray, the Holy Spirit will reveal the proper message. This message will be suited for the right time and the right audience. Engaging in prayer correctly allows you to experience God's immense power and grace. Meditate deeply every morning, listening attentively. Continue your meditation until you hear the Lord's voice.

Give ear, and hear my voice; give attention, and hear my speech. Does he who plows for sowing plow continually? Does He continually open and harrow his ground? (Isa 28:23-24; 28:29)

This also comes from the Lord of hosts; He is wonderful in counsel and excellent in wisdom. (Isa 28:29)

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. (Jn 16:13-14)

But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him. (1 Jn 2:27)

So Jesus said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink (Jn6:53-55)

93 MDD training check

A.

Word: seeing in eternal perspective

For truly, I say to you, until Heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. (Mt 5:18)

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my Words will not pass away. (Mt 24:35)

Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so? (Mt 26:53-54)

They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful." (Rev 17:14-15)

Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. And he stood on the sand of the sea. (Rev 12:17)

He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. (Rev 19:13)

Then I saw a new Heaven and a new earth, for the first Heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of Heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.

And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these Words are trustworthy and true." And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. (Rev 21:1-7)

Reward

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed. (Pr 19:17)

Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is generous to the needy honors him. (Pr 14:31)

And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward. (Mt 10:42)

Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of Heaven.

Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, (Mt 18:4-5)

Then the King will say to those on his right, Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me. Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as

you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' (Mt 25:34-40)

Warning: Do not go ahead of or behind the Holy Spirit, nor lean to the left or right, but walk with the Lord.

Meditation

(Hear the Voice of the Holy Spirit Within)

- When meditating on the Word, I know how to listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit within me.
- I know that the Words I understand and believe it will come to pass as I believe.
- I understand what it means to always abide in Christ.

B.

Prayer (Restore the Altar of Prayer)

And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith." (Mt 21:22)

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? (Mt 7:7-9)

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The Words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it. (Jn 14:10-15)

- I know what acceptable prayer is.
- I understand the attitude who comes before the throne of grace.
- I know that God will respond to every prayer that aligns with His will.

C.

Worship (Walk with the Power of God)

- I know what acceptable worship is.
- I know how to prepare for acceptable worship.
- I understand the signs and wonders that manifest in acceptable worship.

D.

Sustained Missions Operation

- I understand the calling, vision, and profession.
- I know how my profession is used for the glory of God.
- I have a plan to fulfill the given vision.
- I understand the signs of "victory and success," where they come from, and how to maintain them.
- I understand the strategies of the enemy and how to overcome them.
- I know my weaknesses and how to overcome them.

94 lead MDD education with love

God is the embodiment of love, and His laws are given as an expression of that love, offering a steadfast message rooted in His heart. Love, justice, and righteousness form the foundation of God's governing principles. As disciples of Christ, we are called to live truthfully and virtuously in all our actions, guided by the Holy Spirit.

When leading the *Morning Dew* training program, let this divine framework guide you. Striving for perfection in training can lead to mistakes, potentially creating an opening for Satan. Instead, our focus should be on cultivating obedience that springs from genuine love rather than pursuing flawless execution.

That he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the Word, (Eph 5:26)

Sanctify them in the truth; your Word is truth. (Jn 17:17)

For by a single offering He has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, (Heb 10:14-15)

But whoever keeps His Word, in Him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in Him: whoever says He abides in Him ought to walk in the same way in which He walked. (1 Jn 2:5-6)

The mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. (Col 1:26-27)

For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. (Eph 5:8-10)

But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. (Rev 2:4)

95 Practice these, always

- a) Make all decisions based on the answers received through prayer.
- b) Obey what you hear and understand.
- c) Share the "gospel and the way" whenever there is an opportunity.
- d) Be mindful of your words and respect those who are made in God's image.
- e) Listen to and meditate on the Word always.
- f) Practice faith through the Word with a spirit that God seeks.
- g) Practice the eight blessings as described in Matthew 5.
- h) Live a life like the morning dew, following the Holy Spirit and utilizing His gifts.
- i) Offer worship that is free from falsehood, prepared in truth and spirit.
- j) Practice obedience to receive blessings.
- k) Show gratitude to God through offerings.
- l) Maintain an attitude of gentleness and repentance in Christ.
- m) Rekindle your first love for Christ.

Four things on earth are small, but they are exceedingly wise: the ants are a people not strong, yet they provide their food in the summer; (Pr 30:24-25)

If the iron is blunt, and one does not sharpen the edge, he must use more strength, but wisdom helps one to succeed. (Ecc 10:10)

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. (Gal 6:9)

But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. (Rev 2:4-5)

Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. (2 Pet 1:10)

7) Morning Dew Disciple Training

96 Calling

Remember that God has called you. Take time to reflect deeply on the meaning of seeking first His kingdom and His righteousness. Listen closely to the voice of the Holy Spirit, and seek unity of heart. Understand that the roles of leaders and followers are distinct, and not everyone is called to love or partake in manna. (This symbolizes that not everyone experiences miracles and gifts in the same way.) Cultivate discernment to recognize where and how to "eat manna."

For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. (Phil 2:13)

The mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. (Col 1:26-27)

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. (Rom 8:5-6)

Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith. (Hab 2:4)

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble. (Mt 6:33-34)

97 Recruit MDD team

Pray for the recruitment of the 'Morning Dew' team. Just as God sought out David in Bethlehem and found favor in him, may He guide us in selecting the right individuals for this mission. Reflecting on the early followers of Christ—120 believers who gathered in the upper room, many of whom had once been disciples of John the Baptist—we too desire to build a dedicated team. Just as Priscilla and Aquila were equipped for their mission through foundational training within a missionary organization, let us prepare and empower disciples to become Spirit-anointed missionaries of 'Morning Dew,' ready to meet the needs of our time.

For truly, I say to you, until Heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of Heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of Heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of Heaven. You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire (Mt 5:18-22)

Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks but all the churches of the Gentiles give thanks as well. (Rom16:3-4)

98 Lord's armies

The Lord values joyful dedication and an obedient heart. In the biblical narrative, God sent fiery serpents among the Israelites before their entry into the Promised Land as a consequence of their disobedience. This serves as a reminder that, regardless of wealth, health, or honor, the consequences of disobedience are inevitable. We must also remember that our bodies are considered temples of the Holy Spirit, a truth that should never be taken lightly.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Rom 12:1-2)

Sanctify them in the truth; your Word is truth. (Jn 17:17)

Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." (Jn 13:7)

And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. (1 Jn 3:3)

That he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the Word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. (Eph 5:26-27)

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. (Phil 4:8)

So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.' (Lk 17:10)

99 Training season

Training has its time. It should not be continually postponed. Do not fall into a slump led by emotions, but be strong and bold.

See, the Lord your God has set the land before you. Go up, take possession, as the Lord, the God of your fathers, has told you. Do not fear or be dismayed. (Deut 1:21)

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:8-9)

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under Heaven: (Ecc 3:1)

You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. (2 Tim 2:1-4)

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. (Eph 5:15-17)

100 Clear focus, right thought

The notion of make money then do the Lord's work is misguided. Similarly, the ambition to evangelize an entire village is mistaken. The essential task of Missionaries is making disciples.

Go through, go through the gates; prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway; clear it of stones; lift up a signal over the peoples. (Isa 62:10)

You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. (2 Tim 2:1-6)

Even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. (Act 2:18)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. (Act 1:8)

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one Word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. (Gal 5:13-16)

8) What type of disciple is it

101 Eyes to see quality of disciple

What type: Have eyes that can discern people. Do not focus only on your interests, but discern the essence of people. Discern whether they are spectators, workers, meddlers, or opportunists. It's important to know how to discern disciples. Among the twelve disciples, who was used by Satan?

Two Kinds people: There are two kinds of people. One is used by Satan, and the other is used according to God's will. Those dedicated to God are like clean vessels that only God can use. On the day of final judgment, God will say to them, 'Well done, good and faithful servant, come and join the prepared feast.' However, to those used by both Satan and God, He will say, 'Depart from me, you who practice lawlessness.' The Bible clearly states that the wheat will be gathered into the barn, and the chaff will be burned in an unquenchable fire.

He answered, The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. (Mt 13:37-40)

During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, (Jn 13:2)

It was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure — for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true Words of God." (Rev 19:8-9)

102 Discernment

One cannot truly follow Christ while maintaining a self-centered mindset. Complete self-surrender is essential to genuinely following Him. To follow Christ is to obey God's will, and true discipleship is impossible for those who prioritize their own thoughts, pride, or desires over His teachings.

It's important to reflect on whether you are a faithful steward who follows the Lord's commands. When selecting workers for His service, priority should be given to those who place fulfilling God's will above their personal opinions and are committed to building the body of Christ. Individuals who frequently use phrases like "as far as I know" or "in my opinion" may be signaling that they are not yet ready to prioritize God's will in their service.

If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. (Lk 14:26-27)

So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. (Lk 14:33)

And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything. (2 Tim 2:2-7)

103 Proven Disciples of Christ

Work alongside disciples who have demonstrated unwavering commitment, engaging in meaningful endeavors together. Exercise caution when identifying and addressing predatory wolves. Seek out those who pray persistently, persevering until their efforts bear fruit. Nurture spiritual disciples with steadfast faith who are willing to make sacrifices for God's work. Discern carefully and select individuals to join as Christ's workers, united in purpose and striving together."

I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a servant of the church at Cenchreae, that you may welcome her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints, and help her in whatever she may need from you, for she has been a patron of many and of myself as well. Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks but all the churches of the Gentiles give thanks as well. (Rom 16:1-4)

Yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, (Philemon 1:9-15)

104 God has chosen and called

Be thankful for God's calling. This calling is not based on human recommendation but on God's sovereign authority. To those who remain faithful and obedient, He grants even greater power and authority. Reflect deeply on your calling. Consider the analogy of childbirth: a process that involves pain but leads to new life. In the wilderness, Israel failed to fully understand its calling. They professed faith with their lips, but their hearts were swayed by their own judgments. Lacking faithfulness, they were double-minded, seeking self-satisfaction instead of following God's will.

Understand your calling and recognize that you are sustained by the living God. Ask yourself whether you are a channel for His divine provision. Embrace and internalize the teachings of the Holy Spirit as you meditate on His Word. Open your heart, trust in the Lord, acknowledge His sovereignty, and turn to Him. Then, the power of the Holy Spirit will descend upon you, transforming you into a disciple, like God's 'morning dew.'

God is preparing new wine. Welcome this new wine with an open and ready heart. God asks, Do I need human endorsement to choose my disciples? My choice is unconditional. I entrust my tasks to those who obey, and to them, I will give even more.

Neither is new wine put into old wineskins. If it is, the skins burst and the wine is spilled and the skins are destroyed. But new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved. (Mt 9:17)

Whoredom, wine, and new wine, which take away the understanding. (Hos 4:11)

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another. (Jn 15:16-17)

Whoever does not love me does not keep my Words. And the Word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me. (Jn 14:24)

105 Anointing to faithful

The team must demonstrate unwavering loyalty, a quality as essential and pure as morning dew. A truly loyal heart remains steadfast, unaffected by temptations such as money, recognition, or status. It is crucial to be certain of your calling, for this certainty often leads to spiritual guidance, including the anointing of the Holy Spirit, which is bestowed upon those who remain steadfast in their faith and purpose.

This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. (1 Cor 4:1-2)

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Gal 2:20)

For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, (2 Tim 1:7-8)

For which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day ¹what has been entrusted to me. (2 Tim 1:11-12)

But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard." (Act 4:19-20)

And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your Word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed rough the name of your ^gholy servant Jesus. (Act 4:29-30)

106 Do not think that you are special

God has called me, but to consider myself special would be a misconception. In this world, there are many like Abraham, Zacchaeus, and Cornelius—people who obey God and await His direction every day. God's call to me is to fulfill His work, which requires obedience marked by faithfulness, loyalty, fervent love, voluntary joy, and wholehearted commitment. A disciple is a witness to the Gospel, trained and sent out in pairs to share it with the world. There are only two kinds of power: that of the Holy Spirit and that of the magician Simon. We must be filled with the Holy Spirit and remain steadfast in our faith.

He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." (Act 1:7-8)

For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, (2 Tim1:6-8)

For it is God who works in you, both to ill and to work for his good pleasure. Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, (Phil 2:13-15)

107 Be a better disciple

The world is a battlefield, and I am a soldier of Christ. Missionary training often surpasses the intensity of church training, and it's essential to consider how our missionary members are perceived both by God and by people.

In this context, there are two types of people. The first are those like Joshua, who plan, pray, and act without seeking worldly recognition. The second are those who, lacking any clear plan, merely proclaim, "God is Almighty," but do little else. This approach is akin to that of thieves. It is crucial for God's workers to understand this distinction. I often reflect on what I truly know about Christ Jesus and how deeply I am filled with the Holy Spirit. Consider this hypothetical: what if there were people in the world who were 100% filled with the Holy Spirit? Imagine how radically the world would be transformed.

Remember how the Pharaoh of Egypt immediately recognized Joseph, declaring, "Could we find anyone like this man, one in whom is the spirit of God?" We must learn to discern between those who genuinely follow the Spirit and those who do not. Our mission should be to gather disciples who preach not just theology, but a Word that is pure and untarnished by worldly influences.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the Word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. (2 Tim 4:1-4)

"Pass through the midst of the camp and command the people, 'Prepare your provisions, for within three days you are to pass over this Jordan to go in to take possession of the land that the Lord your God is giving you to possess.'" (Josh 1:11)

9) Practice with the right attitude

108 By Morning Dew disciple attitude

Do not be arrogant or boastful. Instead, follow the teachings of Matthew Chapter 5 in the Bible. When you work, avoid arguing, resenting, complaining, or fighting. Rather, obey God's commands and give thanks. God is always seeking faithful individuals to entrust with His work, desiring to demonstrate His power through those who are loyal. The purpose of calling disciples is for them to live by the Lord's power and to spread the Gospel.

That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already has been; and God seeks what has been driven away. (Ecc 3:15)

You therefore must be perfect, as your Heavenly Father is perfect. (Mt 5:48)

By this we may know that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. (1 Jn 2:5-6)

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Lk 4:18-19)

But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. (1 Cor 2:7)

For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. (2 Tim 4:3-5)

109 Like the upper-room disciples

The Lord will establish a form of spiritual worship that is pure and untainted by human designs, methods, or doctrines. This worship will reflect the sincere devotion seen in the upper room during the Acts of the Apostles. Picture the disciples gathered there, waiting for the appointed time, and consider how they were transformed after receiving the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

We should not demand change in others without first changing ourselves. Instead, we should inspire others to experience the same divine power we have received.

Remember, the Word God has given us is not merely a recording device or a private tutor; it is God's commandment. We must become those who hear and follow this Word. In doing so, we become true disciples of the Lord and draw blessings upon ourselves.

The 120 disciples in the upper room were ready to embrace martyrdom, their hearts filled with the overwhelming love of the cross. Filled with the Holy Spirit, they boldly preached the gospel without hesitation. We, too, must strive to be like these disciples—empowered by the Holy Spirit and fully committed to our mission.

All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. (Act 1:14)

Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." (Act 2:36-39)

110 With an attitude that there is no tomorrow in mission work

Just as people doubted that the Messiah could come from Nazareth due to their prejudice against the town, there will be those who oppose leaders and mission work because of their own biases and preconceptions. They will seek to sow mistrust. In truth, those who judge the Word are, in effect, opposing God. They may claim to be disciples of Christ, but in reality, they are self-righteous, arrogant, disobedient, and disconnected from Him. Such individuals will be rejected on Judgment Day.

On the other hand, for those who, like Mary, seek and obey God without doubt, the miraculous fruit of their faith will become evident. Do not harbor grudges or prejudices. Instead, pray against the forces that hinder the power of the Holy Spirit. Remember, in mission work, there is no "tomorrow." Treat each encounter as if it could be your last, with the right attitude and heart. The world is under the sway of evil, and sin breeds more sin, worsening the situation. Therefore, stay vigilant and steadfast in your faith.

The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. (1 Tim 1:5)

As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. (2 Tim 4:5)

"If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

Remember the Word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my Word, they will also keep yours." (Jn 15:18-20)

111 Jesus and Ten Commandments

Consider exploring whether there are laws beyond the Ten Commandments and what they might entail. Reflect on the spiritual meaning of the phrase "having finished my course": what does it signify in one's faith journey? Delve into contemporary approaches to keeping the Sabbath holy, especially in the context of Christianity today. Examine the dual aspects of Christ's crucifixion: did it enable us to approach God's throne by granting us qualification, or did it eliminate the prerequisites for such access? Contemplate the contrasting durations of sin's impact—affecting up to the third and fourth generations—versus the far-reaching blessings that extend to a thousand generations. This raises questions about the principle of accumulation in both moral and spiritual contexts.

In our generation, which faces genetic challenges partly influenced by diverse sexual behaviors, it is crucial to reassert the principles embodied in the Ten Commandments. This reassertion is not about returning to legalism, but about fostering loving, healthy relationships. The crucifixion of Christ does not dismiss the Ten Commandments or the law; rather, it embodies and fulfills the law's requirements. Through the cross, Christ broke the power of sin, and believers are now recognized as righteous, qualified to enter the sanctuary.

Loving the Lord grants us the right to approach God's throne of grace, to seek, knock, and ask. Encourage this generation to embrace the principles of love, attitude, and blessings. Urge them to run their race in Christ, fulfilling their God-given purpose, and inspire them to bring glory to God through their fruitful actions and lives.

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. (Mt 5:17)

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, (Heb 10:19-20)

112 New Commandments and care

Almighty God the Father has entrusted His children with the mission of establishing the Kingdom of Jesus. He has also endowed them with the authority of kings and priests to fulfill this divine calling. This authority, which flows from the Resurrection, is rooted in the name of Jesus Christ, the Word.

As for me, by intertwining the written Word with my faith in Christ, I have seen the world illuminated. Similarly, the 'Morning Dew,' through its dedication and obedience, experiences a life of abundance. It engages in actions that delight God and has been commissioned to make the enemy the footstool of Jesus Christ. Empowered in this way, the 'Morning Dew' overcomes obstacles, traverses both water and fire, and is guided by the Holy Spirit. It is through the power of the Word that trials are transformed into testimonies, lighting the path of faith.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:
Grace to you and peace from him who is
and who was and who is to come, and from
the seven spirits who are before his throne,
and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness,
the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of
kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from
our sins by his blood and made us a
kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to
him be glory and dominion forever and ever.
Amen. (Rev 1:4-6)

113 That comes after trials

Trials are not given to just anyone; they are reserved for those who are truly cherished. These challenges serve as refining tools upon which God carefully shapes His beloved children. Within each trial lies the boundless love of God, waiting to be revealed. Even when someone wholeheartedly dedicates themselves to God's work, any part of their heart that is not aligned with His will can cause His divine purpose to remain hidden. In such moments, it is essential to look inward, repent, and allow the transformative power of God's Word to break through the barriers of a hardened heart.

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. (1 Cor 10:13)

Take with you Words and return to the Lord; say to him, Take away all iniquity; accept what is good, and we will pay with bulls the vows of our lips. (Hos 14:2)

I will heal their apostasy; I will love them freely, for my anger has turned from them. (Hos 14:4)

In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. (1 Pet 1:6-7)

For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. (Heb 12:11)

114 Gift of Service (Ministry)

Not everyone is gifted with a heart for service. Service, fellowship, and devotion each carry distinct meanings. Fellowship involves a mutual exchange of giving and receiving, while devotion flows from a deep love for the Lord. But what truly defines service? Consider how Jesus served His disciples: with humility, He washed their feet, an act symbolizing the blessings that come from a transformative encounter with God. This idea is echoed in Ruth 1:6: *'The LORD had come to the aid of His people by providing food for them.'*

Understanding how God blesses His people is essential. Never take His gifts for granted, and always keep these three guiding principles in mind—service, fellowship, and devotion—especially in your mission work. Above all, learn to recognize His timing, for it holds the key to unlocking His blessings.

And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and ⁱbreaking bread in their homes, they received their food ^jwith glad and generous hearts, (Act 2:44-46)

Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet. (Act 4:36-37)

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. (Rom 12:6-8)

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1) Dedication

115 What is dedication

Dedication is a voluntary expression of profound love and faith. In a spiritual context, true dedication brings delight to the Lord and glorifies Him. This act of devotion, a gift entrusted to us by God, should be offered wholeheartedly, drawing from the blessings He has provided. God values dedication that arises from both the heart and mind, unified in love. However, without His divine acceptance and blessing, our efforts in dedication become futile—reduced to mere exercises of time and effort, devoid of the flow of Heavenly grace.

Let us ponder the Words of the Apostle Paul:

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. (Rom 12:1-2)

The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me; to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God! (Ps 50:23)

Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in Heaven. (Mt 5:15-16)

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. (Ph 4:8)

116 Why God is asking dedication

God desires for us to live blessed lives on earth, glorify His name, and secure eternal rewards. The key to unlocking these blessings lies in sincere dedication, which is pleasing to God. Such dedication not only breaks curses but also invites blessings. It is on this foundation of acceptable dedication that God establishes His work.

Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and took some of every clean animal and some of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

And when the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma, the LORD said in his heart, "I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man's heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done. While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease." (Gen 8:20-22)

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the Word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my Words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. (Jn 15:1-7)

117 Power on accepted dedication

Why did fire fall from the sky onto Elijah's altar? Was it to demonstrate Elijah's power? During a severe famine and drought, Elijah made an extraordinary sacrifice: he poured 12 jars of water onto an altar atop a mountain. Then he called upon God's presence. In response to Elijah's faith and dedication, God sent fire from Heaven to consume the offering. This miraculous act served as a profound testament to God's sovereignty and presence. Why did God resurrect Tabitha? Tabitha was a woman of tireless devotion, spending her nights crafting the finest garments for her disciples. God recognized her selflessness and, through a miraculous act, restored her life. This miracle was made possible through God's power, Peter's faith, and Tabitha's unwavering dedication.

Similarly, I have received salvation through the ultimate act of dedication: the death of Christ. God calls His disciples to a life of devotion, promising that through their faith and commitment, He will establish the Kingdom of Christ.

And with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD. And he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two seahs of seed. And he put the wood in order and cut the bull in pieces and laid it on the wood. And he said, "Fill four jars with water and pour it on the burnt offering and on the wood." And he said, "Do it a second time." And they did it a second time. And he said, "Do it a third time." And they did it a third time. And the water ran around the altar and filled the trench also with water. (1 King 18:32-35)

For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. (Eph2:18-22)

118 Dedication marks God's time

The blessings of God begin at the altar of accepted dedication. Reflect on the abundant blessing demonstrated in feeding more than 5,000 people with a child's five loaves and two fish. Dedication is the key that opens the door to heavenly blessings and glory. When the disciples' dedication signifies the time to establish a church, honor that commitment and build the church on the foundation of their sacrifice. Do not be discouraged; patiently wait for the moment when the disciples' dedication is fully accepted.

God gave Boaz as a gift to Ruth because He saw and honored Ruth's loyalty and unconditional dedication. This reflects the character of the "Morning Dew." Such dedication heralds a new dawn, serving as a precursor to victory and glory in Christ.

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" (Jn 6:9)

But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God." (Ruth 1:16)

She said, 'Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves after the reapers.' So she came, and she has continued from early morning until now, except for a short rest. (Ruth 2:7)

Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?" But Boaz answered her, "All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told to me, and how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before." (Ruth 2:10-11)

2) Acceptable Dedication

119 Dedication with a joyful heart

Reflect on the countless blessings God has graciously provided—your breath, your ability to earn, and the abundance you are privileged to share. Offer to God not out of obligation, but with a heart overflowing with gratitude. From the blessings He has entrusted to you, thoughtfully present an offering that is pleasing and fragrant to Him. Accompany your offering with a prayer, asking that it be used according to His divine will, transforming it into a channel of His blessings.

And whatever you do, in Word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Col 3:17)

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Cor 9:6-7)

Three times a year all your men must appear before the LORD your God at the place he will choose: at the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the Festival of Weeks and the Festival of Tabernacles. No one should appear before the LORD empty-handed: Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you. (Deut 16:16-17)

Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord. (Ps 4:5)

Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; (Pr 3:9)

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Mt 6:21)

120 Dedication must include self

Dedication must always start with ourselves. We are called to offer our bodies, time, talents, possessions, and hearts with love and gratitude. These offerings are the tangible fruits of actions inspired by the Holy Spirit. Without fully including ourselves in this offering, it cannot be considered true dedication. Merely giving time or material goods—or offering possessions while neglecting to give time—falls short of genuine dedication.

It is crucial to distinguish between service and dedication. Dedication is not about giving a little here and there; it is about offering everything for the fruits and glory of the Holy Spirit.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. (Rom 12:1)

Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. (Heb 13:15-16)

121 Like a good steward

Today, worship practices harmonize the solemn rituals of the Old Testament with the simpler traditions of the New Testament. As faithful stewards, individuals are called to thoughtfully prepare a sacred space anchored in the Word of God and consecrate it in the name of Jesus. This space should be distinctly dedicated to serving God and fostering communion with Him through prayer. Upon receiving divine instructions or guidance, it is vital to respond with obedience, ensuring God's will is faithfully fulfilled.

You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day. (Deut 8:18)

But you shall seek the place that the Lord your God will choose out of all your tribes to put his name and make his habitation there. There you shall go, (Deut 12:5)

You shall not do according to all that we are doing here today, everyone doing whatever is right in his own eyes, (Deut 12:8)

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. (Act 2:4)

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. (1 Cor 6:19-20)

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. (1 Pet 2:9-10)

122 Open the storehouse of blessing

God doesn't ask for offerings because He has a financial need. Instead, offerings provide an opportunity to present a heartfelt gift that invites Heaven's blessings. True offerings should stem from sincerity and purity. It is not appropriate to casually write an unconsidered check, swipe a credit card, or hastily drop wrinkled bills into the collection. Our gifts should be intentional, reflecting our faith in unlocking the storehouse of His promises and opening the door to His blessings. What matters most to God is the condition of our hearts and the attitude with which we give—not the amount. Those who worship with genuine spirit and intention will be richly rewarded. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we are called to use the gifts we've received responsibly, paving the way for even greater blessings.

Offerings should not be given out of a desire for recognition but with the humility of a faithful steward. Before giving, seek the Holy Spirit's guidance to examine your heart, repent, and reconcile with others. When you bring your offering before the Lord, do so with gratitude, faith, and reverence. In the name of Jesus, honor God by dedicating yourself as a diligent steward, offering gifts that unlock His promised abundance. This reflects the true heart of a worshiper who reveres God. Those who give with such sincerity and faith will undoubtedly experience the fullness of His blessings.

When you offer blind animals in sacrifice, is that not evil? And when you offer those that are lame or sick, is that not evil? Present that to your governor; will he accept you or show you favor? says the Lord of hosts. (Mal 1:8)

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and perform your vows to the Most High,
and call upon me in the day of trouble;

I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.
(Ps 50:14-15)

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. (Ps 51:17)

123 Qualified, accepted dedication

Dedication should flow from a heart like that of the widow with her two coins, Lydia's gracious invitation, Mary's fragrant offering, or the widow of Zarephath's final handful of flour. What unites these examples? Complete devotion. At the altar, our offerings must embody sincere dedication, gratitude for the Lord's blessings, and the presentation of our first fruits as He has commanded.

God values authenticity and does not honor empty gestures. Without genuine devotion, His glory cannot be revealed. The Lord places greater importance on the condition of our hearts than on outward appearances and blesses offerings inspired by the Holy Spirit. Let us always remember: God sees our hearts and knows our intentions.

For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on. (Mk 12:44)

Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'" (Mk 12:29-30)

But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." (Jn 4:23-24)

If you abide in me, and my Words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. (Jn 15:7-8)

3) Dedication check

124 Check motivation of dedication

Seek the blessings of God, trusting that He will provide them in His perfect timing. Do not let pride in your knowledge or wealth lead to arrogance before the Almighty. Never consider yourself so indispensable that your thoughtless actions could disrupt God's divine plan. He is the sovereign ruler of all.

Reflect on the crowds that once followed Jesus—what truly motivated their intentions? Walking His path while secretly advancing one's own agenda is not true devotion. If our actions aim to glorify ourselves rather than magnify the greatness of Jesus, we have strayed from genuine dedication.

Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." (Lk 14:25-27)

And he said to them, You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God. The Law and the Prophets were until John; since then the good news of the kingdom of God is preached, and everyone forces his way into it. (Lk 16:15-16)

125 At the right time

Maria had been collecting drops of perfume over a long time, carefully storing them in a bottle. Although she could have opened it at any moment, she chose to wait. She believed that Passover, the time preceding the Lord's crucifixion, was the most fitting occasion to express her devotion. When the moment finally arrived, Maria anointed Jesus' head with the perfume. Her act was not only accepted but also blessed, and the story of her dedication spread wherever the gospel was preached.

In contrast, Mary Magdalene also prepared a bottle of perfume, intending to use it after Christ's death. However, when she arrived at the tomb at dawn, she discovered she had missed her opportunity for this act of devotion and returned home with her offering unused.

Time, once given, can never be reclaimed. It is essential not to miss the moments set aside for dedication to the Lord. A second chance, if given, may lack the same depth of sincerity as the first. Remember, God seldom grants a third opportunity for such acts of devotion.

Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. (Jn 12:3)

And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head. (Mk 14:3)

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. (Lk 24:1-3)

126 Wisdom in dedication

Understanding the true essence of total dedication is essential. While spiritual commitment transcends basic necessities like food and shelter, these essentials are vital for sustaining the ability to carry out God's work. A common misconception is that dedication means giving away everything to a church without thoughtful consideration. Instead, it's important to express gratitude for the blessings you have received and to use discernment in deciding how to commit yourself and contribute meaningfully.

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. (Mt 28:19-20)

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. (Mt 24:14)

Has not the LORD Almighty determined that the people's labor is only fuel for the fire, that the nations exhaust themselves for nothing? For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. (Hab 2:13-14)

Count off seven weeks from the time you begin to put the sickle to the standing grain. Then celebrate the Festival of Weeks to the LORD your God by giving a freewill offering in proportion to the blessings the LORD your God has given you. (Deut 16:9-10)

And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. (2 Cor 8:5)

4) Accepted dedication

127 Type of dedication that accepted

a) Complete Dedication

- Isaac offered himself completely as a burnt offering.
- God commanded that the firstborn in Israel be dedicated.
- The widow of Zarephath offered her last meal completely.

b) Sincere Dedication

- The property donations of early Christian saints.
- Maria: Maria's dedication of anointing Jesus's feet with perfume and wiping them with her hair.
- Barnabas, who sold his field and dedicate the money.
- Dedication that involves offering the best of what one has.
- Setting apart what one has inherited to offer it.
- David's dedication shown through his loving service.

c) Small but Complete Devotion

- The widow's two mites.
- The young boy's five loaves and two fishes.

d) Sacrifice of Life

- Stephen sacrificed his life for a greater cause.

Dedication is the fruit of a mission. This commitment will initiate the achievement of even greater accomplishments. By offering the utmost of my capabilities, my ministry will undoubtedly amass substantial strength.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Rom 12:1-2)

128 Dedication God asked

Consider the dedication of Abraham. He obeyed God and was willing to offer his only son, Isaac. Because of his unwavering commitment, Abraham was blessed with abundant life and eternal promises. When it comes to dedication, never settle for second best. Always give your very best—without excuses or relying on the opinions of others.

When the Lord calls us to dedicate ourselves for His glory, it is an extraordinary blessing. Do not let such an opportunity pass you by. Our attitude should always be, **"Not my will, but Yours, Lord."** Remember, we live in a time of immense blessing, and God's way of rewarding us is far greater than the ways of the world.

Opportunities for such dedication are rare and precious. When the Holy Spirit calls us, let us respond with wholehearted commitment, offering our heart, life, and will entirely to Him. Do not miss the chance for a divine appointment with dedication. Once missed, such a God-given opportunity may not come again.

And said to them, Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.' (Mk11:2-3)

He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."

Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. (Gen 22:2; 5-6)

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1) Church

129 Jesus purchased Church

The church is often regarded as the body of Christ—a sacred entity redeemed by His blood. This profound truth is exemplified in the moment when Jesus, while on the cross, refused the sour wine offered to Him. This act symbolizes His commitment to preserving the sanctity and purity of His sacrifice, which became the foundation of the church. It serves as a powerful reminder of the imperative to maintain the church's foundational purity. As a holy place set apart from the world and inhabited by the Holy Spirit, the sanctity of the church is of paramount importance. The vital role of unceasing prayer in preserving this sanctity warrants deep reflection. Through trials and hardships, the church grows and matures, yet it is essential that the truth it represents remains untainted. Jesus Christ calls for total dedication, unwavering sacrifice, and the full acknowledgment and celebration of His glory. Maintaining the original, pure love for Christ is therefore critical to upholding the integrity of the church. This purity not only honors the sacrifice of Christ but also ensures that the church continues to be a faithful reflection of His holiness.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. (Matt 5:8)

But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth. (Jn 4:23-24)

And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. (Eph 1:22-23)

In whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. (Eph 2:21-22)

130 Mysteries of Heaven in the church

God has revealed the mysteries of Heaven to the Church, and these secrets are embedded within His Word. The deeper your faith in His Word, the more you will uncover its hidden blessings. Yet, be vigilant—when doubt enters, the devil prowls like a roaring lion.

Do not fear the world or its people. Instead, dedicate yourself to being a true servant of the Lord, loving and revering Him with all your heart. Remember, the resurrected Christ is ever present with you; do not neglect to follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Trust that God will fulfill His promises as declared in His Word. We stand firm in the power of the resurrected Jesus and the foundational faith established through the blood of the Lamb. The resurrected Lord is our protector and keeper. Let us not dwell on the past but press forward with purpose. Preparing ourselves as clean vessels for God's work is far more vital than striving for success in countless worldly endeavors.

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the Heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. (Eph 1:17-23)

131 The living church

Those who meditate daily on the Word and live according to its teachings are clothed with the belt of truth. It is vital for us to reflect and ensure that we are truly adorned with this belt of truth. At 'Morning Dew' church, we are committed to nurturing disciples who embody this truth, working together to build a living and thriving church. We must construct an altar that aligns with God's Word, always mindful to honor His name and never take it in vain. He is the living God who hears and answers our prayers. In His perfect timing, He guides us through life's storms and fulfills the desires of believers' hearts. Those who trust in the Word follow God's instructions with steadfast faith.

The Lord is present in every act of worship. His blessings and the presence of the Holy Spirit abound wherever there is sincere praise and where the Word is both received and obeyed.

Oh that there were one among you who would shut the doors, that you might not kindle fire on my altar in vain! I have no pleasure in you, says the Lord of hosts, and I will not accept an offering from your hand. (Mal 1:10)

Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in Heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in Heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in Heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them. (Mt 18:18-20)

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, (Eph 6:13-17)

132 Normal church

A normal church will have manifestation of the Holy Spirit as recorded in the Word: seeing, hearing, rebirth, prophecy, repentance, gratitude, dedication, sacrifice, and obedience.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the Heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. (Eph 1:3-6)

And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. (Eph 1:22-23)

But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. (1 Cor 2:7)

Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. And we impart this in Words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. (1 Cor 2:12-13)

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. (Act 2:42)

Praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved. (Act 2:47)

133 Place where meeting God

Remember how God guided the Israelites through the wilderness for 40 years. In today's challenging world, how can we similarly equip the 'Morning Dew' disciples? The answer lies with those faithful servants of the Lord who earnestly seek His wisdom.

God desires the worship of the 'Morning Dew' disciples to be an intimate communion with Him—reflecting the sacredness of the wilderness tabernacle, His holy temple, and the early church that radiated His glory. Even now, He seeks worshipers who embody and reflect His resplendent glory.

True worship, offered in spirit and truth, draws the blessing of the Lord's presence. This vibrant worship becomes a powerful force, dispelling darkness as believers lift their voices in praise and adoration before Him.

Open a door of faith (Hab 2:4; Jn 17)
 Acknowledge the Holy Spirit (Heb 11:6)
 Examine the heart, in a prepared place (Mt 5:8)
 On a clay altar (Ex 20:24; Hos 10:12)
 With gratitude and sincerity (Ps 50:23)
 And the fragrance of the prepared offering
 (Gen 4:4; Mal 1:8; Jn 4:24)
 Offer yourself together (Rom 12:1)
 Cloth a priestly garment by faith (Rev 1:6)
 Invite the Lord and serve (Rev 3:20)
 Offer worship in spirit and truth (Jn 4:24)
 Proclaim His presence (Jn 17:22; 1 Pet 2:9-11)

“And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your Word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the Word of God with boldness (Acts 4:29-31)

134 Acceptable place of worship

The Creator God resides in Heaven but also dwells within the humble and contrite heart that fears the Lord. Reflect on why Jesus cleansed the temple with a whip. Why did He grieve when He looked at the temple and describe it—a place where priests offered daily sacrifices—as a "den of robbers"?

To regard God's possessions as one's own or to carry out His work according to personal methods is to steal from Him. The priests believed they were acting rightly, yet they failed to see that their actions amounted to theft from God. Jesus declared, "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations."

If my relationship with God is truly right, shouldn't He hear my prayers, and shouldn't I hear His voice in return? Blocking prayers offered to God also blocks the blessings that flow from Him.

Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear; but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear. (Isa 59:1-2)

For whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. (1 Jn 3:20-23)

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. (Jn 10:14-15)

135 Priest duty is prepare as written

Prepare yourself and don the priestly garments. The duty of a priest is to prepare according to God's Word, ensuring it is acceptable to Him. In a clean and sacred place, free from idols and distractions, present the Word accurately and without alteration. Teach its message (such as in a concise 5-minute lesson) until it is fully understood by others.

The world cannot comprehend the blessed life symbolized by the 'Morning Dew.' To fulfill this calling, keep your mind and body pure and lead a life of sincerity. Be prepared to dwell in the holy place, in God's tent, by embracing acknowledgment, repentance, faith, obedience, and community.

Consider the origin of the law and the Word. Who has preserved them and passed them down? In times of famine and hardship, give thanks for the revelation of God's hidden Word. You are called to proclaim His name and spread the gospel of Christ.

(PS 15) O Lord, who shall sojourn in your tent? Who shall dwell on your holy hill? He who walks blamelessly and does what is right and speaks truth in his heart; who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbor, nor takes up a reproach against his friend; in whose eyes a vile person is despised, but who honors those who fear the Lord; who swears to his own hurt and does not change; who does not put out his money at interest and does not take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things shall never be moved

Oh that there were one among you who would shut the doors, that you might not kindle fire on my altar in vain! I have no pleasure in you, says the Lord of hosts, and I will not accept an offering from your hand. (Mal 1:10)

Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. (1 Jn 3:21-22)

136 Put on the Priest's garment

Just as plants require water to thrive, our spiritual growth is similarly nurtured by the Word. In the same way, a small flame can ignite a large fire, a small act of faith can bring about significant change. Like a righteous priest in clean and proper garments, offer praises that open the hearts of the listeners. Proclaim the Word so that it overflows with thankfulness and repentance. With the Lord God, we can become stronger and more courageous. Remain uncompromising in your worship; lead in a manner that delights God and facilitates the work of the Holy Spirit. A worshiper is a joyful servant and should embrace the invitation for repentance and revival during worship.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. (Rev 1:5-6)

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. (Heb 10:19-22)

Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. (1 Jn 3:21-22)

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. (1 Tim 2:1-2)

137 Priestly duty

Even if you fill a thousand seats, can you find even one true worshiper among them? You may have attracted a large crowd by inviting a renowned speaker, but ask yourself: was your intent truly to seek out a lost soul? Strive for authentic worship and aim to be someone who pleases God. The role of a priest is not merely to gather followers but to present a burnt offering acceptable to God, as prescribed in His Word. Reflect on the instructions and the position God has entrusted to you. Do not dismiss His will, and resist the temptation to take on the role of a judge.

And the angel said to those who were standing before him, "Remove the filthy garments from him." And to him he said, "Behold, I have taken your iniquity away from you, and I will clothe you with pure vestments." (Zech 3:4)

An altar of earth you shall make for me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, your sheep and your oxen. In every place where I cause my name to be remembered I will come to you and bless you. (Ex 20:24)

For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? (Mt 16:26)

If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. (1Jn 1:6-7)

To keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, (1 Tim 6:14)

And made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. (Rev 1:6)

2) Praise accepted

138 Offer Joyful praises

Praise is akin to a prayer set to melody, a dwelling for Jehovah God when offered with heartfelt sincerity. Such praise, resonating with understanding and sincerity, is joyfully received by God. Let our praises transcend mere Words; let them be confessions of repentance and expressions of joy. Through genuine praise, the power of Satan and the enemy's authority diminish, opening our hearts to God's saving grace. Our praise, as resounding as a trumpet's call and as thunderous as horses galloping, can intimidate foes and glorify God, shining forth like the bright sun. Let us boldly praise, ever guided by the Holy Spirit, and continue until the Word is revealed in its full glory.

Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! (Ps 150:2)

And I heard every creature in Heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" (Rev 5:13)

And crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" (Rev 7:10)

And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, "Great and amazing are your deeds/ O Lord God the Almighty!/ Just and true are your ways,/ O King of the nations!/ Who will not fear,/ O Lord, and glorify your name?/ For you alone are holy./ All nations will come and worship you,/ for your righteous acts have been revealed." (Rev 15:3-4)

139 Anointing while praising

Am I trapped in a cycle of failure, poverty, illness, and pain? If this resonates, it's time for deep reflection and repentance. Consider what actions might have disappointed God. Introspect on your heart and thoughts. Repent sincerely, striving to offer a sacrifice that God will accept.

If my offerings seem unaccepted by the Lord, despite careful thought and planning, I might feel isolated and blinded to God's blessings, like a locked box in a dark barn. Doubts and turbulent emotions can obstruct the Holy Spirit's presence. Detailed repentance is necessary to welcome the Holy Spirit back into my life.

Embrace each step God prepares through praise. Open your heart to faith, and use prayer and praise to overcome the enemy's strongholds.

By faith we understand that the universe was created by the Word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. (Heb11:3-4)

Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. (Ps 27:11)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. (Ps 51:1-3)

When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions. (Ps 65:3)

3) Encounter God in worship

140 Worship is the most joyful to God

Worship, as ordained by God, is a vital aspect of a believer's relationship with Him. It is through worship that we acknowledge God's sovereignty, express our gratitude, and reaffirm our devotion to Him. Worship is not about personal preferences but should be conducted in spirit and truth, in accordance with God's prescribed ways. True worship is characterized by faith, purity, repentance, humility, communion, thanksgiving, and praise. It is led by the Holy Spirit and is evident in heartfelt prayers and praise.

Believers must remain vigilant against the confusion sown by the devil and uphold the integrity of worship. The presence of God is felt during worship when it is offered according to His Word. For this reason, priests should examine themselves, offer themselves as holy and pleasing sacrifices to God, and rely on the presence of the Holy Spirit. As the Word teaches us, "where two or three gather in Jesus' name, there am I with them" (Matthew 18:20). Can you discern God's presence during worship? Worship that is not offered according to God's Word will not be accepted, as His presence is absent. Therefore, let the priest first examine himself, offer himself as a holy and pleasing sacrifice to God, and trust in the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Worship is what God values most. Do you know why God plans to rebuild the Third Temple in Jerusalem?

But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. (Jn 4:23-24)

A devout man who feared God with all his household, gave alms generously to the people, and prayed continually to God. (Acts 10:2)

141 Acceptable worship, prayer, sacrifice

Remember that worship not received by God is detestable to Him. Worship is not just a religious act but an experience of God's presence. Therefore, it's crucial to avoid mixing personal thoughts and Words with worship. Let everyone come and worship; God will separate the wheat from the chaff during this time. Let everyone come and bow down to God. Through worship, God will raise up great servants like Daniel, Peter, and the Apostle Paul, as well as His people.

And now entreat the favor of God, that he may be gracious to us. With such a gift from your hand, will he show favor to any of you? says the LORD of hosts. (Mal 1:9)

For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. (Mal 3:6)

And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you make it a den of robbers." (Mt 21:12-13)

Like an eagle that stirs up its nest, that flutters over its young, spreading out its wings, catching them, bearing them on its pinions, the LORD alone guided him, no foreign god was with him. (Deut 32:11-12)

So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; (Act 9:17-18)

142 Worship God search

- **Praise until heart is open**

Continue to worship and praise God until your heart fully opens to Him. Instead of preaching with lengthy Words, like Job's friends, offer worship that pleases God. Welcome Jehovah into a prepared and sacred space, striving to offer such worship. Today, God seeks worshipers of this kind. Whether at home or in a church, our worship should aim to connect with God, rather than merely fulfilling social duties. We must avoid being distracted by worldly matters. God values a congregation that worships with genuine love and earnestly seeks His presence.

In your worship, lift your hands and stand firm against adversity, armed with the Word and strengthened through prayer. Let praise flow through the streets, bringing blessings and spiritual transformation. Offer worship that glorifies Him and leads to salvation. Though we are fragile vessels of clay, we are fortified by the Word of God.

Embrace every opportunity to repent and turn towards God. Believe in Him, seek Him, ask of Him, and pray to Him. "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you" (Matthew 7:7). God's Word and promises remain as true today as ever.

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

Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in Heaven give good things to those who ask him! (Mt 7:7-11)

143 Upper-room worship

Ensure you encounter the living God during worship. God desires worship reminiscent of the Upper Room. God yearned for Mark's Upper Room worship, where the anointing was present. Draw power from that Upper Room worship.

Where there is no Word, faith is absent. Without faith, the Holy Spirit's work is missing. And without the Holy Spirit's work, righteousness is nowhere to be found.

The presence of God resides where people obey and uphold the Word of God. Nature heeds the Word of God, revealing its beauty and wonder even in the minutiae.

Where worship is welcomed, God's presence is evident. Where heartfelt prayers are abundant, God's presence flourishes. Those who study the Word, grasp its meaning, ponder it with reverence, believe in it, and possess a pure heart akin to a child, will experience the living God through the Word.

All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. (Act 1:14)

And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." (Act 2:38-39)

Praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved. (Act 2:47)

144 By the written instruction

If I cannot hear the voice of the Holy Spirit, I should consider whether I am like the tutor mentioned in the Bible, or perhaps acting like a false priest seeking people's approval. I should examine whether I am succumbing to the desires of the flesh and the lust of the eyes, or if I am doubting the power of prayer. The Bible says that my body is the temple of God; therefore, I should ask whether I am obstructing the presence of the Holy Spirit. It's also important to consider whether I understand how to align the Word of God with my faith.

God does not accept worship offered merely to satisfy my own style and desires. The method of worship that God accepts is consistent and should be conducted as He has established – spiritually and sincerely, with repentance and gratitude, in prepared places. We must be vigilant not to fall under the influence of the world and engage in incorrect forms of worship. Worship acceptable to God is filled with the Holy Spirit, evident through God's love and our repentance. A service conducted without experiencing the Lord's presence is merely a religious act, which God disfavors. Let us always worship with gratitude and praise, filled with the Holy Spirit, according to the Word of God.

Oh that there were one among you who would shut the doors, that you might not kindle fire on my altar in vain! I have no pleasure in you, says the Lord of hosts, and I will not accept an offering from your hand. (Mal 1:10)

An altar of earth you shall make for me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, your sheep and your oxen. In every place where I cause my name to be remembered I will come to you and bless you. (Ex 20:24)

God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth. (Jn 4:24)

4) Blessed worship

145 Worship God seek

Are there many members in the church? Has the goal of revival been achieved? God seeks true worshippers, and desires worship that pleases Him, heals hearts. This worship becomes vibrant through sincere repentance, the return of lost souls, and the full manifestation of the Holy Spirit. Are we offering such worship? Meet the great and mighty God during worship, and offer Him worship with a thanksgiving. Remember that seeking to be exalted by people is detestable to God. What is it that makes me different from the people of the world? I need to think about whether what I'm doing pleases God. Jesus did not come for a better world, but to establish His kingdom in this world. Recognize that He is the only God, obey and follow His Word. Obedience is the way to establish the Kingdom of God on this earth. Call God's people, teach and build them up. The Word of truth is alive, and the Holy Spirit is continually working.

And he said to them, You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God. (Lk 16:15)

Pray then like this: Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. (Mt 6:9-10)

The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me; to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!" (Ps 50:23)

But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth. (Jn 4:23-24)

146 Worship in spirit and truth

God cherishes worship conducted in spirit and truth, as instructed by His Word. The Israelites, in anticipation of their sacred rendezvous with God, meticulously prepared themselves. They sanctified their bodies through appropriate attire and sacrifices as outlined in God's Word, diligently preparing for several months for this divine encounter. All the while, God attentively observed their preparations.

As you prepare for worship, do so faithfully and wisely, aligning with His Word. Cultivate a deep yearning for the presence of the Holy Spirit, and ensure that your worship remains pure, undiluted by external events. When you gather for worship, be patient and understand that the manifestation of the Holy Spirit might require several days. Worship aimed at inviting the presence of the Holy Spirit is not meant to serve our agenda, so adhere to the Lord's timeline rather than our own. Persist in your fervent worship until the Holy Spirit graces your gathering with His presence.

And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. (Heb 11:6)

For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. (Eph2:14-18)

147 Holy Spirit is the owner of worship

The Holy Spirit is the master of all worship, omnipotent, omnipresent, and the eternal God. The Holy Spirit is the spirit of the Creator God and is equal to Jesus Christ.

When did the Holy Spirit come, and what is the work of the Holy Spirit?

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from Heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. (Act 2:1-4)

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” (Lk 4:18-19)

These things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. (1 Cor 2:10)

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. (Jn 14:26)

148 The Greatest blessing on earth

God graciously receives worship that is as pure and refreshing as 'Morning Dew,' offered through heartfelt sacrifice and service. The anointing of the Holy Spirit accompanies what is received. We are greatly privileged to offer our devotion, worship, and deepest love to our Creator, God, which is the greatest blessing humans can experience on earth. Therefore, it's crucial not to impede the Holy Spirit's work with our thoughts and rationality, but rather to embrace it wholeheartedly. Clapping hands, raising hands, grieving, and repenting are natural responses of our soul when we encounter the Creator.

And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show wonders in the Heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. (Act 2:17-21)

Who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit. (Act 8:15-17)

So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." (Act 9:17-18)

5) Worship of Morning Dew

149 'Morning Dew' worship

God desires the worldwide offering of 'Morning Dew' worship. In your worship, discern the Holy Spirit's presence. God yearns for the worship reminiscent of the upper room, marked by the Holy Spirit's manifestation. Through such worship, receive empowerment. If no prophecy - Words inspired by God - arises during worship, continue worship through praise. God delights in praise. Combat disruptive spirits with prayer and praise. In holy praise and worship, encounter God. Invite God into this sacred worship. Commit everything to God through prayer, rather than pursuing personal desires. Remember, God dwells amidst praise.

God's vision for our missions is to mirror 'Samuel's Ramah,' 'Paul's teachings at Tyrannus,' and the gathering of the 120 'Morning Dew' disciples in the upper room. Our primary goal in mission fields should be to cultivate disciples like those 120 at Pentecost. Recall that the upper room worship was of disciples ready to sacrifice their lives.

God did not come to engage in theological debates. Instead, God desires that we emulate the 120 disciples in the upper room on Pentecost day.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and 'Samaria, and to the end of the earth. (Act 1:8)

All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. (Act 1:14)

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. (Heb 13:8)

"And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." (Jn 12:32)

150 Accepted worship

Worship should transcend mere human conventions. Instead, it should resonate deeply with the teachings and guidance found in the Word. Engaging in worship requires one's whole heart and a commitment that doesn't waver. Approach worship with a heart full of gratitude, presenting yourself as a sincere offering to the YAWH. Set aside a special space to come together in Jesus' name, cleanse your hearts, and open yourselves to the teachings of the Holy Spirit. Welcome the Holy Spirit into your midst with earnest prayers. Such a form of worship stands true and is likely to be felt deeply, ushering in the undeniable presence of God. It becomes a moment for spiritual rejuvenation, repentance, acceptance, and healing. This is the essence of worshipping in spirit and truth, which God cherishes. It embodies a vibrant act of devotion.

Furthermore, believers should share the gifts imparted by the Holy Spirit, thus uplifting and enriching the worship experience. Through genuine worship, we walk a path of sanctity and blessings. God observes the sincerity of your devotion, and before bestowing blessings, He assesses your readiness to embrace them. Remember, everything we have is entrusted to us by the Lord. He is the giver, and when judgment comes, we will be held responsible for how we use His gifts.

And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you make it a den of robbers." (Matt 21:12-13)

But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. (Jn 4:23)

151 The Morning Dew worship received

The 'Mornig Dew' symbolizes those who offer pure and holy worship to God. This worship is given with a devoted heart and acceptable offerings, and there will be a sign of the Holy Spirit's anointing, signifying that the worship has been accepted by God. The capacity to present such worship is the greatest blessing that a person can experience on this earth. Thus, we must seize every opportunity bestowed upon us to give glory to God.

The 'Mornig Dew' adheres to God's Word with an unwavering, unconditional first love. It imparts strength to its companions, derived from the shared testament of their unity with God.

Then Noah built an altar to the Lord and took some of every clean animal and some of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. (Gen 8:20)

For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. (Heb 4:2)

The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me; to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God! (Ps 50:23)

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. (Rom 12:1)

And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the Word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. (Rev 12:11)

152 Raise “Morning Dew” worship

Experiencing the presence of the Lord is morning dew worship. This meeting with the Lord can be sought during pure and sincere worship with heart and soul, in the sanctity of a prayer room filled with deep repentance, and during mindful meditation on the Word.

It is crucial to understand the nature of right worship and guide others along this path. Rather than comparing ourselves with others, we should act in faith and in accordance with God's Word. With this approach, we will likely experience a new wave of healing and transformation, the likes of which we may not have encountered before.

An altar of earth you shall make for me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, your sheep and your oxen. In every place where I cause my name to be remembered I will come to you and bless you. If you make me an altar of stone, you shall not build it of hewn stones, for if you wield your tool on it you profane it. (Ex 20:24-25)

Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (1Pet 1:8-9)

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? (1 Cor 3:16)

God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth. (Jn 4:24)

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.” (Lk 4:18-19)

153 MDD worship over the whole world

Open the doors of faith and immerse yourself in the power of the Holy Spirit. Embrace the gifts it offers and boldly share the love of the Lord and the Gospel with the world. Proclaim God's omnipresence for all to acknowledge. Let those with open hearts and minds hear, understand, and receive His Word. Lead a life enriched by the Holy Spirit, reflecting His glory amidst a world fraught with corruption.

The Lord God desires for the worship by the Morning Dew to resonate across the globe. Those who represent the Morning Dew are destined to uphold the teachings found in the Acts of the Apostles and Mark 9:23, all in the name of Jesus. Make the most of every moment, spreading the boundless love and grace of the Lord.

And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. (Heb 11:6)

I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, and I find knowledge and discretion. The fear of the Lord is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate. (Pr 8:12-13)

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him. (1Jn 5:14-15)

We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. (1Jn 5:19-20)

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1) Why God gave written Word

154 The Word teaches eternal things

To know God

To know myself

To know why I exist

To see what I should do

To walk in the way of blessings

To know how to live

To receive help when needed

To recognize enemies and avoid danger

To enjoy an abundant life.

155 Learn from the Word

God permits the church, the chosen, to experience trials in the wilderness to fortify our faith and deepen our connection with Him, enabling us to grow spiritually. This process helps us develop unshakable faith and the ability to overcome Satan and our own inner struggles, united with God. Through engaging with the Word and praying, we discover the blessed path of following the Holy Spirit's guidance, free from Satan's influence. We must immerse ourselves in the Word, learning that patience and obedience can yield abundant fruit and glorify God.

Additionally, as our obedience stems from love for the Lord, we come to understand that He orchestrates everything for our benefit. Our every action carries eternal significance.

And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not.

And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every Word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. (Deut 8:2-3)

Pray without ceasing, (1 Thes 5:17)

And Jesus said to him, 'If you can't! All things are possible for one who believes. (Mk 9:23)

156 Understand the Word

• Tune your understanding that God is love

When Moses threw his staff on the ground, it transformed into a snake. God commanded him to grasp the snake by its tail rather than its head. Typically, one would seize a snake by its head to prevent being bitten, as holding the tail increases the risk of a bite, potentially leading to death. Nevertheless, if God instructs to hold the tail, one must faithfully obey, despite the risk. This command parallels the love of a God who sent His only Son out of love for us.

Can God issue an illogical command? If obeying such a command could result in death, should it be followed? However, that is the Word of God, as written in the Bible. God's Word is unchanging, and His love is constant. This is the lesson taught by the Holy Spirit. We should not doubt the Holy Spirit's guidance based on our common sense, experience, knowledge, or emotions. Instead, we must understand, believe, and obey the command, recognizing that 'God is love.' By doing so, we can experience the miracle of His love, as the living Word of God manifests in our lives today.

Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. (1 John 4:8)

The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
If we endure, we will also reign with him;
If we deny him, he also will deny us;
If we are faithless, he remains faithful for he cannot deny himself. (2 Tim 2:11-13)

But let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord. (Je 9:24)

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. (Jn 10:10)

157 Find hidden treasures in the Word

After Jesus' resurrection, He fulfilled His promise by sending the Holy Spirit. Confessing Jesus as Lord is evidence of the Spirit's presence. Throughout history, the Bible has faced persecution from worldly powers, and this persecution continues today, affecting the reading and preaching of the Bible. Moreover, the Word is often subject to misunderstanding, misinterpretation, mishandling, and misapplication.

Why does the Bible's history include bloodshed and pain? It is not solely because Satan rules the world, but rather, God uses even Satan to fulfill His purposes. As stated in the Bible, God sovereignly governs the world, and even today, His powerful Word continues to uphold all things.

Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. (1Jn 4:15)

I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your Word. (Ps 138:2)

He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the Word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, (Heb 1:3)

The Lord reigns; he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed; he has put on strength as his belt. Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved. Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting. (Ps 93:1)

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, (Col 1:19)

The Lord has made everything for its purpose, even the wicked for the day of trouble. (Pr 16:4)

158 Cultivate heart after sown seed

Be faithful to the mission given to me. Just as Manna is prepared differently, the Word will be transformed into different signs, miracles, and powers. Merely holding onto the Words in the heart won't bear fruit. Therefore, you must cultivate your heart to nurture the Words sown in it. Without sowing and nurturing the seed, there will be no harvest. It's not about finding Words that suit me, but rather it is important to align myself with the Words.

And others are the ones sown among thorns. They are those who hear the Word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things enter in and choke the Word, and it proves unfruitful. But those that were sown on the good soil are the ones who hear the Word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold. (Mk 4:18-20)

Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. (1 Cor 4:2-3)

Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. (Joshua 1:7-8)

That according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, (Eph 3:16-17)

2) Word that enriches life

159 Meditate the Word in love

As a born-again believer, make it a habit to engage with the Word daily. Read and meditate, and trust that teachings from the Holy Spirit will come. Remember, the Holy Spirit resides within you and will provide guidance, as the scriptures say. The Word is everlasting, so avoid limiting God to your own knowledge or experiences. Meditate on the Word with a heart full of what is often called 'first love', a deep yearning for the return of Jesus Christ. Through this, you will encounter the loving Lord. Find this 'first love' in your reflection on the Ten Commandments. Embrace Christ's path, let go of worries about the future, and focus on practicing humility, service, sharing, and patience. Trust that the Lord holds the future in His hands.

And, without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. (Heb 11:6)

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. (Jn 16:13)

For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. (Jn 6:55-56)

Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble. (Mt 6:34)

160 Meeting notes, Word in the Heart

Create easy-to-read notes on "soul food" topics like Holy Spirit encounters, study insights, and discussion points. Record your spiritual understanding and experiences. When sharing these notes, ensure your message is concise and clear.

Keep in mind that God rules the world according to His Word, and those who forget His teachings or His Word will perish. Words stored in the heart provide strength to the souls who hear them. Therefore, make an effort to embed the Word in your heart. Engage with the scriptures and pray using the Words that resonate with you, making them a part of you. Contemplate and internalize the Words you've written and remembered. Only Words truly embedded in the heart can strengthen the soul.

My son, do not forget my teaching,
But let your heart keep my commandments,
For length of days and years of life
And peace they will add to you.
Let not steadfast love and faithfulness
forsake you;
Bind them around your neck;
Write them on the tablet of your heart.
So you will find favor and good success
In the sight of God and man. (Pr 3:1-4)

And the time from our leaving Kadesh-barnea until we crossed the brook Zered was thirty-eight years, until the entire generation, that is, the men of war, had perished from the camp, as the Lord had sworn to them. (Deut 2:14)

Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so? (Mt 26:53-54)

161 Not following the Word

Engaging in religious worship, dedication, and service that God does not accept is futile, as demonstrated by biblical examples. The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, along with periods of judgment in Israel, illustrate the consequences of actions misaligned with God's Word. Such misalignments lead to negative consequences and deviate from His protection. Relying on worldly arguments, which are inherently untrustworthy and powerless for eternal salvation, results in deception and constant change. Testimonies that lack grounding in the Word are similarly misleading. Therefore, it is crucial to proclaim and teach about Jesus as depicted in the Bible: the Jesus who came, was resurrected, and will serve as judge. He is the singular path to salvation. Consistent with His unchanging nature, God always acts in accordance with His Word and fulfills what has been written. What constitute the glory of Christ?

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty. (Rev 1:8)

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my Words will not pass away. (Matt 24:35)

Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. (Rev 20:11-12)

But let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord. (Je 9:24)

3) Christ, the Word become flesh

162 Why did Jesus come

- a) Why did Jesus have to come to Earth?
- b) Why did Jesus have to die and be resurrected?
- c) Why must Jesus be the judge?
- d) Why is Jesus Christ the only way to God?
- e) Does God delight in what He promised me in my life?
- f) Do you share what He has given to you?
- g) Do you share the way of salvation?

Jesus came to establish God's kingdom on Earth. Do you know how does God would end everything?

For truly, I say to you, until Heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. (Mt 5:18)

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my Words will not pass away. (Mt 24:35)

And made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. (Rev 1:6-7)

And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments; this is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you should walk in it. (2 Jn1:6)

163 As recorded in the Word, the following events will occur:

- The construction of the Third Temple and the daily sacrifice of the Levitical priesthood
- The appearance of the Antichrist
- The rapture
- The cessation of the daily sacrifice
- The New World Order and the Great Tribulation
- The salvation of the people of Israel and the achievement of ALIYAH
- The judgment of this land, the Day of Christ
- The marriage feast of the Lamb in Heaven
- The second coming of Jesus
- The end of Satan's power and a world without sin
- The kingdom of Christ on this earth (Millennial Kingdom)
- The reward of the saints
- The judgment of the Great White Throne
- The new Heaven and new earth
- The eternal kingdom of Jesus

164 Who is Jesus Christ to you?

Salvation cannot be attained simply by adhering to commandments or reciting codes. Rather, commandments serve as a guide to honor God. What saves my soul is my faith in Jesus Christ, believing in my heart and confessing that He is the only begotten Son sent by God.

What distinguishes the children of God from the children of the world? Are you aware that if you don't follow the Holy Spirit, you might be aiding your enemy? The Holy Spirit is granted to those who acknowledge Jesus Christ as the Messiah. Repentance, faith, and obedience to the scripture enable me to recognize, feel, and experience this incredible blessing.

Offering my body as a living sacrifice is a privilege and immense blessing reserved solely for the true disciples of Jesus Christ.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. (1 Jn 4:13-16)

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Rom 12:1-2)

165 When you know the Word

If you know the Word,
 You know Jesus,
 If you know Jesus,
 You know love,
 If you know love,
 You share love,
 If you share love,
 You will see the glory of God.

- **What the Bible teaches:**

- Who am I?
- Who is God?
- Where am I?
- Where am I going?
- How should I live?

Have you experienced the risen Lord described in the Bible, or do you merely know Him as stories? Have you savored the freedom, peace, and living water that Christ offers to nourish your soul?

But whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life. (Jn 4:14)

Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water. (Jn 7:38)

So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. (Jn 8:36)

Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this? (Jn 11:25-26)

166 The Word is hidden treasure

The Word contains many precious and beautiful truths waiting to be discovered. What have I found within the Word? It holds miracles and power that, when proclaimed with the assistance of the Holy Spirit, often involve the laying on of hands and prayer. Rather than chasing after signs, wonders, and prophecies, our focus should be on obeying the teachings found in the Word. By adhering to these teachings, we fulfill God's will and, in turn, receive abundant blessings and grace.

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. (Col 1:13-15)

In whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (Col 2:3)

For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, and my speech and my message were not in plausible Words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. (1Cor 2:4-7)

167 Find His way and thought

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

Riches and honor are with me, enduring wealth and righteousness.

My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold, and my yield than choice silver.

I walk in the way of righteousness, in the paths of justice, granting an inheritance to those who love me, and filling their treasuries. (Pr 8:17-21)

If you turn at my reproof, behold, I will pour out my spirit to you;
I will make my Words known to you. (Pr 1:23)

The reward for humility and fear of the Lord is riches, honor, and life. (Pr 22:4)

Whoever pursues righteousness and kindness will find life, righteousness, and honor. (Pr 21:21)

"Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;

let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.

For as the Heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

"For as the rain and the snow come down from Heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, 'giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my Word be that goes out from my mouth;

It shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the Lord, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.” (Isa 55:6-13)

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. (Jn 10:10)

But let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord. (Je 9:24)

4) Kingdom of God established on the Word

168 On the Word

Think with Words, everything is eternal, Plan according to the Word, there is fruit in everything, Walk with the Word, all power exists, Believe in the Word, everything is possible, Above the Word, through the Word, together with the Word.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life and the life was the light of men. (Jn 1:1–4)

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. (James 1:17)

If he called them gods to whom the Word of God came—and Scripture cannot be broken— (Jn 10:35)

Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. (Josh 1:6–9)

Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my Word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." (Jn 14:23)

169 Not by self-will

Who builds the kingdom of God? Even when someone acts according to their own belief of what is right, dedicating their wealth and life to the cause, if it is driven by personal will, it does not contribute to building the kingdom of God. Such actions, though well-intentioned, serve only for personal satisfaction and are limited to the confines of this earth. It is akin to building a house on sand.

And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the Word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. (Rev12:11)

“Everyone then who hears these Words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these Words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.” (Mt 7:24–27)

He answered, “Every plant that my Heavenly Father has not planted will be rooted up. Let them alone; they are blind guides. And if the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit.” (Mt 15:13–14)

For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—each one’s work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. (1 Cor 3:11–15)

170 Obedience builds Kingdom of God

Through those donned in holy garments, devoted to salvation and joy, and obedient to the Word, the Word establishes the Kingdom of God. Whose house am I building?"

Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure (Rev19:7-8)

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (Eph2:8-10)

For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news! (Rom10:13-15)

Answer me quickly, O Lord! My spirit fails! Hide not your face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the pit. Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord! I have fled to you for refuge. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!" (Ps143:7-10)

171 Deathless and sinless is coming

Deathless and Sinless Cities, the Marriage Feast of Heaven, the Millennium Kingdom, New Heavens, and New Earth are coming. Is there anything worth exchanging for these things? Are you ready to meet them?

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven. (Mt 5:3)

They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious. (Isa 11:9-10)

For behold, I create new Heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. (Isa 65:17)

Then I saw a new Heaven and a new earth, for the first Heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. (Rev 21:1)

Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain, (Isa 65:24-25)

Your sun shall no more go down, nor your moon withdraw itself; for the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended. (Isa 60:20)

For the evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land. In just a little while, the wicked will be no more; though you look carefully at his place, he will not be there. (Ps 37:9-10)

172 Obey that God has revealed to you

Do not seek what you desire; instead, obey what God has revealed to you, for it is intended to establish and bless you. The Lord will come to lift you up and grant victory, and this victory will glorify the name of God.

Jesus pointed out certain individuals, saying, 'Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of Heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in Heaven. I never knew you.' These are the people who use the name of Jesus and the church for their own benefit. They act according to their own desires and interests.

The plans of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from the Lord. All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the spirit. Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established. The Lord has made everything for its purpose, even the wicked for the day of trouble. (Pr 16:1-4)

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of Heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in Heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.' (Mt 7:21-23)

But be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the Word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. (James 1:22-25)

173 Dedicated heart of upper-room MDD

Those who keep God's commandments with a devoted heart are the ones with a dedicated heart, like the disciples gathered in the Upper Room as described in the Book of Acts. When the time came, great power descended from above, and they experienced the profound power of God. This power, known only to those who have experienced the anointing of the Holy Spirit, descended upon them. One may claim to be a disciple of Jesus, but if they are still blending their own desires with God's will, can they truly be following Him? Without the power of God from above, aren't they hindering God's work?

And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the Word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. (Rev 12:11)

Sanctify them in the truth; your Word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth. (Jn 17:17-19)

And suddenly there came from Heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. (Acts 2:2-3)

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. (Mt 5:8)

Jesus answered him, If anyone loves me, he will keep my Word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my Words. And the Word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me. (Jn 14:23-24)

For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. (2 Tim 1:7)

174 All God has given is good

God is love, and everything He has bestowed upon His children is inherently good. The law was imparted to guide and bless them, creating a safe boundary that shields them from enemies. It instructs on living triumphantly and joyously in a world governed by the powers of the air.

And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'" (Mt4:9-10)

God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it? (Num23:19)

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. (Jn10:10)

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the Heavenly places. (Eph6:11-12)

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." (Jn16:33)

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble. (Mt6:33-34)

And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. (Jn12:45)

5) Tune your thoughts to the Word

175 No harvesting, if were not nurturing

Merely keeping Words in your heart is not enough to yield results. Therefore, it's crucial to plant and nurture these Words. Just sowing seeds without caring for them will not lead to a harvest. Stay committed to your assigned task. Similarly to how manna can be prepared in various ways, a range of signs, miracles, and powers will manifest through the Word. The focus should not be on finding Words that suit me, but rather on aligning myself with the Words.

For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. (Heb 4:2)

And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. (Heb 11:6)

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my Words will not pass away. (Mt 24:35)

So shall my Word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. (Isa 55:11)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. (Phil 4:6-8)

176 Tune, will of God in the Word

The role to which I am called, whether it be that of an elder, pastor, missionary, or believer, is determined by my calling. My judgment is based on whether I have obeyed or disobeyed. Obey joyfully, for the Lord delights in those who follow His will in His Word and walk with Him. Remember, joyfully obeying is key; forced obedience can lead to division.

Training must occur at its designated time; it cannot be indefinitely postponed. Do not fall into a slump driven by emotions; instead, be strong and courageous. Pray for the 'Morning Dew' team. God searched the whole earth and found favor in David, the son of Jesse from Bethlehem.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills. (1 Cor 12:4-11)

Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable. Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work. (2 Tim 2:20-21)

For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to give strong support to those whose heart is blameless toward Him. You have done foolishly in this, for from now on you will have wars. (2Chron 16:9)

6) Prophecy

177 What is prophecy

- **Guide to establish on the Word**

Prophecy is given to guide us in establishing God's will, according to His Word. It's not about making myself prosper, succeed, or live a better life; it's about establishing His Kingdom. I have the choice of obedience or disobedience. We should not take prophecy lightly. Instead, listen attentively; this is the path to victory. Be wise. God distinguishes those who work with Him, not by human will, but by faithfulness and loyalty to God's will and Word.

Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil. (1Thes 5:19-22)

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. (1Jn 4:1-3)

What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up. (1Cor 14:26)

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. (Jn 15:16)

178 Discern prophecy

God has declared that judgment and reward will be based on our actions and Words when guided by faith. Are you approaching every task with faith? Are you maintaining the same fervor as when you first believed? Have you acted in accordance with God's guidance? A prophecy focusing solely on personal well-being, financial success, and prosperity may not originate from God, but rather from a deceptive source. Conversely, if a prophecy leads God's children to obey His Word, glorify Him, and advance His kingdom on Earth, it can be attributed to Jehovah.

God communicates through His servants, the prophets, providing guidance even in seemingly small matters. He encourages faithfulness in small things, emphasizing that great outcomes often stem from humble beginnings. Like how conquering a small city paves the way for greater victories, understanding and seeking God's guidance in minor matters prepares us for overcoming more significant challenges.

God desires us to be specific in our requests and not overlook the details. Unfortunately, many overlook the intricacies, missing hidden truths in life's smaller aspects and focusing solely on grand achievements. This neglect can be likened to idol worship.

The ultimate purpose of God's blessings is not merely personal comfort and well-being but the advancement of His kingdom. We should not take prophecies lightly, as God will ultimately evaluate our Words and actions. He will assess the depth of our faith both in sacred spaces, like temples, and in the everyday aspects of our lives.

If you abide in me, and my Words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. (Jn 15:7-8)

179 Word has its time and season

The Word of prophecy has its time and season. God works with us at the right time. Prophecies are given to help realize His kingdom on Earth, aligning with God's Word and methods. God values our heart and attitude during the preparation process, not the quantity of our offerings. Examine what hinders God's blessing. God desires to bless us, but when we rebel against His Word and fail to follow it, His protection is diminished. This makes us vulnerable to ridicule by enemies. Even when the cup of sin overflows, God persistently warns us to repent. This applies to nations, organizations, churches, and individuals. Our actions are pivotal in determining whether we receive blessings or curses. Our past has proven this, and the future will testify to it.

Ah, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, offspring of evildoers, children who deal corruptly! They have forsaken the Lord, they have despised the Holy One of Israel, they are utterly estranged. Why will you still be struck down? Why will you continue to rebel? The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even to the head, there is no soundness in it, but bruises and sores and raw wounds; they are not pressed out or bound up or softened with oil. (Isa 1:4-6)

Mark the blameless and behold the upright, for there is a future for the man of peace. But transgressors shall be altogether destroyed; the future of the wicked shall be cut off. The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; he is their stronghold in the time of trouble. The Lord helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in him. (Ps 37:37-40)

For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. (Mt 25:29)

7) Opened mystery

180 Mystery of Heaven

Hidden Blessings: The world hears the Word but does not understand. The world fails to see the blessings hidden in hardships. Worldly worries prevent the world from following the Word.

In a field sown with good seed, an enemy scatters weeds. These grow together in the same field until the harvest, when they are separated. Therefore, be patient. Overcome evil with good.

Treasures are hidden. Seek and discover their value. Possess eyes that understand the worth of a pearl. If you discover the value of a pearl, you will sell everything to buy it.

Mustard Seed and Yeast: The kingdom of Heaven is likened to a mustard seed and yeast. The mustard seed is the smallest of seeds, and yeast causes rising. The capacity to produce quality and quantity that belongs to Heaven, that God approves of, lies with God.

He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of Heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable. "The kingdom of Heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened." (Mt 13:31-33)

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another. (Jn 15:16-17)

181 Ten mysteries of the Gospel

These secrets are mysteries opened only to the children of God who long for the return of Jesus.

• 1. Mysteries of Heaven

I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. (Mt 3:11)

And Jesus cried out and said, "Whoever believes in me, believes not in me but in him who sent me. And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness. (Jn 12:44-46)

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. (Jn 3:16-17)

• 2. Mysteries of Salvation

Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from Heaven, things into which angels long to look (1 Pet 1:10-12)

Which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and

prophets by the Spirit. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

• **3. Mysteries of Christ**

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in Heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in Heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under Heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the Word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in

you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me. (Col 1:15-29)

This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet: "I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world." (Mt 13:35)

And to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. (Eph 3:19)

- **4. Mysteries of Faith**

Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. (1 Tim 3:8-9)

- **5. Mysteries of Wisdom**

But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. (1 Cor 2:7-8)

- **6. Mysteries of Will of God**

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in Heaven and things on earth. (Eph 1:7-10)

- **7. Mystereis of Church**

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of his power (Eph 3:1-7)

- **8. Mysteries of Lawlessness**

For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. (2 Thes 2:7)

- **9. Mysteries of deep Truth**

But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”— these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. (1 Cor 2:7-10)

He reveals deep and hidden things; He knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with Him. (Dan 2:22)

- **10. Mysteries of power of Holiness**

Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: He was manifested in the flesh,

vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory. (1 Tim 3:16)

These secrets are open only to those who yearn for the second coming of Jesus.

H. PROCLAIM WORD

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1) Caution on proclaim the Word

182 Courage as if starting a new religion

For those who follow Jesus, opposition from the world is inevitable. The world often mistrusted Jesus, partly due to his background as a Nazarene, reflecting prevalent prejudices and preconceptions. Similarly, missionaries and leaders today may encounter mistrust from the world. They must overcome this challenge with courage, akin to that required when starting a new religion. When the desire to preach the Gospel of Jesus surges, embracing and obeying the Word with the faith of Mary can unleash the power inherent in Christ. It's important not to condemn those who hinder God's power through their prejudice and dogmatism, and equally crucial to avoid becoming like them.

Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. (Mt 12:30)

If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. (Jn 15:18-19)

When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. (Mt 10:19-20)

And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. (Mt 10:28-31)

183 Proclaim Word of God

Proclaim the Word; set aside personal interpretations. Only the Word has the power to transform the heart. It is through the proclamation of the Word that the Holy Spirit works.

You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. (Deut 11:19)

Preach the Word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. (2 Tim 4:2)

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my Words. (Act 2:14)

Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" (Act 2:36-37)

But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ. (Rom 10:16-17)

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand." (Mt 4:17)

Jesus answered, If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' (Jn 8:54)

184 Remind, Lord listened message first

- **Remind these before message**

Only the Word can protect against evil,

Only the Word can overcome evil,

Only the Word can rebirth the soul.

Only the Word brings repentance and revival.

Do not judge by worldly results, but become a clean vessel to proclaim the Word.

He foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. For David did not ascend into the Heavens, but he himself says,

“‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.”’

Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” And with many other Words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” So those who received his Word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. (Act 2:31-41)

185 First is repent, and second is repent

Blessed are those who read, hear, and obey the Word. Those who proclaim the Word are even more blessed. The task of the proclaimer is to teach how to live a rich life for the glory of God. Obedience is the responsibility of the listener, and teaching is the responsibility of the servant. The important thing is to proclaim the Word. Always be prepared in your heart, repent like the prophets, and oppose evil. Remember that if you do not repent and compromise, you will become bound as prey to sin. Remember that God hears the sermon before the audience does. Repentance is first and foremost. God looks for a heart that repents for disobedience to the Word, and He will pour out His Spirit on those who desire to be a clean vessel according to His Word. In a large house, there are many vessels, some for noble purposes and some for ignoble. The master only uses clean vessels. Always be prepared as a clean vessel.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. (Mt 5:8)

Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable. Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work. (2 Tim 2:20-21)

Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; break up your fallow ground, for it is the time to seek the Lord, that he may come and rain righteousness upon you. (Hos 10:12)

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand. (Mt 4:17)

And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Act 2:38)

186 Message, use 5 minutes rule

The sermon's focus should be on effectively conveying the Word. Unnecessary explanations should be minimized, with clarity provided only for unfamiliar terms. Although human Words may be pleasing to the ear, they lack the soul-saving power. Unlike human speech, only the Word of God has the profound ability to discern between soul and spirit, joints and marrow.

Our primary task is to discern God's message and present its essential points with clarity. Summarize this message in a concise '5-minute format', repeating it for clear understanding. Our goal is to convey not our Words or interpretations, but the message as we have received it from the Word. During worship, consistently proclaim the Word, reaffirm the promises received through the Word, and find hope in it. The use of secular language, humor, and external explanations can dilute the essence of God's Word. Any terms needing clarification should be succinctly explained. Our aim is to elucidate God's message and conclude with testimonies highlighting the blessings that come from obeying the Word.

For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account. (Heb 4:12-13)

Whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. (1 Pet 4:11)

Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified. Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, Brothers, what shall we do? (Act 2:36-37)

2) Proclaim Word

187 Message focus

Obedience brings blessings.

Obedience aids in reclaiming what was lost.
Obedience brings honor.

Obedience leads to victory.

Obedience brings the presence of the living God.

During worship and praise, as evil spirits leave, people are able to hear the Word and find answers to their prayers. The Word, once heard, becomes hope, giving birth to faith. Always conclude sermons with testimonies of blessings. Emphasize the myriad blessings of obedience: the conquest of the holy city, the restoration of lost names, victory, experiencing Jehovah Jireh, and the efficacy of the Word in those who obey.

Communicate this list of victories, as it is written, to be etched in the hearts of the listeners. This approach will reinforce the powerful connection between obedience and divine favor, encouraging adherence to a path of faith and devotion.

If you turn at my reproof, behold, I will pour out my spirit to you; I will make my Words known to you. (Pr 1:23)

Whoever pursues righteousness and kindness will find life, righteousness, and honor. (Pr 21:21)

The reward for humility and fear of the Lord is riches and honor and life. (Pr 22:4)

Not one Word of all the good promises that the Lord had made to the house of Israel had failed; all came to pass. (Josh 21:45)

By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. (Heb 11:30)

188 purely, simply, and clearly

1. How is God exercising His power today?
2. What is God's plan for this earth?
3. What is the relationship between God and the written Word?
4. How does the written Word relate to His name?
5. How do I regard the Word?
6. What relevance does the Word have for my family and my future?
7. What choices and privileges do I have?
8. What is the gospel as I understand it?
9. What does receiving the gospel mean to me?
10. What are the privileges afforded to those who have received the gospel?
11. Who is the enemy that hinders my work?
12. What plans does this enemy have?
13. How can I defeat the enemy?
14. What steps should I take to become a mature believer?

Proclaim God's love purely, simply, and clearly; plant His Word in the heart. The apostles obeyed God's Word and boldly preached the gospel. The world's religions can blind people's eyes. Signs and wonders alone cannot create new life. Doctrine, without the Holy Spirit, hardens the heart. Do I live according to the righteousness of God? If I am not a disciple of Christ, then what am I?

And Jesus cried out and said, Whoever believes in me, believes not in me but in him who sent me. And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness. If anyone hears my Words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. The one who rejects me and does not receive my Words has a judge; the Word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day. (Jn 12:44-48)

If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me; but if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father. (Jn 10:37-38)

189 Pouring out your heart, authenticity

When I preach, am I merely conveying sentences or text, or am I pouring out my heart? Am I interpreting the message theologically with accuracy? Do my Words stem from personal achievements and experiences, or from a deeper, spiritual source? Do I allow my emotions to infuse my speech? What is my ultimate goal – to reveal my own self or to demonstrate the power of the Lord? Am I faithfully proclaiming the Word of God, without addition or subtraction? In preaching, as in all endeavors, the key is to pour out your heart. Whether you're speaking, writing, or striving in any capacity, let sincerity and passion guide you. Wherever you go, whatever you proclaim, do it with your whole heart. This is when the power of God truly manifests, and the presence of the Holy Spirit becomes palpable.

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" (Jn 7:37-38)

Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me. (Phil 2:17-18)

But Ruth said, Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you. (Ruth 1:16-17)

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. (Rom 9:1-3)

190 With confidence

God resides in Heaven and is present with those who are humble and repentant. Therefore, it's essential to make repentance a daily practice, inviting God into every aspect of our lives. Let us sincerely repent through our thoughts, hearts, and actions, such as offering forgiveness and showing kindness. Always welcome the Lord into your life. Be courageous and do not fear. Place your faith in the Word of God, rather than solely in your emotions. Proclaim the Word with conviction. Remember, the Holy Spirit is active when we proclaim the Word in the name of Jesus, both before and after we do so.

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. (Isa 55:6-7)

For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite. (Isa 57:15)

After this Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he remained there with them and was baptizing. John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because water was plentiful there, and people were coming and being baptized (for John had not yet been put in prison). (Jn 3:21-24)

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" (Jn 11:25-26)

191 By the power of the Holy Spirit

When you proclaim the Word, do you feel the power of God? Does it reflect in you? In the Word, do you meet the living God and hear the Holy Spirit's voice? Through the law and the Word, God's love becomes apparent, even in judgment. Resist the urge to just 'do well'; strive to encounter the living God in your proclamation. Be cautious not to be deceived by worldly illusions. The Holy Spirit's presence is active in the Word's proclamation. Hence, give priority to listening to the Holy Spirit's teachings. Remember, the guidance of the Israelites was not due to skilled leadership or eloquence, but to the Holy Spirit and the power of the Word.

For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. (2 Tim 1:7)

And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every Word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. (Deut 8:3)

But the Lord said to Moses, "Put out your hand and catch it by the tail"—so he put out his hand and caught it, and it became a staff in his hand—(Ex 4:4)

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. (1Jn 5:13-14)

192 Proclaim by faith moves God

Is there a school where one receives spiritual power upon graduation? Does a book exist, authored by someone capable of moving God? Only Words proclaimed through faith can move God. The kingdom of God is established through those who obey, guided by the grace of the Holy Spirit. It is obedience, not strategy, that accomplishes God's work. God provides the necessary strategies according to each situation. Does spiritual power manifest in your message? Theology, as a human construct, can explain but does not display God's power. What is essential are the teachings originating from Heaven, imparted by the Holy Spirit, that display His presence.

And you shall do to Ai and its king as you did to Jericho and its king. Only its spoil and its livestock you shall take as plunder for yourselves. Lay an ambush against the city, behind it. (Josh 8:2)

The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples. The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations. (Ps 33:10-11)

The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me; to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God! (Ps 50:23)

The people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise. (Isa 43:21)

But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. (Heb 10:12-13)

But be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Rom 12:2)

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1) Mission - Team

193 Mission is making disciples

The missionary work of Jesus was focused on making disciples. Missions are about making 'Disciples of Christ.' It's important to discern and identify who is a disciple.

And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Mt 4:19)

- **Discern to see the people**

Discern and see people for who they are. Even with a small number, create emissaries of God's mission. Love and care are essential, but sympathy and intervention must be clearly distinguished. Our mission is to make disciples like the 'Morning Dew.'

Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments; from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours. (Ps 110:3)

- **Wise earns people**

In the net, there are both good and bad fish mixed together. Similarly, good and bad people live mixed together. Discern between the good and the evil, the obedient and the disobedient. Not all fish in the net are good. The wise gain people. It is about gaining a righteous person with balance. Balance is the power that brings a prosperous life.

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and whoever captures souls is wise. (Pr 11:30)

- **Mission Success measurement.**

The success of a mission is measured by how prepared the missionaries' disciples are to become disciples of Jesus. Teach the disciples to conquer themselves and to be economically independent.

194 Two as a team

Send the disciples in pairs as short-term or long-term missionaries. The 'Morning Dew' training is not theoretical. Minister powerfully and courageously in the name of Jesus. This training is beyond mere theological schooling or showcasing past achievements. It focuses on training faithful and trustworthy disciples of Jesus Christ. Participating in missions, whether short-term or long-term, is both a privilege and a calling for all participants of 'Morning Dew'.

• Do not hurt heart

Open your hearts and embrace the understanding that we are part of a singular, united team. When God calls upon us, it is essential to collaborate and unite, each bringing our unique skills to the forefront for the task at hand. Commit wholeheartedly to your mission, and let this dedication kindle a powerful and purposeful flame within you. The gracious and merciful God blesses those who earnestly seek to fulfill His will with miracles. Always remember, even the slightest Word can have a profound impact on significant endeavors.

God scrutinizes our hearts, urging us to seek repentance. In your approach to God, reflect deeply upon yourself through His teachings. Like Abraham at the altar of dedication, worship with a heart of humility. Acknowledge the limitations of your wisdom, recognize the vastness of God's greatness, and revere Him appropriately. By maintaining the correct attitude, you open yourself to God's revelations of His thoughts and paths.

Recall how Jesus cautioned the Pharisees and scribes about storing their treasures in Heaven. Their disregard for this warning led to dire consequences. It's crucial for us to attentively listen to and live by God's Word. Embracing and following the teachings God has imparted to us is essential for our lives. As the scripture says, 'I love those who keep my Words, those who seek my teachings, and those who act in accordance with what is written. I love you. Repent from your wrongdoings.'

195 Fear not, remind failure at Ai

Do not fear. Move forward in faith! God is unchanging and always fulfills His promises. He rules with absolute truth, independent of circumstances. Learn from the past: avoid the greed that led to failure in Ai, especially after the conquest of Jericho. Remember, we all have received the same Holy Spirit and are followers of this Spirit. Faith in God makes all things possible.

Renounce what is unclean in God's eyes and repent of all unrighteousness. Strive to conquer the fertile land of promise and reveal God's glory. Unite in faith. Reflect on the fate of those who treated God's Word merely as a human Word. Embrace the 'Morning Dew' mission, aimed at transforming enemies with the power of faith. Remember, we are empowered by the mighty name of Jesus.

Therefore the people of Israel cannot stand before their enemies. They turn their backs before their enemies, because they have become devoted for destruction. I will be with you no more, unless you destroy the devoted things from among you. (Josh 7:12)

And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth. (1 Jn 17:19)

Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. (Isa 1:18)

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

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. (Col 3:5)

196 Simple and authenticity

The most effective method of evangelism is pure and simple, and it crucially depends on localizing the approach. Seek out evangelism tools that can adapt to the surrounding circumstances without hindrance. To effectively convey the gospel, it's essential to employ tools that resonate with the language, culture, religion, and situation of the target audience.

Develop and utilize various materials such as culturally sensitive postcards, pictures, evangelistic booklets, and dubbed movies. These should honor the local context while conveying a clear and uncompromising message. Tailor these materials for diverse groups including local experts, children, relatives, friends, and church members. Remember, the Holy Spirit works powerfully when the Word is heard.

In our current era, media plays a pivotal role in education and talent development. By harnessing media in evangelistic efforts, we can cultivate disciples like Onesimus and Timothy. Evangelism through media can take many forms, effectively reaching people with God's love and the gospel. Through these diverse and culturally attuned methods, we can spread His Word effectively, nurturing disciples in today's interconnected world."

197 Have spiritual disciples

Can you see the fruits of change? Are you following and obeying the Word? Do you have spiritual children, Disciples of Christ? Are you sharing what has been given to you without complaint?

Christ's first disciples were John's disciples, and they were the 120 disciples in the upper room. Find disciples like Priscilla and Aquila, who received basic training from a mission organization, and train them to become 'Morning Dew' missionaries, anointed by the Holy Spirit according to the times.

The Lord is looking for joyful devotees and obedient hearts. God sent fiery serpents before the disobedient children of Israel entered the Promised Land. Even if you have wealth, health, and honor, the consequences of disobedience will come. Do not take lightly that your body is a holy temple.

Remember that God has called you. Deeply consider what it means to 'seek first His kingdom and His righteousness.' Hear the voice of the Holy Spirit and be united in heart.

The work of a leader and the followers is different. Not everyone needs to love or eat manna. (Not everyone experiences miracles and gifts) Have insight into where and how to eat the manna.

Training has its time. It cannot be continually postponed. Do not fall into a slump led by emotions, but be strong and courageous. Pray to the Lord for the 'Dew of Dawn' team. God looked over all the earth and found David, the son of an Ephrathite from Bethlehem, and was pleased with him.

2) Sustainable mission

198 Jehovah Jireh

Even with passion in the heart, fulfilling God's will isn't always possible due to material resource constraints, threats to basic life, and attacks from Satan. When one starts to obediently pursue a self-reliant mission, God will provide the necessary people and resources. Recall how when Philip obeyed and ventured into the wilderness, God swiftly transported him from Samaria to his new destination. God declared that He bore the children of Israel on eagle's wings through the wilderness. The Lord searches across the earth, bestowing life and strength upon those who wholeheartedly seek Him.

And in the wilderness, where you have seen how the Lord your God carried you, as a man carries his son, all the way that you went until you came to this place.' Yet in spite of this Word you did not believe the Lord your God, who went before you in the way to seek you out a place to pitch your tents, in fire by night and in the cloud by day, to show you by what way you should go. (Deut 1:31-33)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. (Pr 3:5-6)

You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the Words that you shall speak to the people of Israel. (Ex 19:4-6)

199 Watch out greedy trap

Remember that you are not a creator or owner but a servant. Pay attention to how you evangelize and assist in ministry. When you feel God's instruction to 'give,' ensure you follow through and give directly to the intended person. As a servant of the Lord and a missionary, refrain from opening a business bank account, as this invites the spirit of greed. Keep missionary funds separate from business and ensure the application of a transparent accounting system.

You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you; Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you. "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, (Mt 5:38-44)

But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. (1 Tim 6:9-10)

No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money. (Mt 6:24)

200 Taste provision through obedience

Being filled with the Holy Spirit opens one's eyes to the fullness of life. Recognizing the transformative power of Christ, and aligning with God's will, ensures that all essential needs are met. Obedience is key to experiencing God's provision. Missionaries in remote areas, like those by the Jordan River, should look to the Heavens with expectation of miracles, such as the parting of the river. However, reliance on sources other than God for help can lead to the usurpation of His glory. Those who position themselves as 'helpers' in place of God will face judgment. Missionaries straying from their path may need to return to such wilderness experiences for re-education. It's vital to clearly distinguish between missionary work, humanitarian efforts, and the roles of workers. God fulfills both the spiritual and physical needs of His servants. However, it is important to understand the operational differences between missionary activities and missions. While both rely on God's assistance and miracles, they function in distinct ways.

For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. (2 Tim 1:7)

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, (Eph 5:15-18)

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. (Phil 4:19)

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. (Mt 7:7-8)

201 Distinction between business and missionary work

Businesses may start with loans or assistance, but missionary work is sustained by what God provides. It is only God who can part the Jordan River, symbolizing the miraculous in our endeavors. Remember, God will send the right person to aid in missionary work. It's important to understand the difference between worldly affairs and missionary work, and not to confuse them. Reflect on whom you will give glory to as a result of your work.

A business supplying initial capital is akin to a bank. However, do not equate yourself with God in terms of the money you manage. We are not the master, but merely a steward. The money in my hands is not mine, but God's. It is crucial to listen to the voice of God and obey His commands.

And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen. (Phil 4:15-20)

The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, (Mt 6:22)

202 "IGA" Sustainable mission and job

Continue to develop ministries that are both timely and sustainable as generations evolve. Avoid relying solely on past strategies. Instead, create new missionary approaches that are relevant to your ministry's context. Focus on cultivating ministries that remain relevant and sustainable. Distinguish clearly between supporting God's work and assisting in missionary activities. Providing operational support means ensuring the essentials are adequately funded, potentially through methods like bank loans. Every initiative requires appropriate structures and systems; ensure their construction is well-planned and executed. Bless God's people and uphold justice, in obedience to God's command.

Go through, go through the gates; prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway; clear it of stones; lift up a signal over the peoples. (Isa 62:10)

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. "So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them." (Num 6:24-27)

So that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe at your signs. You make the going out of the morning and the evening to shout for joy. You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide their grain, for so you have prepared it. You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth. You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with abundance. The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy. (Ps 65:8-13)

203 Do not neglect home

Missionaries should fulfill the needs of their family, just like Enoch did. Enoch fathered Methuselah at the age of 65, and then walked with God for 300 years. Remember that he had children and did not neglect the needs of his family.

When Enoch had lived 65 years, he fathered Methuselah. Enoch walked with God after he fathered Methuselah 300 years and had other sons and daughters. Thus all the days of Enoch were 365 years. Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him. (Gen 5:21-24)

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in Heaven. (Mt 5:14-16)

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation. (1 Pet 2:11-12)

For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." (Eph 5:8-14)

3) Type of mission

204 Help and guide children

How are enemies attacking children today, and what should we do about it? Satan is targeting children, exhausting them and hindering their growth. Children deserve a healthy upbringing, yet they face profound spiritual attacks that harm their bodies and minds. Satan introduces worldly lewdness, sowing seeds of corruption, weakness, poverty, despair, worry, and anger.

Nourish them with the warm bread of love, pure water, vitamins, and the living Word of God. Serve them as you would serve the Lord. Prioritize children's ministry over adult ministry. Teach children about the purpose of life and their calling. Guide them on the right path with the Word of God and prepare them for the Lord's second coming. Remember, the miracle of feeding thousands was possible through the dedication of a young child who offered five loaves and two fishes.

Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger. (Ps 8:2)

So it is not the will of my Father who is in Heaven that one of these little ones should perish. (Mt 18:14)

205 Spark to start big fire (Drink offering)

Water is essential for plant growth, just as fire is indispensable for combustion. A small spark can grow into a vast inferno, consuming everything in its path. Similarly, we must stand firm and courageous in our faith, not yielding to compromise, but trusting in God's guidance. In the same way, for oil to produce light, it must fuel a wick. The absence of burning represents a lack of experience. It is only through exercising faith that we can truly understand the essence of God's Word. Discerning spiritual phenomena, whether from the Holy Spirit or another source, is like a trial by fire. Our faith acts as a wick, through which the light of the Holy Spirit can shine brightly.

And I will show wonders in the Heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. (Joel 2:30)

Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. (Phil 2:4)

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love. (Gal 5:6)

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in Heaven. (Mt 5:16)

And Balak said to Balaam, "What have you done to me? I took you to curse my enemies, and behold, you have done nothing but bless them. (Num 23:11)

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom 8:37-39)

206 Middle East mission

In the context of the Middle Eastern background of biblical culture, preaching the gospel in this region should extend beyond lectures, prophecies, or miracles. It's crucial to rely on the power of the Holy Spirit, reminiscent of what was witnessed in the Pentecostal Upper Room. This approach requires a balanced combination of emotional resilience and strategic planning. It's important to pray and carefully strategize for recruiting Middle Eastern workers who are deeply committed to the Word. Such efforts should focus on appointing dedicated disciples, and through prayers and anointing, nurture them to become impactful leaders in their communities.

And with many other Words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, Save yourselves from this crooked generation." So those who received his Word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. (Act 2:40-41)

But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him." (Act 5:29-32)

Now those who were scattered went about preaching the Word. Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. So there was much joy in that city. (Act 8:4-8)

207 Establish Jesus' Kingdom

The purpose of Jesus' coming was to establish the Kingdom of God, rather than to create a better world. Jehovah, the Creator God, is central to this mission. Obedience to God's Word is essential in building the Kingdom of Christ. The phrase 'It was so as He commanded' illustrates the obedience necessary in creation. Building the Kingdom of Christ requires recruiting, teaching, and spreading the truth. The resurrected truth, invigorated by the Holy Spirit, continues to influence believers.

Through prayer and obedience, God's kingdom is realized, as echoed in the prayer 'Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.' This vision should guide the lives of Christ's disciples, driving them to evangelize, serve the community, and radiate their inner light.

Avoiding injustice is crucial; failure often stems from misunderstanding God's Word or succumbing to worldly influences. Those who commit injustice, exploit labor, and build on unrighteousness invite eventual destruction. God's plan includes subduing adversaries under Jesus' authority.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. (Mt 6:10)

If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it. If you love me, you will keep my commandments. (Jn 14:14-15)

But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. (Heb 10:12-13)

208 The faith and attitude of Ruth

Missionaries must learn not from the projects that I think are good, but from the hardworking attitude of the gleaners (Ruth's faith and working attitude). To meet Boaz, who was prepared by God, show the obedient and diligent attitude like Ruth. Remember that God seeks diligent hands, not busy minds. Find God's workers among those who work faithfully like Ruth.

Ruth faithfully obeyed at her best in the place where she was. God saw her faithfulness. God was pleased with her faithfulness and gave her Boaz, who was prepared for the birth of Jesus. Boaz was a gift given to Ruth who shed the sweat of unconditional dedication. The acts of faith of Ruth, Rahab, and Tamar may seem unfair to the world, but they were acts of faith, 'Morning Dew', that brought about God's blessing and fulfilled His will.

8 Practice Morning Dew (Ruth) Character Development that Calls and Shares Blessings

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change (James 1:17)

Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? (James 3:11)

Jesus: Matthew 5:3–12 (8 Blessings)

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1) Who am I

209 New creation, priests

Believers in Jesus are new creations, chosen by God. This choice is not influenced by any angel, human recommendation, or the result of their own achievements.

Born-again Saints:

- ✓ Redeemed by the blood of the only begotten Jesus Christ.
- ✓ Born again by the eternal Word.
- ✓ Received the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.
- ✓ Adopted into the family of the Creator God.
- ✓ Protected by the power of the risen Lord.
- ✓ Fellowship with God.
- ✓ Have an eternal inheritance in Jesus Christ.
- ✓ Became the bride of Jesus Christ.
- ✓ Became friends of Christ.
- ✓ Became the living temple of God.
- ✓ Became priests and part of His kingdom.
- ✓ Received the promise that the Lord will do whatever they pray for in Jesus' name.

Do I possess the eyes to see, the ears to hear, and the heart to comprehend its significance in my life? Do I truly relish my existence as a new creation while glorifying God? Born-again believers are unique entities in this world. If they fail to detach themselves from worldly influences, they risk not reaching Heaven as their ultimate destination. God places little importance on things that are visible or crafted by human hands.

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. (Jn 15:16)

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. (1 Pet 2:9)

210 God remain faithful, not changing

God is merciful and patient, seeking out souls that are distressed and repentant for their sins. He does not break the bruised reed, nor does He snuff out the smoldering wick. His desire is for all to repent, return, and be saved from eternal destruction. The Lord remains constant - the same yesterday, today, and forever, never deceiving and always truthful. God's Word is unchanging; His promise is steadfast. Enter the presence of the Almighty through prayers of faith, fulfilling the desires He instills in you. He leads us to victory through Christ. Walk in faith with the Lord.

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,

Neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the Heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from Heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my Word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. (Isa 55:6-11)

So that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. (Heb 6:8)

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. (Heb 13:8)

211 Search yourself

If you cannot see yourself, you cannot see God.

If you can see yourself, you can find God.

Can I discern whether my thoughts come from God, the Holy Spirit, or from another spirit, such as Satan? Do I recognize the consequences when I go astray? Become one who hears the Word, gain wisdom, and abundance from it. Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.

By this, you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.

Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore, they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this, we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error. (1 Jn4:1-6)

Thus says the Lord of hosts: Do not listen to the Words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the Lord. (Je 23:16)

212 Check your motivation

Do you have a pure heart?

Am I a clean vessel?

Do you have a clear purpose?

Is it a good intention?

Do you focus on eternal things in prayer?

Is it for the glory of God?

Is it about becoming one through the Word and obedience?

Examine your heart and pray again.

Is it for my benefit?

Is it for my advantage?

Is it for my honor?

Is it for my name?

Are you falling into temptation?

Are you leaning to one side or the other?

Are you doing what you like?

Avoid making judgments based solely on appearances. Exercise caution and avoid hasty decisions; not all that glitters is gold. Receiving the Word does not guarantee an absence of challenges. In fact, it is often after such moments that we face the most difficult trials. The promise of the Word is not to keep us away from life's waters or fires, but to guide us through them.

But now thus says the Lord,
He who created you, O Jacob,
He who formed you, O Israel:
Fear not, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; When you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you.
(Isa 43:1-3)

213 Think your activity

- 1) A builder of Heaven, or a destroyer?
- 2) A learning attitude, or a teaching attitude?
- 3) Through love, or through hate?
- 4) Sharing what one has, or being greedy?
- 5) Loyalty, or betrayal?
- 6) Following the wisdom of Words, or following my own way?
- 7) Self-sacrificing, or selfish?
- 8) Investing, or speculating?
- 9) Fair, or unfair?
- 10) Honest, or dishonest?
- 11) A virgin, or a prostitute?

Consider the path you are walking on today.

You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in Heaven. (Matt 5:13-16)

For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? You therefore must be perfect, as your Heavenly Father is perfect. (Matt 5:46-48)

2) Where am I

214 Trust the Lord in all situation

In Christ, new life is a continuous journey toward the Promised Land. I need to recognize the paths I am traversing. Am I at a standstill, like standing before the Red Sea, where neither advancing nor retreating is possible? What did the Israelites do when they faced the Red Sea during the Exodus, and what did God do? Am I trying to fight with my own strength against adversaries like the strong and fearsome Egyptian army?

God does not always explain how to confront enemies; that responsibility belongs to God. We are not called to expect a detailed battle plan from God but rather to believe, wait, listen, and obey. By guiding us through these situations, God seeks to be glorified through our obedience. Such obedience, trust, and faith are what God desires from us. Yet, God is preparing wonders beyond our imagination. The work of the world is done by ardor, but the work of God is accomplished through faith and obedience. We must diligently obey, guided by the Word.

For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal. (2 Cor 4:17-18)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. (2 Cor 5:17)

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Heb 4:16)

In all your ways acknowledge him, and He will make straight your paths. (Pr 3:6)

215 All must pass through wilderness

Where am I? Confronted by the sea ahead and a vast army in pursuit, I find myself trapped, unable to move either forward or backward. Why must we endure such struggles in the wilderness, and how can we navigate through them? Each of us must journey through our own personal wilderness; there are no exceptions. Like pilgrims journeying towards the Promised Land, traversing the wilderness is an inevitable part of our path.

The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the Lord swore to give to your fathers. And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every Word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the Lord your God disciplines you. (Deut 8:1-4)

For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith (Rom 1:17)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones. (Pr 3:5-8)

216 What is my current address

Rely on God and pray persistently until He acts. He is the supreme God of all, the true and almighty Creator of Heaven and earth, and my steadfast protector.

True obedience involves revering God's Word. Devotion and faith testify to victory, while obedience enables the experience of His living Word. Remember that God's work is accomplished through obedience.

"Where am I?" can be discerned by what my mouth speaks, as it reveals the state of my heart. If peace eludes your heart, seek it diligently through prayer and ask for guidance from the Holy Spirit.

But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person. But to eat with unwashed hands does not defile anyone. (Mt 15:18-20)

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. (Act 8:26-28)

And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. (Act 8:39)

3) Conquer yourself

217 My mind is like a Jericho

If conquering Jericho (myself) is what I must do, then the presence of God is not optional. God is in Heaven and resides within the spirits of those who repent and turn to Him. Let us not be like the Israelites in the wilderness, who doubted despite witnessing miracles. They forgot God's omnipotent and merciful hand, which had freed them from slavery, and His love and power. In difficult situations, they merely complained, grumbled, and blamed their leaders. Their 'slave mentality' persisted.

Repent. Amend. Renew. Open the door to blessings through faith. Faith can transform everything. Our sinful nature is like gravity, always pulling us away from striving towards God's holiness. Only the presence of God brings complete victory. Other methods are merely temporary measures that require constant adjustment.

Israel served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua and had known all the work that the Lord did for Israel. (Josh 24:31)

From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of Heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. (Mt 11:12)

As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom 8:36-39)

218 The most difficult battle field - self

After becoming a child of God, the first battle you must fight and win is against yourself. This internal war is inescapable; success and victory are impossible without confronting it.

The most challenging battlefield is like Jericho—it's oneself. However, if you know how to win this inner battle, subsequent challenges will become easier. My old self and previous identity will persist in attempts to undermine me, along with external adversaries, until I fully entrust and relinquish my former self to the Holy Spirit in faith.

And the Lord said to Joshua, See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king and mighty men of valor. You shall march around the city, all the men of war going around the city once. Thus shall you do for six days.

Seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. On the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. (Joshua 6:2-4)

From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of Heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. (Mt 11:12)

We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. (1 Jn 5:19-20)

219 Only the Word brings victory

The presence of the living God, who has overcome the world, is the only force that can protect me from the enemy and lead me to victory. Invite the Lord and partake in the living water He provides. Remember, your old self was crucified with Jesus Christ on the cross. God is not confined to the past, nor can He change it. The future is not here yet, so there's no need to worry. God is present today. Invite Him to walk with you and live for the Lord today. The presence of Christ, who has overcome the world, is the only means to defeat the sinful nature that persistently tries to drag us down, like gravity.

Repent, recognize the Word in your thoughts, believe, and welcome Christ into your heart – the very battlefield of your current life – through prayer. Seek the treasures that the Lord bestows. Examine yourself and declare the Word. Those who obey, believe, and practice will experience the profound power of the living Word. This is the promise of the unchanging, living God, the creator of the Heavens and the earth. The loving Father God does not give His children unnecessary trials. Difficult times are opportunities to draw closer to the Lord.

Therefore, let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. (Ps 32:6)

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. (Ps 34:7-10)

And, we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. (Rom 8:28)

4) Purpose of Life

220 Purpose of life

Why do we study?

Why should we care about our health?

Why do we need to make money?

Why do we do business?

Why should we obey God's commandments?

If the end is death, why should we work hard?

We need to know the purpose of life

Am I living for myself or for Christ today? Am I acting as God has commanded? Am I obeying with a joyful heart? Am I allowing Christ to manifest through me? Success achieved by ignoring the will of the Lord is akin to building Sodom and Gomorrah, symbolizing efforts devoid of divine guidance. Today, I should reflect on my purpose. Believing in and following the law of righteousness empowers you, granting strength akin to an eagle soaring through the clouds. Serve God, empowered by the Holy Spirit. Be humble in the Lord; do not trust in human strength but believe in the power of the resurrected Jesus Christ.

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary; His understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might He increases strength.

Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary;

they shall walk and not faint. (Isa 40:28-31)

For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? (1 John 5:4-5)

221 Faithful attitude

- a) Thank you, Lord, for adopting me as your child
- b) Thank you for redeeming me from sin
- c) Thank you for justifying me in Christ
- d) Thank you for granting me eternal life
- e) Contemplating what pleases the Lord
- f) Acknowledging the Lord's presence in all
- g) Relying on God, not on myself
- h) Not being arrogant
- i) Fearing the Lord and departing from evil
- j) Serving the Lord with my possessions
- k) Separate and offering the proper first fruits
- l) Meditating on and keeping the Lord's commandments

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil. (1 Thes 5:16-22)

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things (Phil 4:8)

And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, (1 Pet 1:17)

5) Accomplish desires, in the Lord

222 Indebted to many

Let us remember the sacrifices of those who have helped shape who I am today and reflect on those who guided me to my current position. Believing that one's philosophy is always right, superior to others, and insisting on doing everything in one's own way, is a grave sin against both God and people. Sin arises when one follows their own heart instead of God's will, creating distance from God. God delights in building, not destroying. We must confess our foolishness and approach the Lord with humble hearts, meditating on His Words day and night. Let's build an altar of worship, as Abraham did, and experience the blessings of the victorious Lord by seeking His will for our lives.

The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me; to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!" (Ps 50:23)

The people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise. (Isa 43:21)

But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. (2 Tim 3:1-5)

For my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water. (Je 2:13)

223 Accomplish His will in your prayer

When the profound joy of deeply knowing God fills your heart, strive to deepen and further experience this joy. Recall the promise, 'If you remain in me and my Words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you' (John 15:7). Avoid worry and anxiety. Instead, reflect on God's presence in your current situation. Pray about how He may guide you through it and patiently await His response. Contemplate how He might work through it, and await the answer with patience.

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the Word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my Words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. (Jn 15:1-7)

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another. (Jn 15:16-17)

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my Words will not pass away. (Mt 24:35)

224 Carefully and cautiously

Act with great care and handle things cautiously, as if constructing a tall building on water. Thoroughly review and check your plans, ensuring they align with the instructions outlined in the Word of God. Meticulously plan for all situations, considering every possible outcome.

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. (Josh 1:8)

So the men took some of their provisions, but did not ask counsel from the Lord. (Josh 9:14)

Go through, go through the gates; prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway; clear it of stones; lift up a signal over the peoples. (Isa 62:10)

Plans are established by counsel; by wise guidance wage war (Pr 20:18)

Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established. (Pr 16:3)

Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you. Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure. Do not swerve to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil. (Pr 4:25-27)

What the wicked dreads will come upon him, but the desire of the righteous will be granted. (Pr 10:24)

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and whoever captures souls is wise. (Pr 11:30)

There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death. (Pr 14:12)

The reward for humility and fear of the Lord is riches and honor and life. (Pr 22:4)

Desire without knowledge is not good, and whoever makes haste with his feet misses his way. For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under Heaven: (Pr 19:2, Ecc 3:1)

6) Nurture your character

225 Being well-governed is not about policies or technology, but rather about character

Govern all things with wisdom that comes from God. The standard of God's governance is fairness and justice. When there are many righteous people, it means abundant blessings bear fruit.

The kingdom of Christ is not temporary, but eternal and blessed. It cannot be achieved by the ways of the world or through good deeds alone. Jesus holds all power in Heaven and earth. Follow Christ, who bestows mercy with that power. Cultivate the character of Christ as both King and Priest.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. (1Pet 2:9-10)

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. (Rev1:6)

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them, The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

"So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them." (Num 6:22-27)

226 The Power of Salt

Purity itself plays the role of power

The power of salt, a metaphor for spiritual purity, is not found in our actions, but in the purity of Christ. To live as salt means to embrace the fullness of the Holy Spirit and to gain wisdom through knowing Christ. This way of living manifests its power through purity. By embodying this purity, we are protected from the powers of darkness.

You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. (Mt 5:13)

Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person. (Col 4:5-6)

Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us. (1Jn3:21-24)

227 The joy of the Lord

What brings joy? Consider if God finds joy when we delight in our activities. If God truly rejoices in our work, it could indicate a true calling, characterized by profound joy and peace. This is akin to a master who finds joy not just in the servant's work, but in the servant's obedience and dedication. Similarly, our joyous obedience to God's commands can be a testament to our faith. After completing all that the Lord commands, we should humbly recognize our role, saying, 'I am an unworthy servant; I have merely done my duty.' This admission should emerge sincerely from the depths of our heart. Joyful obedience is crucial to manifest the Holy Spirit's work in our lives. We must not overlook even the smallest tasks but perform them with utmost care. When our actions align with God's will, the answers to our petitions will become clear. Consider the depth of our belief in His Word and the openness with which we discuss God's great deeds. Ultimately, the joy we derive from our activities and the fulfillment of our duties may serve as the most significant testament to our faith and calling, answering the initial query of what truly brings joy.

That whoever believes in him may have eternal life. (Jn 3:15)

"God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." (Jn 4:24)

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thes 5:16-18)

Eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Eph 4:3)

And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. (Heb 11:6)

If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it. If you love me, you will keep my commandments (Jn 14:14-15)

228 Discern between right and wrong

Many people live without discernment. It is crucial to learn how to distinguish between truth and falsehood, fact and fiction, love and hate, justice and injustice, and investment and gambling. This understanding helps to free oneself from destructive influences. Jesus warned the scribes and Pharisees to gather the good grain and enter the kingdom of Heaven. He, who spoke the Word, is the living God and the soon-returning King of kings. It's important to fear the Lord God and heed His Word. God cherishes those who follow, keep, read, and practice His Word.

For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. (Mt 15:19)

They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless (Rom 1:29-31)

Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. (2Tim3:2-6)

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. (Col3:5)

229 Question of the mature

Why do we ask questions? What is the purpose of questions? Consider the differences between the questions Nathanael and Nicodemus asked Jesus. Nicodemus inquired about how an old person can be born again, while Nathanael questioned how Jesus knew him. God sees everything. When engaging with the Word, praying, or seeking God, it's important to let go of preconceptions and approach with a mature attitude and posture, fully reverent to God. Avoid approaching like a child.

Seek to understand how God wants you to come to Him. Approach the most revered and beloved God with an appropriate attitude, and be ready to receive His promises and responses. Fear God and love Him deeply. Remember, debates often lead to more debates, not answers. God is not seeking our opinions or assessing if we have done our best. He asks whether we are following His Word. This is because only the actions of the invisible, omnipotent Creator of all things, the Lord of all, and the one and only God are perfect. God queries whether we have acted according to His Word, believed, and obeyed. The record of our lives and history shows that we reap what we sow.

Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" (Jn3:4)

Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." (Jn1:48)

O Lord, you have searched me and known me!
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar. You
search out my path and my lying down and
are acquainted with all my ways. Even before
a Word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you
know it altogether. (Ps 139:1-4)

They were judged, each one of them,
according to what they had done. (Rev 20:13b)

230 Wisdom to save time

Cherish and protect time given to me

Time flows in one direction, irrevocable and relentless. Like 'morning dew,' it transforms based on its use: nourishing growth in one instance, fostering decay in another. My life's worth hinges on how I utilize this time. What frustrates me? Identifying this can ignite my passion. By contemplating, planning, and nurturing my desires, I can optimize my time. Through this, I may find grace from God and others, glorifying God with my efforts' fruits.

What frustrates me? Find what can strengthen my passion. Think about it, plan it, nurture my desires, and maximize the given time. In doing so, receive grace from God and people and glorify God with the fruits of my labor.

Opportunity does not wait

While God awaits the sinner's repentance, opportunities for change are ephemeral. Hence, seize every chance for repentance, fully embracing and preparing for the opportunities that arise

Happy are you who sow beside all waters,
who let the feet of the ox and the donkey
range free (Isa 32:20)

The ants are a people not strong, yet they
provide their food in the summer; (Pr 30:25)

How long will you lie there, O sluggard?
When will you arise from your sleep? A
little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding
of the hands to rest, and poverty will come
upon you like a robber, and want like an
armed man. (Pr 6:9-11)

And this is the confidence that we have
toward him, that if we ask anything
according to his will he hears us. And if we
know that he hears us in whatever we ask,
we know that we have the requests that we
have asked of him. (1Jn 5:14-15)

7) Review the day before sleep

231 Peaceful sleep

Before retiring for the night, take a moment in the embrace of the Holy Spirit to reflect upon your day. Assess whether you've followed the path of righteousness, upheld your faith, and faced challenges with integrity. Seek forgiveness for any mistakes, rectify them, and learn from them. Lay all your concerns at the feet of the Lord. Concluding the day with a prayer ensures peaceful slumber and a fortified spirit.

Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. (Eph 4:26-27)

But know that the Lord has set apart the godly for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him. Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent. (Ps 4:3-4)

When I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night; for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy. My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me. (Ps 63:6-8)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Phil 4:6-7)

Casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. (1 Pet 5:7)

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble. (Mt 6:33-34)

232 Maintain the purity of salt

"Me and my house will serve only the Lord."

1. Do you meditate on the Word of God and await for the Lord's return?
2. Are you living according to the Word, without swaying to the left or right?
3. My body is the temple of God; are you purifying your body and mind through repentance?
4. Are you praying for the souls who have lost hope?
5. Are you keeping the Ten Commandments in the love of Christ?
6. Are you practicing meekness, humility, and patience in your walk with the Lord?
7. Do you speak of what God will do, by faith?

The power to be the salt of the world is not in what I do, but in preserving the purity of Christ within me.

You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. (Mt 5:13)

Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person. (Col 4:6)

Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another. (Mk 9:50)

You shall season all your grain offerings with salt. You shall not let the salt of the covenant with your God be missing from your grain offering; with all your offerings you shall offer salt. (Lev 2:13)

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1) Two way

233 Choice is mine not the consequence

We face choices of obedience and disobedience. Believing in Christ means recognizing and striving to follow His teachings. It is said that Heaven awaits those who heed God's will. Indeed, faith without deeds resembles a dormant seed, yielding no fruit. Genuine faith should manifest itself in our actions. Can we truly approach the Almighty with passive belief? Do we genuinely walk in the footsteps of Jesus? For those who stray, what tactics might Satan employ? Disobedience is akin to deliberately turning away from God's illuminated path. What fate befalls those who defy God's will? Consider the lessons from the parable of the talents, where talents are wasted or multiplied. Do I merely hear the Word, or do I actively enact its teachings in my life? Are my actions motivated by self-interest or by genuine love for God? God has provided guidance, and the choice to heed or ignore it rests with me. God's boundless love remains steadfast, regardless of my choice. However, there is no reward for disobedience.

And to this people you shall say: Thus says the Lord: Behold, I set before you the way of life and the way of death. (Je21:8)

There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death. (Pr14:12)

See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse: the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you today, and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside from the way that I am commanding you today, to go after other gods that you have not known. (Deut 11:26-28)

234 Pathway for the chosen

In life, there are two distinct paths: one driven by our desires, and the other guided by God's will. Merely professing belief in Jesus and attending church doesn't guarantee alignment with God's will. Being driven by personal desires renders our faith superficial, hardly distinguishable from those without faith. Not all actions taken within the Church or in the Lord's name are inherently righteous. Similarly, seeking personal glory in faith mirrors the hubris of the Tower of Babel story. The Bible states that prioritizing our will over God's is sinful. Sin, therefore, creates a chasm between us and God. Living a life detached from the Word and devoid of faith is the epitome of sin.

For my people have committed two evils: They have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water. (Je 2:13)

The faith that you have, keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the one who has no reason to pass judgment on himself for what he approves.

But whoever has doubts is condemned if he eats, because the eating is not from faith. For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin. (Rom 14:22-23)

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. (Rom 6:12-13)

235 Like and love

Understanding and cherishing God are indeed distinct concepts, and distinguishing between them is crucial. Truly appreciating Christ involves recognizing the profound depth of His sacrifice, as He gave His life out of love for humanity. This profound love evokes a heartfelt response from believers. Driven by their deep love for God, genuine believers not only live by His Word, embodying compassion and seeking righteousness but also demonstrate unwavering faith and obedience. This devotion distinctly sets them apart from the secular world.

I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary. But I have this against you that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. (Rev 2:3-5)

And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the Word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. (Rev 12:11)

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. (Rom 12:9)

236 Conditional blessing

Naomi discovered that God had blessed His people in Israel, which inspired her to return to her hometown with Ruth. This journey mirrors the miraculous provision of manna in the wilderness, symbolizing that God's blessings can manifest even in challenging times. To fully appreciate the extent of these divine provisions, a thorough study of both the Old and New Testaments is crucial. Such study helps us discern the conditions of His blessings and understand His promises. It is through steadfast faith that we can access these blessings, leading to a transformative impact on our lives. In particular, the Gospel of John offers a profound revelation of Christ, calling us to persevere in our faith journey. As we bear fruits in our lives, we do more than receive God's blessings; we also glorify Him.

And if you faithfully obey the voice of the Lord your God, being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out. (Deut 28:1, 6)

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my Word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life. (Jn5:24)

Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. (1Jn3:21-22)

237 Faith produce obedience

We must continually reflect upon whether we are truly adhering to the teachings and treading the path of righteousness. It is essential to assess the choices we make, the doors we open, and the paths we embark upon. Falling prey to greed not only diverts us from the righteous path, but can also inflict pain on others. Hence, it is pivotal to understand our place within God's grand design and make conscious choices that align with His purpose.

When our lives are firmly rooted in faith and teachings, it becomes evident through our deeds. Remember, our bodies are sanctuaries for the Holy Spirit. By keeping them pure and healthy, we not only prepare ourselves to be instruments of God's will but also navigate these turbulent times with clarity and purpose, staying true to the divine plan.

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. (James 1:17)

For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead. (James 2:26)

For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Do all things without grumbling or disputing, (Phil 2:13-14)

Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable. Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work. (2 Tim 2:20-21)

238 Do all “normal way”

Striving for excellence in one's field is commendable, but resorting to immoral or unethical means undermines true success. When one's actions deviate from ethical or morally justifiable norms, it is essential to pause, reassess, and correct one's course. Just as Jacob and his mother Rebecca sought to accomplish God's will but deviated by choosing their own paths, leading to consequences—they never saw each other again—this story serves as a lesson to remain true to the course set by God. One should diligently work to align their actions and decisions with God's guidance and purpose. This ensures that our efforts are in harmony with a higher moral and ethical standard.

Rebecca never seen her beloved son Jacob again in her life

But the Words of Esau her older son were told to Rebekah. So she sent and called Jacob her younger son and said to him, “Behold, your brother Esau comforts himself about you by planning to kill you. (Gen27:42)

- **David's improper decision caused death of Uzzah**

And when they came to the threshing floor of Chidon, Uzzah put out his hand to take hold of the ark, for the oxen stumbled.

And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Uzzah, and he struck him down because he put out his hand to the ark, and he died there before God.

And David was angry because the Lord had broken out against Uzzah. And that place is called Perez-uzza to this day. (1Chr 13:9-11)

239 Entrust the Holy Spirit

Instead of fretting over drawing conclusions, place your trust in the guidance of the Holy Spirit. In matters of faith, avoid relying solely on your knowledge, experience, thoughts, and common sense. Genuine faith goes beyond the mere intellectual understanding of the Lord God. Cultivate a spiritual connection, follow the lead of the Holy Spirit, and earnestly pursue being filled with His presence.

Everyone then who hears these Words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these Words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it. (Matt 7:24-27)

For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. (Heb 4:2)

Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work. (2Tim2:21)

Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; (1Jn3:21)

And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. (Heb11:6)

240 Blessed path of faith

Do not judge hastily, but examine carefully where, how, and when faith originated, and from whom it comes according to the Word. Observe the open path of faith that is bestowed by God. God desires the work of faith. His blessings cannot be bought with money. Blessings from Heaven are granted solely through the path of faith. Therefore, become a person of faith. Faith is a great gift given by God. The Word brings about miracles and signs. Through my faith, the Word is fulfilled.

Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. (James 1:16-17)

Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" (Jn 11:40)

He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you." (Mt 17:20)

If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up. (Dan 3:17-18)

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. (Gal 5:16-17)

241 Whose work is this?

The achievements I attain through my own thoughts and resources are mine; they do not reflect the glory of God. Only the tasks accomplished through God's power truly belong to Him. Strive to complete your work with the strength provided by God. Engage actively in the race of faith. Trust that God will equip you for this journey. Before beginning, ensure that the task is indeed aligned with God's will.

Have you not brought this upon yourself by forsaking the Lord your God, when he led you in the way? (Je 2:17)

Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. (Pr 16:18)

There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death. (Pr 14:12)

I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary. But I have this against you that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. (Rev 2:3-5)

An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. (2 Tim 2:5)

And when they came to the threshing floor of Chidon, Uzzah put out his hand to take hold of the ark, for the oxen stumbled. And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Uzzah, and he struck him down because he put out his hand to the ark, and he died there before God. (1 Ch13:9-10)

Arise, flee to Laban my brother in Haran and stay with him a while, until your brother's fury turns away—until your brother's anger turns away from you, and he forgets what you have done to him. (Gen 27:43b-44)

242 Press on to take hold that held

Do not construct monuments destined to crumble, as the Tower of Babel did. Imagine how enduring our legacy could be if we dedicated such efforts to the risen Lord instead. Embracing 'normal life,' 'genuine worship,' 'authentic fellowship,' and 'true sanctity' means consistently seeking the essence of what Christ has already gifted us through His sacrifice. When we address Christ as 'Rabboni' (John 20:16) with a heart full of gratitude, it reveals our readiness to fully embrace the love of Christ. This understanding deepens the meaning of Paul's proclamation: 'I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.'

That I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. (Ph 3:10-14)

Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). (Jn 20:15-16)

Blessed is the one who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting beside my doors. For whoever finds me finds life and obtains favor from the Lord, (Pr 8:34-35)

L. VICTORY AND SUCCESS

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243 Success through victory

Plan everything in harmony with the Word of God. By faithfully adhering to His commandments, you can triumph in every endeavor, just as Joshua did. Remember, it is God's presence that ensures victory. The true nature of success and victory is not just in winning battles, but in understanding and applying the Word. Embrace this understanding to receive His blessings. Cherish these blessings and always recognize the source of your victory—where true success is rooted. Bear fruit in your endeavors with the fervor of first love, demonstrating both obedience and patience.

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. (Josh 1:8)

If you turn at my reproof, behold, I will pour out my spirit to you; I will make my Words known to you. (Prov 1:23)

The reward for humility and fear of the Lord is riches and honor and life. (Prov 22:4)

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. (Ps 1:1-3)

The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. (Rev 3:21)

The blessing of the Lord makes rich, and he adds no sorrow with it. (Pr 10:22)

244 Whose glory

Success solely derived from wealth is fleeting, and often emphasizes individual achievements. In contrast, success rooted in God's might stands as a testament to His divine works, celebrating His glory. This dichotomy prompts a reflective question: Whose glory are we striving to amplify? Achievements rooted in worldly riches are temporary, whereas those achieved through God's grace offer an eternal reward. We should thoughtfully use the gifts and talents bestowed upon us by God, pondering deeply: By whose strength do we operate? In whose power, then, should we anchor our aspirations? We must remain steadfast in hope, conscious that the end of our journey is near. Let us set our goals with hearts full of gratitude and songs of praise. Reflecting on this, 'You reap what you sow.' Therefore, let us pursue goals that are guided by Scripture and strengthened by faith in the Holy Spirit.

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love. (Gal 5:6)

Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. (Gal 6:7-10)

The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the Lord; he turns it wherever he will. (Pr 21:1-2)

245 Joshua's strategy and prayer

Act with wisdom and seize every opportunity. Craft a pragmatic approach, always mindful of the perfect timing. And as you seek business partners, never underestimate the power of prayer. Recall that Joshua combined strategy with the strength of prayer.

Reflect on these questions:

- Have I truly believed and trusted?
- Did I heed the guidance provided?
- Was any time wasted?
- Have I been generous in sharing?
- Were my actions motivated by love?

Prepare to address these queries before God on Judgment Day. We are chosen by God; our responsibility is unwavering loyalty to Him.

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." And Joshua commanded the officers of the people, "Pass through the midst of the camp and command the people, 'Prepare your provisions, for within three days you are to pass over this Jordan to go in to take possession of the land that the Lord your God is giving you to possess.'" And to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh Joshua said, "Remember the Word that Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, saying, 'The Lord your God is providing you a place of rest and will give you this land.' Your wives, your little ones, and your livestock shall remain in the land that Moses gave you beyond the Jordan, but all the men of valor among you shall pass over armed before your brothers and shall help them, until the Lord gives rest to your brothers as he has to you, and they also take possession of the land that the Lord your God is giving them. Then you shall return to the land of your possession and shall possess it, the land that Moses the servant of the Lord gave you beyond the Jordan toward the sunrise." (Josh1:9-15)

246 Check these for purpose

- 1) Define your goals clearly and act promptly.
- 2) Before planning, seek expert advice and conduct thorough research.
- 3) Visualize your goal and draft a strategic plan.
- 4) Condense your strategies into a concise, one-page summary.
- 5) Collaborate with the right individuals and cultivate team synergy.
- 6) Seek the counsel of God through prayer.
- 7) Pray and, await divine direction.
- 8) Reflect upon your motivations and acknowledge the power guiding you.
- 9) Prioritize equipping “Morning Dew disciple” over numerical achievements.
- 10) Always be mindful of the underprivileged, the poor, orphans, and the sick.
- 11) Differentiate between “aid” and “the call.”
- 12) Be open-minded, and do not confine God to our understanding.
- 13) Allow divine direction to shape priorities instead of relying solely on personal judgment.
- 14) Tackle challenges with an open heart, beginning with attainable tasks.

Always remember that God’s providence was ever-present, preparing a path ahead in the wilderness. Actions not rooted in the Word lack longevity and purpose. Be vigilant, as endeavors not grounded in the Word will be exploited by adversaries.

Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you. Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure. Do not swerve to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil. (Pr 4:25)

Plans are established by counsel; by wise guidance wage war. (Pr 20:18)

247 Upholds the universe by the Word of His power

Today, the eternal Word of Christ steadfastly upholds all of creation. Without the intervention of Holy Spirit, recognizing Jesus as Lord would remain elusive. When an individual declares Jesus as their Lord, they shift from a path leading to death to eternal life. For the believer, the Holy Spirit, gift from Christ, dwells within their hearts.

Embrace the risen Savior

In following the resurrected Christ, radiant light dispels the deepest shadows. As this divine luminescence spreads, it causes all ambiguity to recede. Where there was once spiritual dormancy, there now flourishes a spirit of righteousness. The breath of divine life revives dormant hopes, setting them ablaze with a renewed passion.

But in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the Word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, (Heb 1:2-3)

Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. (1Jn 4:15-16)

The Lord has made everything for its purpose, even the wicked for the day of trouble. (Pr 16:4)

248 A humble beginning, magnificent end

Avoid trying to secure faith only through knowledge, experience, reason, money, or common sense. Rather than relying on worldly logic, follow God's guidance. In this pursuit, even if the beginning seems insignificant, God magnifies the end result. The humble beginnings of Abraham's faith journey expanded into a lasting influence that continues even today. As we live in challenging times, we must practice both caution and patience. We are often tempted by the enemy to act hastily and foolishly. Let's discern the right times and seize God's blessed opportunities.

And when the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife.' Then they will kill me, but they will let you live. (Gen 12:12)

He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of Heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." (Mt 13:31-32)

Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man. (Pr 3:3-4)

The way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know over what they stumble. (Pr 4:19)

Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure. Do not swerve to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil. (Pr 4:26-27)

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. (1 Pet 5:8-9)

249 Far greater than imagination

Have I ever experienced the goodness of God? Nature, through its ordered complexity, reveals the beauty, love, and power of God. In history, nature, within my heart, and in relationships with the saints, I see the Holy Spirit of God at work in both good and bad times. Those who yearn for the eternal kingdom are not those who chase wealth or money, but those who live in accordance with the Word of God. To acknowledge the existence of God is to recognize something that far surpasses our imagination. This is akin to feeling a love that is deep, wide, intense, and overwhelming, yet realizing that it cannot be fully expressed in Words.

I prayed to the Lord my God and made confession, saying, "O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, (Dan 9:4)

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying, Fear not, I am the first and the last, (Rev 1:17)

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the Heavens. (Ps 8:1)

I love you, O Lord, my strength. (Ps 18:1)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! (Ps 103:1)

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! (Ps 118:1)

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. (Ps 145:1)

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1) Do all with the power of LOVE

250 LOVE shines as light

The Bible teaches that among faith, hope, and love, the greatest is love. It tells us that even if we possess the gift of prophecy, all knowledge, and have faith that can move mountains, without love, these are all meaningless. This is because God is love, and therefore, actions devoid of love do not please Him. Dedication to humanity is not exclusive to any one faith; it is found among Muslims, Buddhists, and even among those who do not subscribe to any religious belief. What motivates action is different.

Those who are born of the Spirit, often referred to as saints, are called to live within God's love and to experience it. We reflect the light of Christ to others by sharing the God's love that we have experienced. We might ask ourselves if we truly understand this love. Loving the Lord involves joyfully obeying His Word. It's important to explore how love begins, what nurtures it, and what factors hinder or destroy it, recognizing these negative influences as tools of Satan. Indeed, love is a divine gift bestowed upon us from Heaven.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. (1 Jn 4:7-8)

For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. (Ezk 34:11-12)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. (1 Cor 13:7)

251 Make His enemy a footstool

Loving God requires wholehearted and sincere effort in all we do. This love is the greatest and highest gift, fulfilling the law. Love should embody sanctity, achieved through adherence to the Word. Thus, love without action is lifeless and unfruitful. The love described in 1 Corinthians 13 manifests as a gift through actions, not merely through knowledge. This love shows its fruitfulness on Earth. It is a divine gift and power, flowing from above through our belief and obedience.

And if you faithfully obey the voice of the Lord your God, being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. (Deut 28:1)

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of Heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in Heaven. (Mt 7:21)

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble. (Mt 6:33-34)

You therefore must be perfect, as your Heavenly Father is perfect. (Mt 5:48)

And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the Word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. (Rev 12:11)

But earnestly desire the higher gifts. (1 Cor 12:31)

252 Satan doesn't know work in love.

The devil may devise grand schemes and accomplish great things, yet he cannot act out of love. He neither knows nor can comprehend what true love is. Satan will not count the hairs on our heads, and unless we speak out loud, he doesn't know our thoughts. Do you understand why it's important to guard your tongue? In contrast, God speaks with love and knows us in great detail. He understands my thoughts from afar, knows when I sit down and when I rise up. Therefore, ask God for guidance in every aspect of your life. In all that you do, adhere to the commandment to 'Love one another as I have loved you.' This sets it apart from other religious or social tenets, demonstrating that it is a principle of the living God.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a Word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether (Ps 139:2-4)

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." (Mt 4:8-9)

From the fruit of a man's mouth his stomach is satisfied; he is satisfied by the yield of his lips. (Pr 18:20)

And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. (James 3:6)

Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him. (Jn 14:21)

253 Word is love

Love the Lord and love your neighbor as yourself. This is the foremost commandment, contained in the Word of God. Understanding and interpreting the Word with love means you have fully grasped its meaning. The law teaches the path of true love to those who embrace it. Indeed, God's Word is love itself.

But let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord. (Je 9:24)

For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. (Mal 3:6)

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, (2 Tim 3:16)

For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings. (Hos 6:6)

Were I to write for him my laws by the ten thousands, they would be regarded as a strange thing. (Hos 8:12)

And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Mt 22:37-39)

Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him. (Jn 14:21)

Jesus answered him, If anyone loves me, he will keep my Word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. (Jn 14:23)

254 Love is the most powerful force

The one who receives the power of love from above can overcome injustice, practice righteousness, and walk in the Holy Spirit. This love acknowledges that the entire world is under the reign of the resurrected Christ, recognizing the Lord in all things, giving thanks in all circumstances, and praying ceaselessly.

Loving our neighbors means working beyond the limits of time, place, and situation. People, created in the image of God, deserve respect, and this recognition leads us to look after each other with humility and love. A person who loves truly listens to the voice of the Holy Spirit, serves all with grace, befriends others to avoid evil, and shares necessities, always considers others and takes care not to hurt feelings, does not slander, and is not rude.

True love does not pursue selfish gains but helps others as if it were their own matter. It involves considering the circumstances of those being helped, discerning ways to assist them, and ensuring their feelings are not hurt. This is Christ's commandment: 'Love one another as I have loved you'.

So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. (Eph 3:17-19)

So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. (1 Jn 4:16)

255 Restore the first love

Seek and restore your first love through prayer, and experience the secret joy of a living sacrifice in true love. Until the sin leading to death (the byproduct of Adam's disobedience) entered the world, everything was good in the eyes of God. God resides in obedience, and nature has been following God's will since its creation. Even now, nature is obedient to God's command. Find the presence of God in nature. Do you have eyes to see the Word through God's love? Blessed is the one who has realized God's love or can understand that love in the Word. That person can become the morning dew, a joyful living sacrifice to the Lord.

This is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. (1 Jn 4:10)

For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. (1 Thes 5:9-10)

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Gal 2:20)

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. (Rom 12:9)

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, (1 Pet 1:22)

So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. (2 Cor 5:9)

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. (Jn13:34)

256 The Love is not measurable

The depth of love, pain, and joy is an intensely personal experience, unique to each individual, rendering any standard for comparison or measurement impossible. Even similar expressions of these emotions are completely understood only by those who experience them.

To dwell in God's love, one must immerse oneself in His Word. Believing in the Word means letting it take root within oneself. When the Word dwells within, one finds oneself enveloped in God's love, with Heaven also residing within. God epitomizes love. The Creator abounds in love. His love for us is not based on our worthiness but stems from His very nature, which is love itself.

But let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord. (Je 9:24)

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. (Jn 15:12-14)

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. (1 Jn 4:7-10)

2) The opposite of love is apathy

257 Apathy

Apathy is the absence of desire. What kind of results can one expect when working under the influence of such apathy? Indifference is choosing the middle ground. Therefore, the Lord said that He would spew it out. In contrast, working with the passion of first love brings joy and willing obedience, resulting in blessings. However, disobedience leads to curses. Whether in love or hatred, avoid being lukewarm. Instead, work with passion and fervor.

And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. (Rom 1:28)

For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. (Gal 6:8)

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? "I the Lord search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds." Like the partridge that gathers a brood that she did not hatch, so is he who gets riches but not by justice; in the midst of his days they will leave him, and at his end he will be a fool. (Je 17:9-11)

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, (Jn 1:12)

Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. (Rev 3:19)

Therefore I will hedge up her way with thorns, and I will build a wall against her, so that she cannot find her paths. (Hos 2:6)

258 Love is not pity, it's a gift

Love is a divine gift, bestowed from above. Ask for this divine gift in faith and prayer. As we follow His Word, God's love fills us, like warmth spreading through the soul. This love, distinct from worldly affections, reveals miracles and bears fruit that glorifies God. It offers wisdom and clarity, akin to the enriching salt and illuminating light. Find delight in obeying His Word and reveling in His presence. In His reign over life and death, God's love remains constant. Rather than debating the extent of one's faith, focus on those who actively practice love. Love is more than mere kindness. It is a gift of grace, born of obedience, with the power to rejuvenate the spirit. Therefore, devote yourself to loving the Lord throughout your life.

The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith (1 Tim 1:5)

For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control (2 Tim 1:7)

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love. (Gal 5:6)

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another. (Jn 15:16-17)

"If you abide in my Word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (Jn 8:31b-32)

259 True love and false love

True love and false love both exist. True love is that which flows unknowingly from above, uniting God and people as one. This spirit of love, the greatest gift of the Holy Spirit, transcends mere laws. Apostle Paul, once a fugitive, offered Onesimus not law, but a holy love filled with righteousness. We, too, should embrace this love of the cross. Miraculous powers emerge when one is filled with the Holy Spirit, and true love similarly arises solely from God's Heavenly power. Living in and obeying God's Word brings joy that can only be bestowed through His power, along with the generous gift of love. Helping others should transcend material sharing and be imbued with the spirit of love and service.

Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. (James 1:16-17)

I prayed to the Lord my God and made confession, saying, O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, (Dan 9:4)

It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The Words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. (Jn 6:63)

He answered, "Every plant that my Heavenly Father has not planted will be rooted up. Let them alone; they are blind guides. And if the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit." (Mt 15:13-14)

260 Ask and received when needed

The world gathers, stores, and then distributes resources. In contrast, God's work operates differently. It's not about accumulating a lot to store and distribute later. Instead, when we pray to God, we receive exactly what we need to fulfill His work at the precise moment it's needed. This process is about drawing from the Heavenly storehouse and sharing generously. The love we have received is not meant to be stored away. Reflect on why this approach contrasts with the world's ways. It stems from the loving heart of God, who sent His only Son, Jesus Christ. God will provide His power and love in accordance with our needs. Practice the cycle of asking, receiving, and then sharing.

And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every Word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. (Deut 8:2-4)

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble. (Mt 6:33-34)

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? (Rom 8:31-32)

261 Love is different from giving

Those who fill their hearts with Christ and share their blessings truly follow His Word. This is distinct from mere programmed distribution; it involves acting with genuine love. We must discern the righteous path in the Word and express love accordingly. Repentance is necessary for actions not aligned with the Word, and we should seek ways to help under its guidance. Assistance offered with a truthful and pure heart, though relying solely on our strength, can provide only temporary aid and may not lead to a genuine change of heart. In contrast, true love, imbued with God's power, has the ability to transform hearts. It fills them with the Spirit's fullness, enriching them deeply. This love, righteous and guided by the Spirit, enables us to overcome difficult and sorrowful times with joy. It inspires continual gratitude and praise. Such true love, a gift of the Holy Spirit, changes not only the heart but also saturates the soul with God's power. This is why love is the most potent and supreme gift of the Holy Spirit. The gift of love from above is robust and benevolent, standing resilient against the forces of evil.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. (Mt 5:8)

For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power. (1 Cor 4:20)

And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. (1 Cor 6:11)

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love. (Gal 5:6)

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love (1 Jn4:18)

262 Love is detail

God speaks in detail, exhibits patience through love, nurtures with affection, and guides us towards a life of abundance. In contrast, the devil boasts of grandeur, fosters greed, and leads to ruin. This prompts self-reflection: What guides me? What do I truly follow? True love involves attentive listening, ensuring nothing is missed. Do I listen with such attentiveness? Reflect on your initial experience of love.

In sharing love with family, is joy found only in grand gestures? Isn't there also happiness in the smaller moments? It's crucial to understand that God's heart resonates with this sentiment. We shouldn't perceive God solely as a figure to be feared, but as a friend, a benevolent deity with whom we can communicate openly and in detail. We should strive to walk in harmony with the Holy Spirit within us.

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand." (Mt 4:17)

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. (Phil 2:1-4)

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! (Ps 84:1)

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. (Ps 145:1)

You are my friends if you do what I command you. (Jn 15:14)

I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide (Jn 15:16m)

263 God desires a life without lack

Be self-sufficient. Do not beg.

God's love for us is not based on our achievements or merits; rather, it is because God embodies love itself. Understanding this, we should also love each other. We must not only express love in Words but become people who express love in actions. Let us allow God's love, which comes from above, to overflow through our lives.

Believe in God's love; Make clear the desire given in your heart; Have wisdom to discern the times; Find your way through the Word and prayer; Believe in His guidance and form a clear vision of self-sufficiency; Wait and prepare; Believe in His response; Do not miss the opportunity given; Enjoy victories through obedience and share the fruits; Give glory through independence; Fulfill your mission by nurturing independent disciples with gentle, refreshing guidance.

Go through, go through the gates; prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway; clear it of stones; lift up a signal over the peoples. (Isa 62:10)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. (Pr 3:5-6)

Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you. Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure. Do not swerve to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil. (Pr4:25-27)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Phil 4:6-7)

Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments; from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours. (Ps 110:3)

264 Mysteries of the heart

Serve with all your heart
 Even when you give away,
 The heart does not diminish.
 Even when you give away,
 The heart does not grow old.
 Even when you give away,
 The heart does not wear away.
 The more you give,
 The more it becomes abundant.
 The more you use it,
 The more it renews.
 If you don't give away your heart,
 It withers.
 If you don't give away your heart,
 It dries up.
 If you don't give away your heart,
 It fades.
 If you don't give away your heart,
 It hardens.

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. (Jn13:34-35)

Jesus answered him, if anyone loves me, he will keep my Word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my Words. And the Word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me. (Jn 14:23-24)

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. (1 Pet 2:9-10)

265 The last chance of love of God

Why do people facing the end of life often endure a period of great pain instead of passing away quickly? This time allows the individual's soul an opportunity to repent and thus enter the Kingdom of God. Don't miss this crucial opportunity; share the gospel with compassion, and guide them towards accepting God's Word with love.

In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. (2 Cor 4:4)

But what does it say? "The Word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the Word of faith that we proclaim);

Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him.

For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (Rom 10:8-13)

Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit. (1 Cor 12:3)

266 When in the love of God

When in the love of God,
 We do not judge.
 When in the love of God,
 We harbor no resentment.
 When in the love of God,
 We endure through all things.
 When in the love of God,
 We triumph over all.
 When in the love of God,
 We find abundance in all things.
 When in the love of God,
 We feel empowered in all.
 When in the love of God,
 We find peace in everything.

For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. (2 Tm 1:7)

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever. (1 Jn2:15-17)

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. (1 JN4:7-9)

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. (Jn 10:10)

The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith (1 Tim 1:5)

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. (1 Cor 13:7)

267 God is seeking the first Love

God seeks those who offer Him their 'first love', a profound and encompassing affection detailed in the Bible. This 'first love' reflects the breadth, depth, height, and length of personal experience, interlaced with themes of justice and judgment. Being a disciple of Christ means understanding and embodying the stature and individuality of a priest-king, a role that requires contemplation and dedication. It is crucial to avoid using the Word for self-exaltation; rather, we should engage in deep prayer to contribute to the establishment of the Kingdom of God. Experience the joy that springs from this 'first love', a love that inspires obedience to God's commands. As disciples, we are called to extend this love to our neighbors and even to our enemies, following Christ's teachings of universal love and compassion.

But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. (1 Cor 2:7-11)

But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father ^{is} seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth. (Jn 4:23-24)

May have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. (Eph 3:18-19)

268 Heart loves the Lord

The heart that loves the Lord rejoices in knowing His works.

The heart that loves the Lord is faithful even in small things.

The heart that loves the Lord finds great joy in knowing His Word.

The heart that loves the Lord meditates on His Word day and night.

The heart that loves the Lord follows and preserves His Word as spoken.

The heart that loves the Lord fears and obeys His Word.

The heart that loves the Lord despises evil and chooses good.

The heart that loves the Lord entrusts everything to Him.

The heart that loves the Lord is one that gives thanks in all things.

The heart that loves the Lord sees God's greatness in small things.

The heart that loves the Lord worships in spirit and truth.

The heart that loves the Lord offers sacrifices of praise.

The heart that loves the Lord loves and cares for others.

The heart that loves the Lord is evidenced by peace,

And the obedience of love lets one experience the truth of His Word.

No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. (Jn 15:15)

3) That God loves

269 Love without action is dead

God loves those who read His Word.
 God loves those who keep His Word.
 God loves those who follow His Word.
 God loves those who obey His Word.

Love requires action. Love without action is dead. Knowing love is not enough; action must follow. If you receive the anointing of the Holy Spirit, you will naturally fulfill the gifts of the Holy Spirit. If you are soaked in the Word of God, you will develop ears that hear the voice of God and a heart that understands. Thus, you will be able to carry out God's will like overflowing water. If you have the first love for Christ, you will joyfully obey the Word. It will reveal to you an overflowing, strong, and abundant true love. You will experience the knowledge of how to love and the power of true love. Remember that overflowing, strong, and abundant love is a gift from above.

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. (James 1:17)

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. (1 Cor 13:7)

For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. (2 Tim 1:7)

But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth. (Jn 4:23-24)

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. (Jn 15:12-13)

270 That please God

1. Worshiping in spirit and in truth,
2. Fully receptive, prepared worship,
3. Offerings of thanksgiving, prepared with all one's heart and sincerity,
4. Offering sacrifices that are not mixed or compromised, and spreading the Gospel,
5. A church that practices the commandments of love,
6. Praying for the land I walk upon,
7. Looking at the map and praying,
8. Calling out the names of lost souls in prayer, working with faith and obedience,
9. Loving one another, sharing and teaching the Word, and sharing my possessions,
10. Caring for and serving the hungry with love,

Blessings from God come down on those who do what God is pleased.

God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth. (Jn 4:24)

The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me; to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God! (Ps 50:23)

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. (Mt 5:8)

An altar of earth you shall make for me and sacrifice (Ex 20:24a)

Then Noah built an altar to the Lord and took some of every clean animal and some of every clean bird and offered (Gen 8:20)

Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time? (Mt 24:45)

'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' (Mt 25:40b)

Did you bring to me sacrifices and offerings during the forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel? (Amos 5:25)

271 That God likes

1)The sanctuary prepared for worship according to the Word, 2)The one who continue to pray until he gets an answer, 3)The one who bears the fruit of the Holy Spirit, 4)The one who makes spiritual disciples, 5)The one who longs for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, 6)When caring for God's creation with love, 7)The voice of the one who reads the Word of God, 8)Eyes that see God in small things, 9)When the children of God rejoice and are joyful

The sanctuary is place purified by the blood of Jesus and washed by the Word is a suitable place for God to receive prayers and worship.

An altar of earth you shall make for me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, (Ex 20:24a)

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. (Gal 6:9)

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; (Gal 5:22-23a)

Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. (Lk 14:27)

And not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing. (2 Tim 4:8b)

And have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the Heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth. (Gen 1:28b)

Blessed is the one who reads aloud the Words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near. (Rev 1:3)

For it is made holy by the Word of God and prayer. (1 Tim 4:5)

272 The serving He receives

The help received by the Lord is not just sharing but serving. God sees the heart. Helping according to need is not serving, but just helping. People of the world do it too. Partial help is not complete service. In complete service, there is sacrificial love. It is giving more than what is expected.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." (Rev 1:8)

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Mk 10:45)

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

Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks but all the churches of the Gentiles give thanks as well. (Rom 16:3-4)

And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' (Mt 25:40)

He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' (Lk 10:34-35)

273 God loves those who serve secretly

God loves those who serve in secret, so let your left hand not know what your right hand is doing, and offer your service solely to God. Such service involves not only giving food to the hungry but also serving those in distress, the troubled, and the suffering, as if serving the Lord. While individuals or organizations may receive worldly glory for sharing with others, we should serve for the glory of God and with a heart of reverence for Him. Just as Elijah sought out the widow of Zarephath during a drought, and Jesus sought the woman at the well in Samaria, we too should seek out those in need and share with them. Give to those who are in need, and in doing so, provide help, whether material or spiritual, depending on the situation. This will enable us to share abundantly even in times of scarcity, reminiscent of the miracle of the five loaves and two fish.

Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' (Mt 25:40b)

One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. (Lk 16:10)

Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is generous to the needy honors him. (Pr 14:31)

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed. (Pr 19:17)

The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward. (Mt 10:41-42)

274 What is the motivation for sharing

Do you want to be used by God? God made water come from dry rock, causing rivers to flow and quenching thirst. He provided manna for the numerous people of Israel in the wilderness. Can't God make bread from a stone? Won't He hear the prayers of His people crying out wholeheartedly? Moses declared the path of blessings and curses through Joshua. Am I preparing the way of blessings, or am I repeating the path of the past? A missionary is not a philanthropist, but a disciple maker. Am I a missionary or a philanthropist?

What the true proverb says has happened to them: "The dog returns to its own vomit, and the sow, after washing herself, returns to wallow in the mire." (2 Pet 2:22)

Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable. Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work. So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. (2 Tim 2:20-22)

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in Heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Mt 28:18-20)

And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. (2 Tim 2:2)

275 Sharing that God accepted

Give, use, and share with all your heart. Divide everything except what you need. Do your best to share until others are satisfied. Remember how Jesus prayed in blood and sweat.

- Think about:

Why you obey

Why should we obey the Word of God?

Why should we work hard?

What do I want to achieve?

- What is the purpose?

The world store up resources in preparation for famine, but the children of God store up for the fulfillment of God's will. The kingdom of God does not accumulate resources in anticipation of a famine. The disciples of God ask in prayer and receive so that they can share whenever needed. And when they prepare with the wisdom, prayer, and obedience in the Lord, and share what they have received, they manifest the glory of God.

And there appeared to him an angel from Heaven, strengthening him. And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation." (Lk 22:43-46)

All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. (Act 1:14)

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. (Act 2:42-44)

276 Ruth's unconditional love

- **"Honor your parents"**

The story of Ruth is a testament to how a 'Morning Dew' life should be. Ruth relied on God in everything. She served and respected her mother-in-law, Naomi, who had nothing to offer her. Ruth obeyed the commandment "Honor your parents" as stated in the Ten Commandments. Ruth had a humble and faithful heart. We must also serve with a heart like Ruth's, and this must permeate our service, care, and ministry.

- **"Love God and love your neighbor"**

Ruth lovingly dedicated herself to the old and frail Naomi. This is an obedience to God's Word, "Love God and love your neighbor". Serving God with selfish desires is the misguided faith that Ananias and Sapphira had. I must check what kind of love I am expressing.

- **Love unconditionally**

Ruth had nothing, but she worked diligently. She worked wholeheartedly. She picked up sheaves, overcame the ridicule of others while working hard, and was able to endure the scorn of others because of her love for God and Naomi. Ruth faced the hardships of life, losing both her father-in-law and husband at the same time. Am I now in a desperate situation? When I love unconditionally according to the Word of God, I will receive the blessings that Ruth received.

But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you. (Ruth 1:16-17)

N. OBEDIENCE

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277 Fearing YHWH is obeying His Word

Fearing Jehovah means obeying His Word. While one can achieve worldly goals through diligent efforts, God's work is accomplished only through obedience. Diligence must be coupled with obedience. Observe how God provides and be attentive to His times of judgment and blessing. Ask yourself: How and through whom does God bring blessings? By paying attention to God's methods, you can understand the secret of His blessings. Reflect on how and where God is blessing you. Don't miss the opportunity to recognize and embrace these blessings from God.

For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. (Gal 1:12)

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. 1 (Phil 3:12-14)

Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the Word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me. (Col 1:24-29)

278 Obey or disobey is my choices

The Holy Spirit leads to Words of blessing, while Satan leads to Words of curses. Faith opens the pathway to blessings, and obedience brings those blessings to fruition. In contrast, disobedience results in curses. Obedience aligns with God's love and will, whereas disobedience aligns with Satan's desires. Conversely, not following the resurrected Christ is akin to following Satan. The decision to obey or disobey is mine to make. However, the consequences and ultimate judgment are not within my control. Those who are not on the path of eternal life, as ordained by God, find themselves on the path of death.

I must engrave His Word in my heart as a symbol of my dedication. True obedience comes from the heart and brings grace from both God and man. To obey is to forsake disobedience.

Am I walking the path of obedience, the path of blessing? This is a question for us all to ponder.

My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments, for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you.

Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man.

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

Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones. (Pr 3:1-8)

279 Obedience accomplish God's work

Today's believers often seem as though they are climbing a rope, symbolizing their faith in Christ, within the church. They ascend this rope of commitment, but when worldly opportunities arise, they let go and rush toward these distractions. However, when these worldly pursuits falter, they return to the church, starting their climb of faith anew: from the bottom. Is their journey just a perpetual cycle of clinging to this rope until life's end? Do you aspire to fulfill God's work and experience the joy of Christ? This is attainable only through belief in and obedience to His Word. Endless debates lead nowhere and provide no true answers. The Creator God, omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent, who holds the universe and all wisdom, asks us for our obedience. In obeying, you will discover the answers you seek. Faith, obedience, repentance, and patience cultivate the fruits of salvation. Pray to be recognized and blessed by Christ.

And if you faithfully obey the voice of the Lord your God, being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the voice of the Lord your God. (Deut 28:1-2)

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. (1 Tim 6:10-11)

They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life. (1 Tim 6:18-19)

280 Do not dilute the Words

God values obedience above our theories, thoughts, opinions, or efforts. The wisdom of God, especially as demonstrated in the cross, transcends worldly understanding. God disdains any dilution of His work. Reflect on the biblical accounts of Ananias and Sapphira, King Saul, and the Israelites who perished in the wilderness as poignant examples of the consequences of disobedience. Consider King David's decision to transport the Ark of the Covenant on a new cart, leading to Uzzah's death, which transformed David's joy into pain and sorrow.

We must ask ourselves, 'Are we aligning our actions with God's intentions?' It is imperative to neither veer left nor right but to adhere to the guidance in the Word of God. Remember, it is through obedience alone that God's work is realized. Consider the fate of the Egyptians at the Red Sea, where God declare: 'The Egyptians will know that I am the LORD when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen.' Ponder deeply on this Word.

By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. (1 Jn 5:2-8)

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him. (1 Jn 5:14-15)

281 Show your faith

God protected His people, enabling them to cross the sea and made a way for them. Those who belong to God will come before Him. God desired to bless the people of Israel. He led the Israelites through miracles and saved them, even sending hornets to vanquish their enemies. However, He did not endow His people with understanding, perception, or the ability to listen. What could be the reason for withholding these faculties? To act is to believe, to pray, and to wait until God moves. God wants to see my faith, and He wants me to obey and trust. "If you, being evil, know how to give good things to your children, how much more will your Father who is in Heaven give good things to those who ask Him?" Ponder deeply in your heart this loving statement of the Lord, as cited in the Scriptures.

And it shall be said, "Build up, build up, prepare the way, remove every obstruction from my people's way." For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite. For I will not contend forever, nor will I always be angry; for the spirit would grow faint before me, and the breath of life that I made. Because of the iniquity of his unjust gain I was angry, I struck him; I hid my face and was angry, but he went on backsliding in the way of his own heart. I have seen his ways, but I will heal him; I will lead him and restore comfort to him and his mourners, creating the fruit of the lips. Peace, peace, to the far and to the near," says the Lord, "and I will heal him. But the wicked are like the tossing sea; for it cannot be quiet, and its waters toss up mire and dirt. There is no peace," says my God, "for the wicked." (Isa 55:14-21)

282 Moses just obeyed

Think deeply about Moses's obedience. He abandoned his stable life as a shepherd and followed God's call. With 80 years of life experience, Moses's journey offers much to discuss. God's love for Moses was evident in how He used every aspect of Moses's life for His purpose. When Moses obeyed, even the staff in his hand was used to glorify God's name. Remember, it was God, not Moses, who led the people of Israel through the wilderness; Moses was simply obedient to God's command. Aspire to be a servant led by the Holy Spirit through obedience. Obey the truths you understand, and share the insights you receive.

Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." (Ex 3:5)

But the Lord said to Moses, "Put out your hand and catch it by the tail"—so he put out his hand and caught it, and it became a staff in his hand— "that they may believe that the Lord, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you." (Ex 4:4-5)

And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent." (Ex 14:13-14)

I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my Words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my Words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. (Deut 18:18-19)

This Moses did; according to all that the Lord commanded him, so he did. (Ex 40:16)

283 Taste the fruit of joy by obedience

Meet the Lord, who dwells in unquestioning obedience. Tear your heart with repentance and cleanse both body and mind with the Word. Be completely honest, for God is omnipresent and stands by your side. Open your heart, repent, and invite the Lord in. You will then taste the joy of the Lord. Through faith, Abraham set foot in the Promised Land. It may take time, but God's promises are fulfilled at the best possible moment. Believe and do not lose heart. Be patient and wait for God's perfect timing. God is love, and everything He has given to His children is for their good. He gave the law to protect His children. He taught how to obtain the bread of life, how to triumph and live happily, and how to navigate a world governed by the powers of the air. These teachings are provided to His children throughout their lives, just as fish live in salty seawater. Living fish exist in salty water, yet they are not salty themselves, symbolizing how we live in the world but are not of it.

Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. (1 Jn 3:21-22)

No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit (1 Jn 4:12-13)

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him. (1 Jn 5:14-15)

284 Obey what you heard

Disciple Philip, while evangelizing in Samaria, heard the Holy Spirit say, 'Go to the wilderness.' Upon heading towards the wilderness as commanded, God immediately transported him there from Samaria. Let us reflect on this story to better understand life. We need to grasp the reasons behind our actions, such as earning money, maintaining health, conducting business, studying, etc. We must understand the reasons behind God's command for obedience. By obeying God's command, absolute truth transforms into subjective truth - a personal testimony, and the resulting fruits glorify the Lord.

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. (Mt 16:24-27)

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. (Jn 14:34-35)

And if you faithfully obey the voice of the Lord your God, being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. (Deut 28:1)

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the Heavens will pass away with a roar, and the Heavenly bodies will be exposed. (2 Pet 3:10)

285 Bear the fruit of obedience

Those who believe in and obey the given Word are disciples, and blessings will follow, as believed. However, those who judge others and boast of their righteousness might think of themselves as disciples of Christ, yet they are not aligned with God. Can those who act with bias, arrogance, and uncontrolled anger truly do the work of God? The 120 disciples in the upper room, as described in the Acts of the Apostles, were prepared for martyrdom. They could walk with the Lord because the love of Christ, who sacrificed Himself on the cross, overflowed from the depths of their hearts.

Do not lose passion; instead, bear the fruit of obedience. Prepare for the Lord's return by obeying the Word, which calls us to prosper, be abundant, conquer, and rule. Obedience is the prerequisite for receiving the blessing of creation, which establishes everything on a solid foundation and leads to a life of abundance. God is always the same: yesterday, today, and forever, never changing. The Word teaches us about God's love, justice, and righteousness. Those who do not believe in the gospel will wither like grass and fade away. Their souls will face eternal judgment.

All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. (Act 1:14)

Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit. (Je 17:7-8)

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. (Heb 13:8)

The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever. (Isa 40:7-8)

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1) With Christ

286 Omnipresent God

God invites us towards salvation through Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection. Yet, we often relegate Jesus to the past or perceive Him as distant. Although the resurrected Jesus is beside us, our faith falters. We fail to recognize His presence or invite Him into our hearts, blinded by impurity and doubt. Despite His living Word being within reach, our skepticism prevails. The essence of faith lies in first opening our minds, the way of faith, to discern the Word's truth. The Holy Spirit permeates everything and dwells within believers born in God's spirit. By constantly envisioning God before us, we acknowledge, as the Word states, the Holy Spirit's indwelling presence. God, residing in Heaven, also inhabits a humble and repentant heart.

'Morning Dew' in a clean vessel, acknowledges the Lord's omnipresence. Although we may be fragile vessels, faith in the Word transforms us into figures of strength and courage, akin to lions. By listening to and comprehending the Word, believing, and acting upon our understanding, we align with God's grace and power. The Holy Spirit, a manifestation of God's grace, empowers and performs miracles for those who embrace His Word.

Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the Lord. Do I not fill Heaven and earth? declares the Lord. (Je 23:24)

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. (Mt 5:8)

And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; let it be done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment. (Mt 8:13)

God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. (2 Tim1:7)

287 Trust and obey as written

The transformative power of believing in the Word is profound. As one embraces true belief, the living Word awakens and flourishes within. Heaven transcends a distant realm; it becomes a state of being that dwells within me. Walking the divine path and living in harmony with Heavenly virtues involve keeping the Lord at the forefront of my thoughts and actions. It's about inviting Him into the deepest recesses of my heart, recognizing His influence in every circumstance; and reflecting on His teachings day and night. God's infinite love guides every step I take, boundlessly. Embracing obedience is our way of welcoming Christ into our lives. Where Christ is welcomed, a touch of Heaven is always present. This mirrors the biblical sentiment that 'God found it pleasing,' during creation, signifying a life that is balanced and aligns with God's approval. Such a life becomes a vessel for God's power, characterized by being constantly enveloped in His strength and grace. It involves understanding His divine timing and ways. Pause and reflect on all the moments where the Lord's guiding, protective, and provisional hand has been evident in your past.

God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. (1 Jn 4:16b)

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. (Ps 1:1-3)

I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. (Ps 16:8)

Nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you. (Lk 17:21)

All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the spirit. (Prov 16:2)

288 The fear of the Lord

Fearing the Lord signifies the beginning of wisdom and establishes the foundation for authentic knowledge. This fear of the Lord involves renouncing evil and wholeheartedly embracing righteousness. By revering the Lord, we gain access to blessings, a life filled with abundance, and profound insights. This type of fear is based on respect, not terror. It leads to spiritual wealth and honor, rejuvenates our soul, and ensures our righteous deeds are eternally recognized. Fearing the Lord creates a barrier against malevolence and its repercussions. This divine protection not only safeguards us but is also believed to send angels to watch over our well-being. Deeply engaging with His teachings is crucial to guide our path. Aligning our lives with His divine plan elevates our actions with Heavenly splendor. Therefore, our spiritual victories, and fruits serve as evidence of God's boundless and fruitful influence.

The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether. (Ps 19:9)

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever! (Ps 111:10)

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction. (Pr 1:7)

The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance, and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate. (Pr 8:13)

In the fear of the LORD one has strong confidence, and his children will have a refuge. The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, that one may turn away from the snares of death. (Pr 14:26-27)

289 Hear the voice of the Shepherd

Embrace the Word and meditate day and night, listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit is a profound experience. It's vital to cultivate a listening ear, for in doing so, you open yourself up to divine wisdom and revelation. Being grateful means recognizing the voice of the Lord resonating within. Jesus, as the shepherd, provides salvation, a path to eternal life, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

His Words, 'My sheep hear my voice,' emphasize the deep connection between Him and His followers. This connection becomes even more evident during moments of meditation and prayer. However, it's essential to approach the Word with humility. Interpreting the Word to suit one's desires or to gain favor with others might bring fleeting validation, but this approach lacks the power to elevate one's spirit above the transient desires of the flesh.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. (Mt 5:8)

Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. (Ps 37:4)

I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart." (Ps 40:8)

If you turn back your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable;

if you honor it, not going your own ways, or seeking ^xyour own pleasure, or talking idly; then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. (Isa 58:13-14)

But let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD. (Je 9:24)

290 Yearning to be with

As a beloved child of God, we can connect with Him through prayer and worship. He speaks to us daily, not just through scripture, but also through the world around us – the beauty of nature, the happenings in the news, and the whispers in our souls. When the yearning to connect with God becomes profound, you'll find the ever-present living God who continues His works in our lives and the world. How regularly do I seek His presence? Is it only during the storms of life? Reflect on how frequently you desire to be with those you cherish. God's essence remains constant. He is steadfast, yesterday, today, and forever. His Word remains a pillar of truth. Where does my heart truly lie?

The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself. (2 Tim 2:11-13)

So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of His purpose, He guaranteed it with an oath, so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. (Heb 6:17-18)

Wisdom cries aloud in the street,
in the markets she raises her voice;
at the head of the noisy streets she cries out;
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:
“How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing
and fools hate knowledge?
If you turn at my reproof, behold, I will pour out my spirit to you;
I will make my Words known to you. (Prov 1:20-23)

291 Take your cross and follow

Carrying and following the cross involves resisting the influence of emotions. While emotions may offer temporary comfort, they do not necessarily guide us to a blessed path or ensure proper eternal consequences. Our foremost priority should be our love for God, a love that even surpasses the affection we hold for our parents or children. This mindset is crucial in cultivating a love that truly guides our loved ones. It's important to recognize that we are endowed with only the rights to forgiveness and love. Love steers us along the path of the Word, aiding us in living according to its principles. Hence, it's imperative to consistently practice patience and shun unkindness. Let us elevate God's Word above all else in every aspect of our lives. Instead of being led by personal experiences or the plans of others, we should adhere strictly to God's Word. Anything not built upon the Word is inevitably bound to fail over time.

If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.

Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. (Lk 14:26-33)

2) Set apart

292 Check if separated

Am I conducting my work in a manner that pleases God? What is the underlying reason for my busyness? Where does my focus truly lie? When engaging in church work or missionary activities, I must ask myself whether it's out of love and devotion, or if I'm following my own desires. If my pursuits in these activities are for personal satisfaction or for the acclaim of my organization, then I'm not truly serving God's purpose. I must remember that God does not accept work that is not done in obedience to His Word. It's crucial for me to continually discern and reflect upon whether my actions align with God's will and teachings. Understanding how my spiritual work transcends everyday tasks and serves a higher, divine purpose is essential, setting it apart from worldly endeavors.

Then those who feared the Lord spoke with one another. The Lord paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the Lord and esteemed his name. (Mal 3:16)

Oh that there were one among you who would shut the doors, that you might not kindle fire on my altar in vain! I have no pleasure in you, says the Lord of hosts, and I will not accept an offering from your hand. (Mal 1:10)

And he said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, "'This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.' You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men." (Mk 7:6-8)

On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.' (Mt 7:22-23)

293 Chosen one

God seeks those who are tormented and repentant due to their own sins, offering them a chance for salvation and relief from the burden of sin. He is compassionate, never breaking a bruised reed nor snuffing out a faintly burning wick. On the cross, He bore the judgment for our sins and granted eternal forgiveness. True believers are distinguished from the world, chosen by God through Christ. They are the ones rescued from impending judgment, not destined for hell. Recall the story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well. It was Jesus who approached her, but who guided Him to her? Our sincerity today lays the foundation for tomorrow's blessings. While blessings and gifts await us, they require our active participation and responsibility today to be fully realized. Without fulfilling our role today, we risk missing out on these divine gifts.

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me, come, and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. (Je 29:11-13)

Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: I am the Lord your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you in the way you should go. Oh that you had paid attention to my commandments!

Then your peace would have been like a river, and your righteousness like the waves of the sea; your offspring would have been like the sand, and your descendants like its grains; their name would never be cut off or destroyed from before me. (Isa 48:17-18)

But whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life. (Jn 4:14)

294 Accepted servant

Being a true believer is akin to being a dedicated worker: always ready to act and maintain purity in both thoughts and deeds. Simply declaring Jesus as Savior and engaging in church activities is not enough if one's lifestyle contradicts these declared beliefs. Authentic believers distinguish themselves from the secular world through their profound love for the Lord and unwavering commitment to His teachings. These select individuals are destined to partake in a grand celebration with Christ, dressed in white, seated with Him in Heavenly glory, and sharing in His majestic rule. We must remember that we will all stand before God, accountable for our actions. Embracing both faith and obedience is crucial. Our goal should be to become individuals whom God recognizes and values, and to cultivate a church that truly embodies its purpose, with believers who genuinely practice their faith. In light of this, we might ask ourselves: Am I fulfilling the tasks God has set for me? Am I living in accordance with God's commands?"

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause. (Isa 1:16-20)

For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the Word of life, (Phil 2:13-16)

3) Sign that you are separated

295 Hold lifestyle in Christ

Life is only once, and time cannot be turned back. The saint must live separately in the embrace of God.

- 1) God is looking for someone who knows how to love their neighbor.
- 2) Do not act like a blind leading the blind.
- 3) Hold onto the evidence that God has distinguished and chosen you.
- 4) Do not miss the opportunity for repentance given by God.
- 5) Refrain from criticism and condemnation. That is a power that belongs to God. He is the God who sought out the woman at the well with five husbands.
- 6) Be thankful for God's love and show an example of love. He is the God who sent His only begotten Son for the lost.
- 7) Be diligent. The saying 'if you don't want to work, don't eat' has the same meaning as 'die.'
- 8) Know God's love, practice that love, and love God. Is God poor? Is He short of money? God desires a relationship of the first love with us.
- 9) Think about what you can do today to please the Lord.

For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? You therefore must be perfect, as your Heavenly Father is perfect. (Mt 5:46-48)

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. (Phil 4:8)

296 By the power

God sometimes bestows the gift of prophecy to fulfill His Word, depending on the circumstances. He provides everything necessary for those who prioritize seeking His kingdom and righteousness. Is there any record of the Lord working with individuals who are slow to obey, find little joy in His Word, or are stubborn? God knows not only what I say but also everything in my heart. His kingdom is not just in Words but in power. Let us allow the power of the Holy Spirit to manifest. The abilities of humans are not vastly different from one another, but God is omnipotent and accomplishes all things through His power. When is this power most needed? David, for instance, needed God's power during times of war and proclaimed Him as 'my strength.' It's important to recognize where the ability to solve problems during difficult times originates.

For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. (2 Tim 1:7)

For it is you who light my lamp; the Lord my God lightens my darkness. For by you I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. This God—his way is perfect; the Word of the Lord proves true; He is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.

For who is God, but the Lord? And who is a rock, except our God?—the God who equipped me with strength and made my way blameless. He made my feet like the feet of a deer and set me secure on the heights.

He trains my hands for war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze. You have given me the shield of your salvation, and your right hand supported me, and your gentleness made me great. (Ps 18:28-35)

297 Carry out the will of God

When I strive to fulfill the will of God given to me, proclaim His Words in faith, 'I shall gain new strength like the eagle soaring with outstretched wings. Pray for others, for unknown healing shall come. During prayer, worship, and meditation on His Word, a healing that I never knew before will come. The power of God, which no one can stand against, will be upon us. Seek the perfect power that comes from above.

You therefore must be perfect, as your Heavenly Father is perfect. (Mt 5:48)

But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. (Heb 10:12-13)

He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. (Isa 40:29-31)

And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover." So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into Heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. (Mk 16:17-19)

Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it. "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. (Jn 14:13-15)

4) Recover and serve the Lord

298 Hear the invitation of the Lord

The children of God should have a daily experience of meeting the living God. Seek the risen Lord diligently with all your heart. Believe and seek the ability to meet God personally. God is our Savior. Those who seek God to satisfy their own desires do not truly know God. In contrast, those who seek God with all their heart will find Him. Those who love God will discover His love. God's love is always the first and foremost love. Our hope lies not in God seeking a perfect person, but in finding those with a broken and repentant spirit. The establishment of God's kingdom is rooted in obedience. The work we do is not for our own kingdom, but for God's kingdom. Therefore, it is important to understand, believe, and obey the teachings you have heard.

Jesus said to him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (Jn 14:6)

"I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite." (Isa 57:15b)

The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. (Rev 22:17)

From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of Heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. (Mt 11:12)

Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. (Isa 1:18)

299 Tune to the Word and be free

Greed is idolatry. It darkens the eyes, deafens the ears, and leads to the path of death. The Lord has freed me from sin; therefore, I must not become a slave to sin again. Faith without action is dead. Merely thinking without acting is akin to worthlessness. Working without a plan is reckless. One must not be lazy, but instead act according to the Lord's Words, endure until the end, and remain faithful. One should follow the Words they hear, renew their hearts, and focus on building the kingdom of God, rather than merely focusing on themselves. Prepare and offer a wholehearted sacrifice to God from the fruits of earnest work, for the sacrifices accepted by the Lord open the gates to Heavenly blessings.

So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. (James 2:17)

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. (Gal 6:9)

Then Noah built an altar to the Lord and took some of every clean animal and some of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. And when the Lord smelled the pleasing aroma, the Lord said in his heart, "I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man's heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done. While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease." (Gen 8:20-22)

And David built there an altar to the Lord and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the Lord responded to the plea for the land, and the plague was averted from Israel. (2 Sam 24:25)

300 love the Lord is proper confession

Confessing 'I love the Lord' is a true testament of faith. Mere affection without action is akin to indifference. God, in His boundless love, has gifted us with a pristine world, a testament to His grace. He created the Earth with all its wonders for those made in His image, a reflection of His perfect love. In the ultimate act of divine love, He sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, who personified love, righteousness, and justice. Christ's sacrifice on the cross was the ultimate manifestation of this love. Therefore, the heartfelt declaration should not be merely 'I like the Lord,' but profoundly, 'I love the Lord.'

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. (Jn 3:16-18)

These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.

No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another. (John 15:11-17)

301 Refresh your spirit

Without following the voice of the Holy Spirit, the essence and proof of faith are absent. When your heart wavers, humbly and with true faith, seek the faith of your first love. Do this not in emotions or thoughts, but rely on the unchanging Word.

- 1) Do I confess that Jesus Christ is my only Savior?
- 2) Do I believe that Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son sent by God?
- 3) Do I believe that Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary?
- 4) Do I believe that Jesus Christ atoned for my sins on the cross?
- 5) Do I believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and that I too will be resurrected?
- 6) Do I believe that Jesus Christ ascended to Heaven and lives eternally?
- 7) Do I believe, as written in the Scriptures, that Jesus Christ will come again?
- 8) Do I believe that God will judge the living and the dead and will rule the earth until the end?
- 9) Am I awaiting the return of Jesus?
- 10) Do I believe that Jesus has sent the Holy Spirit as promised?"

For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. (Heb 4:2)

And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. (1 Jn 4:14-15)

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Rom 5:8)

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. (Jn 15:16)

302 Understand the Word and refresh

The Bible is the living Word of God, not merely a reference book. Am I obedient to the commands of the Word? Among the twelve disciples, in the Upper-room, was there even one who did not receive the Holy Spirit or failed to preach the gospel? The disciple Philip, upon hearing the Word, immediately obeyed and ventured into the wilderness. This immediate obedience is the 'Morning Dew' that establishes the kingdom of God.

And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds," then he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. (Heb 10:11-23)

303 How be filled with the Holy Spirit

Repent your sins, cleanse yourself, and pray earnestly with faith. Continue to seek the fullness of the Holy Spirit. Earnestly beseech for the power of the Holy Spirit that emanates from Christ. The disciples, once they received the Holy Spirit, transformed into capable evangelists. They devoted themselves to repentance and the salvation of souls. Servants carrying out God's work must be imbued with the power of the Holy Spirit. It is this power alone that enables true repentance and the nurturing of disciples. In the Holy Spirit, engage in orderly worship and offer thanksgiving in unison. Foster unity through a fellowship rooted in love.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. (Act 2:2-4)

And suddenly there came from Heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. (Act 1:8)

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. (Mt 7:7-8)

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (Eph 4:1-3)

304 Restore faith by your faith

Practicing faith rekindles your first love. Acting in faith can be compared to planting a mustard seed; it involves nurturing its growth. Similarly, Proverbs 31 provides guidance on how to live a fulfilling and abundant life. Be a wise builder and establish your life on the firm foundation of God's unshakeable Word. Avoid building a 'Tower of Babel,' which, as the story teaches, is destined to fall due to its foundation in pride rather than faith. Recall how, in the Bible, Apostle Peter walked on water, but as his faith faltered, he began to sink. This story underscores the importance of unwavering faith. God entrusts tasks to those with obedient hearts. Without a foundation in the Word—our rock—our efforts are vulnerable to external threats. It is only through steadfast faith in the Word that we receive divine protection and experience the presence of God.

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ. (Rom 10:17)

He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of Heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." (Mt 13:31-32)

An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. (Pr 31:10)

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" (Mt 14:28-31)

305 A limping faith and healing

A limping faith is disqualified

Faith needs to continually grow and evolve; otherwise, it risks becoming stagnant. Constantly dwelling on the same doubts or questions can be a sign of a wavering faith. Embracing God's promises fully requires avoiding stagnant faith to experience the fullness of life in Christ. God's power is realized when we obey the Holy Spirit's guidance. It's crucial to avoid complacency in faith, no matter the length of one's belief. Our faith should actively grow each day, avoiding stagnation due to familiarity or long-standing beliefs, while being mindful of the passing of time and our own limitations. The story of the Israelites in the wilderness serves as a cautionary example. Despite receiving God's promises and embarking on the journey to the Promised Land, many Israelites succumbed to stagnant faith, ultimately failing to reach their goal. This example reminds us to continually nurture a hopeful and growing faith.

Yet you would not go up, but rebelled against the command of the Lord your God. And you murmured in your tents and said, 'Because the Lord hated us he has brought us out of the land of Egypt, to give us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us.' (Deut 1:26-27)

The Ephraimites, armed with the bow, turned back on the day of battle (Ps 78:9)

But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. (James 1:6-8)

5) Break up your fallow ground

306 Repent opens the door

Repent for allowing yourself to become spiritually barren and for not following the Word of the loving God. Repent for your stubbornness, actions, selfish heart, obstinate mind, self-centeredness, and things done for your fame and success. Repent for actions and thoughts that cause doubt, confusion, and hinder obedience to God's Word. Turn them over through repentance. Do not judge others by your theories. Avoid arrogance and haughtiness. Remember that we are but dust in the presence of the Lord on His day. Avoid causing harm or injury to ourselves while doing the Lord's work.

And he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God. (Lk16:15)

Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil. (Mt 5:37)

I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless Word they speak, (Mt 12:36)

For my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water. (Je 2:13)

Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; break up your fallow ground, for it is the time to seek the Lord, that he may come and rain righteousness upon you. (Hos 10:12)

307 Repent following the Word of God

When the Holy Spirit leads you through the Word of God, deeply repent in your heart. When the Holy Spirit speaks, obey immediately. As you meditate on God's Word in the depths of your heart, you will hear the voice of the Holy Spirit. Learn to meditate and wait. Our sins and corrupted nature act like gravity, constantly pulling us away from a heart that desires wholeness like that of God. Only the presence and Word of God can bring complete victory. Everything else is temporary.

Repent and be renewed to open the door of blessings, placing everything under the grace of God. With a wise heart, seek and receive the blessings that have already been granted and promised in the Lord.

Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hates; they have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them. When you spread out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood.

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause.

Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. (Isa 1:14-18)

Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. (1 Jn 4:15)

Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? (1 Jn 5:5)

Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul. (3 Jn2)

308 Wash with water (Words, repent)

Can blood remove stains? Is it feasible to wash with blood? Washing typically involves water. What is the true meaning of 'the Word'? Reflect on the identity of Christ and its implications. How can water wash away sins?

The Holy Spirit, who is omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent, eternal, and co-equal with God and Jesus Christ, governs all things. Through the Holy Spirit, we have been granted new life.

Therefore, we should focus our efforts beyond merely satisfying our earthly desires. It is vital not to grieve the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. Prompt repentance is essential when 'the Word' illuminates our sins.

Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. (Jn3:5)

That he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the Word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. (Eph 5:26-27)

This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree (1 Jn 5:6-8)

Already you are clean because of the Word that I have spoken to you. (Jn 15:3)

Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out (Act 3:19)

And I will show wonders in the Heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. (Joel 2:30-32)

6) New beginnings

309 How does water flow

Our past is akin to a bent pipe. Even if the pipe is severely bent, water can still flow through it, provided the interior isn't blocked. Cleanse your past – this 'bent pipe' – through repentance, removing any obstructions to the flow of blessings. Release everything that burdens your heart and causes distress.

Experience the miraculous transformation, akin to water turning into wine, by having faith in the Word. Let the living water flow freely. What hinders God's blessings is not the bend in the pipe, but the blockage within. If the water trapped in these blockages isn't cleared, the pipe may eventually burst.

Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear; but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear. (Isa 59:1-2)

Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; break up your fallow ground, for it is the time to seek the Lord, that he may come and rain righteousness upon you. (Hos 10:12)

His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. (Jn 2:5-8)

Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. (Heb 13:15-16)

310 Defend free will

Free will is mine, a gift to those created in the image of God, and it cannot be taken away. While everything else is entrusted to me by the Lord, freewill is the core of my identity. Even Jesus Christ did not impose over freewill, respecting the gift bestowed by the Creator Father. Yet, the enemy strives to steal this precious gift. Remember Esau, who undervalued his birthright for a mere bowl of stew, and guard your identity zealously.

Connect Freewill and Obedience with the Love

Align your actions with the Lord's desires, not the standards of the world, but according to His Word. The power of the Word is unleashed through obedience. Saul, deemed 'blameless according to the righteousness of the law,' failed to recognize Jesus and misunderstood the teachings of both Jesus and Stephen. It is misguided to expect further grace while disregarding the grace already received.

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. (Rev 3:20)

For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 3:11)

But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. (James 3:17)

The kingdom of Heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. (Mt 13:44)

311 Focus on my identity

My duty is to obey as a servant

God instructed Noah to build an ark of gopher wood. He instructed Moses to go to the Red Sea. God's guidance and direction cannot be discerned through knowledge alone; they can only be found through prayer. The outcome and satisfaction of work come from God. My duty is to obey as a servant. We are not designers of the kingdom of Heaven, but the builders. Can I read and understand the blueprint?

Moses' wilderness ministry was achieved not through effort but through obedience. God's work is accomplished through the spirit of obedience. The principles of Genesis and the Ten Commandments are not about hard labor but about obeying as we hear. All worldly tasks and achievements are ephemeral like smoke, whereas the Lord's work yields eternal reward and glory. Work diligently, hoping to accomplish what pleases God with all your heart and strength, through the power bestowed by the Holy Spirit. Remember, it is only the Word of God that possesses the unique power to overcome Satan. Demonstrate faith through obedience, and fulfill the desires He has instilled in your heart."

A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls. (Pr 25:28)

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. (Mt 10:29)

This Moses did; according to all that the Lord commanded him, so he did. (Ex 40:16)

But to this day the Lord has not given you a heart to understand or eyes to see or ears to hear. (Deut 29:4)

312 Focus on the task at hand

We are servants of the Lord

Servants follow their masters' commands. Similarly, when you follow God's instructions, He rewards you with the results and satisfaction that come from obedience. Trust in the outcome and persevere in your endeavors. In times of failure or disaster, resist feelings of regret or resentment. Instead, reflect on whether your life aligns with God's Word and repent if necessary. Be aware of the evil within your heart. Focus on your tasks instead of comparing yourself to others. Fulfill your duties firmly grounded in God's Word. Consider the parable of the talents: are you effectively managing your responsibilities? Is your foundation firmly set on the solid rock of His Word? Remember, everything not built on this foundation will eventually fall apart.

Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live; and I will
make with you an everlasting covenant, my
steadfast, sure love for David. (Isa 55:3)
The fear of the Lord is hatred of evil.

Pride and arrogance and the way of evil
and perverted speech I hate. (Pr 8:13)

"Everyone then who hears these Words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these Words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it." (Mt 7:24-27)

And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him. (Mt 21:44)

7) Life prepared for the rapture

313 Awake, be ready for the rapture

Believers are the light of the world. The righteous deeds of the saints shine forth like a lampstand, fueled by the oil of the Holy Spirit, represented by the work of the saints. When the time for the rapture arrives, before the great tribulation, angels will gather those who emit the light of righteous deeds in this dark world. Live a life filled with righteousness, just like Cornelius, who offered a righteous offering to the Lord every day; such righteousness shines brightly.

Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. (1 Thes 4:17)

And I will show wonders in the Heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. (Joel 2:30)

But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, forever and ever.' (Dan 7:18)

Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in Heaven. (Mt 5:15-16)

Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the Word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. (Phil 2:14-16)

314 Acceptable daily life (5A)

- 1) Acceptable sacrifice
- 2) Acceptable prayer
- 3) Acceptable worship
- 4) Acceptable obedience – “Fear of the Lord”
- 5) Acceptable love your neighbor

We are the light and the salt. The Holy Spirit is the oil, and our obedience allows the oil to burn, shining the light. Let us rise and shine wherever I am.

Sacrifice (Separated + Prepared + Sincere heart)

Prayer (Clean heart + Word + Faith + His Name)

Worship (Spirit + Truth)

Obedience (Joy + Thanksgiving + Time)

Love Neighbor (As myself + As my work)

You have not brought me your sheep for burnt offerings, or honored me with your sacrifices. I have not burdened you with offerings, or wearied you with frankincense. (Is 43:23)

Did you bring to me sacrifices and offerings during the forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel? (Amos 5:25)

When you offer blind animals in sacrifice, is that not evil? And when you offer those that are lame or sick, is that not evil? Present that to your governor; will he accept you or show you favor? says the Lord of hosts. (Mal 1:8)

And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. (Mt 22:37)

315 Steward, share, care

Four SHARE, daily practice

- 1) Share the Gospel
- 2) Share the blessings
- 3) Share the love of God
- 4) Share the Word

Help Ministry

One helps another in secret, without letting the left hand know what the right hand is doing. The Lord sees this and prepares a reward. Do good deeds in secret, known only to the Lord. A true disciple does not hoard for personal gain but gives generously to the poor, trusting that the Lord will provide for all needs. When the Lord blesses with abundance, it is an invitation to share. Greed marks the beginning of corruption.

But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. (Heb 3:13)

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in Heaven. (Mt 5:16)

So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets. (Mt 7:12)

By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. (Jn 13:35)

We love because he first loved us. 1Jn 4:19

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. (Gal 6:2)

And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. (Lk 6:31)

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. (1 Pet 5:7)

316 Prepare the second coming of Christ

The generation that witnesses the Second Coming of Christ will be profoundly blessed. Are you aware of the signs and times preceding this momentous event? The phrase "*as in the days of Noah*" refers to a period marked by moral decay and divine judgment, underscoring the relevance of Noah's Ark in this context. Understanding the adversary's schemes during this time is also critical. Before the Second Coming, it is prophesied that the Third Temple in Jerusalem will be restored. This will be followed by the emergence of the Antichrist, widespread rejection of the Holy Spirit, betrayals of Christ's teachings, prophetic warnings of the end times, and a period of great tribulation. It is essential to be cautious of individuals claiming to know the exact date of Jesus' return, as they are considered false prophets according to Christian doctrine. Similarly, it is believed that other spiritual practitioners, such as sorcerers, magicians, healers, and priests, lack knowledge of that day.

Therefore, remaining vigilant is crucial. Believers are encouraged to be filled with the Holy Spirit, live according to Christ's teachings, and prepare for His return. A life in communion with the Holy Spirit is marked by constant readiness. Listening attentively to the voice of the Holy Spirit and responding promptly is strongly advised.

And to wait for his Son from Heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come. (1 Thes 1:10)

Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these Words. (1 Thes 4:17)

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, (1 Cor 15:51)

But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and ^fbe sober. (1 Thes 5:4-6)

317 As it is in Heaven

Heaven is within me. Heaven is the realm ruled by God's Word and inhabited by obedient souls. Keep your sanctuary pure and holy, and let the light of Heaven shine through me.

In Heaven, there is peace; in Heaven, there is joy; in Heaven, there is no defeat; in Heaven, there is no lack.

Heaven is found in the love of God, who turned water into wine. Overcome fear with faith. Repent and let go of selfishness. Experience true fellowship through His Word. Offer deeper and more complete sacrifices in your first love. Learn and practice the love of Christ more fully. Sow the love of Christ in the hearts of others whenever you have the opportunity.

But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity." Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable. Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work. (2 Tim 2:19-21)

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven. (Mt 5:3)

Nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you. (Lk 17:21)

Jesus answered him, If anyone loves me, he will keep my Word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my Words. And the Word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me. (Jn 14:23-24)

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1) Fruits

318 Examine fruits

Who dwells on the holy mountain? Who resides in Your sanctuary? From where do Your commands originate? Who upholds Your commands? Who imparts the wisdom of Your commands? The Lord instructs us to discern the genuine from the counterfeit by observing their fruits. Look around; if you see fruits, they are heavenly gifts bestowed through obedience. Am I currently enduring a challenging trial? God is preparing fruits for those who navigate His trials with obedience. Learn to obey and persevere through trials, so that you may bear fruit.

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. (Jn 15:1-2)

As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the Word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty. (Mt 13:23)

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. (Gal 5:22-23)

(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), (Eph 5:9)

For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it (Heb 12:11)

Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. (Heb 13:15)

319 Fruit is for sharing

- **All has its season and time**

The lush leaves, though abundant, are of little use without bearing fruit. Leaves exist to produce fruit, which is not intended solely for personal benefit but for sharing. This fruit glorifies the living God and brings satisfaction to the soul. It is a banquet of grace, a divine gift from God. To bear such fruit, one must discern the seasons of God's blessings, for indeed, there is a time for everything. The door to these blessings is unlocked through the fear of the Lord, which illuminates both the eyes and the spirit, guiding them to the right path. The fruit born of reverence for the Lord fosters obedience, and such obedience is vital for accomplishing God's work.

In the morning, as he was returning to the city, he became hungry. And seeing a fig tree by the wayside, he went to it and found nothing on it but only leaves. And he said to it, "May no fruit ever come from you again!" And the fig tree withered at once. (Mt 21:18-19)

Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work. (2 Tim 2:21)

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction. (Pr 1:7)

Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is generous to the needy honors him. (Pr 14:31)

The reward for humility and fear of the Lord is riches and honor and life. (Pr 22:4)

320 Fruitful in seasons

Some people adhere strictly to God's Word, listening attentively and living in accordance with His teachings, thereby walking the path of righteousness. However, others, despite being knowledgeable of the Word and having faith, may still live stubbornly and arrogantly, failing to distinguish between God's way and their own, thus blending the two. Following one's own thoughts, the advice of friends, or the desires of others can lead one down the path of sinners. It's important to reflect on the kind of fruit one is bearing and the path they are following. Are they producing fruit that is in line with the times? Are they striving to bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit? When I comply with the Word of Christ, God will bear fruit through me.

Understanding the relationship between sowing and harvesting, one should consider what they are sowing with doubt and what results they expect. Are they hoping to sow little and reap much? Is a field well prepared? What is their mustard seed, and how will they protect the grown seed later? The way I obey the Word shapes future of my life.

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. (2 Cor 9:6)

So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. (Eph 3:17-19)

Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. (Gal 6:7)

The wicked earns deceptive wages, but one who sows righteousness gets a sure reward. (Prov 11:18)

321 Share the fruits of the Holy Spirit

A fruit tree puts its roots deep into the ground, absorbing nutrients to produce a strong tree that can bear fruit. The fruit is there to be shared. What difference would it make from the fruit of the world if the fruit of the Holy Spirit is only for me? Just as a cow drinking dew produces fresh milk, a venomous snake drinking dew produces venom. Likewise, the way I use the next five minutes will determine the kind of fruit I bear. Bear good fruit and share it. When you share the fruit given by the Holy Spirit through obedience, you will experience the presence of God and the power of God flowing through you.

Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life. Put away from you crooked speech, and put devious talk far from you. Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you. Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure. Do not swerve to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil. (Pr 4:23-27)

She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She is like the ships of the merchant; she brings her food from afar. She rises while it is yet night and provides food for her household and portions for her maidens. She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She dresses herself with strength and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household are clothed in scarlet. (Pr 31:13-21)

2) Sowing and harvesting

322 Three voices

Discern the source of your desires. Who influences your work? Is it the gentle whisper of the Holy Spirit, the clamoring voices of people, or the deep echoes of your own soul? In life, we often encounter three distinct influences: the divine guidance of the creator, the myriad opinions of others, and our own innermost thoughts and feelings. While we can choose which influence to follow, the outcome is not always within our control.

But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. (Gen 3:4-6)

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. (Ps 1:1-2)

For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. (1 Jn 2:16)

There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death. (Pr 16:25)

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'" (Mt 4:8-9)

323 What are you sowing

In this land, we shall harvest as we plant, and be rewarded for all eternity for what we sow. This is the divine law set by the Creator. I must consider what I am planting, where I am planting it, and for what purpose. Am I sowing in accordance with His Words? God's actions align with His Words, mirroring His speech in His harvest. This is His sacred rule. What am I cultivating in the field of my life through my actions today? What shall I gather in due time? Prioritize prayer over haste, and heed the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Faith means reaping the fruits of my beliefs and efforts

Happy are you who sow beside all waters, who let the feet of the ox and the donkey range free. (Isa 32:20)

Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows that will he also reap. (Gal 6:7)

My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments, for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you. Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man. Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. (Pr 3:1-7)

"And if you faithfully obey the voice of the Lord your God, being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the voice of the Lord your God. (Deut 28:1-2)

324 Pursue these

Learn how to master the internal battle with oneself. Emphasize quality over quantity. It's not just about chasing numbers, but embracing the principles akin to the freshness of 'Morning Dew.' As we observe the increasing challenges of poverty and hardship in the world, reflect on your reasons for working. Ask yourself: is it driven by compassion, a sense of duty, or a deeper spiritual calling-love of Christ?

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. (Jn 16:33)

For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. (Heb 4:2)

But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a Heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city. (Heb 11:16)

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ. (Rom 10:17)

But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. (Heb 10:12-14)

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Rom 12:2)

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. (Gal 5:16)

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. (Rom 12:21)

325 Harvest season

God seeks disciples among the humble. Nurture disciples through prayer and prepare for difficult times. Do not fear, and do not waste the time given to you. Avoid missing God's opportunities for harvest, which can be obscured by personal biases, emotions, traditions, or knowledge without God.

Discern the times. Now is the time to reap the blessings of Heaven. Prophecy said that the church would emphasize power over justice, praise over God, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit over the sovereignty of Jesus Christ. Reflect on this: What does the church look like today in terms of its commitment to these values and its role in society?

But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. (2 Tim3:1-5)

Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy." (Rev 22:11)

Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. (Rev 22:12-14)

And made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. (Rev 1:6)

326 Grow your mustard seed

Pray in the name of Jesus to bear fruit through my work, aligning with God's will. Actively seek and knock for divine guidance and blessings. Explore the gifts bestowed upon me and the promises God has made for His glory on Earth. Cultivate a growing dream, allowing my plans to flourish within my vision. Like a mustard seed nurtured in faith, let every stage of growth be blessed through prayer. Reflect on how the Apostle Peter, in an unlikely scenario, caught an abundance of fish. Recognize that what God provides for His children differs markedly from worldly offerings. His blessings are unique and separate from those of the world. To receive these blessings, sanctify myself, remain in God's grace, and wholeheartedly bless my team in the name of Jesus.

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. (Mt 7:7)

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. (Heb 11:1)

Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith. (Hab 2:4)

Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. (Jn 21:3-6)

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. (James 5:16)

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1) Normal Blessing

327 Faithful heart

The reason God chose David, the son of Jesse, was not due to his perfection, but because of his unwavering faithfulness. Finding the right clothes in a shop can be challenging; discovering a heart aligned with God's will is even more so. David's steadfast devotion caught God's attention. This reflection leads us to ask: Are we faithfully performing the small tasks given to us today? Do we understand what constitutes 'normal' in the eyes of God? In this context, becoming 'normal' signifies experiencing the blessings of the Holy Spirit's presence. By obeying with a pure and clean heart in Christ, and following the living Word, blessings are promised not only on earth but also in Heaven. This begs the questions: Why does the all-powerful God search the hearts of people on earth to fulfill His will? And why is our obedience so crucial to Him?

And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. (Gen 1:31)

Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. (1 Jn 3:21-22)

Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man. (Pr 3:3-4)

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another. (Jn 15:16-17)

But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up. (Dan 3:18)

328 What brings blessings and curses

The Bible records two kinds of blessings. There are blessings for the church, nation, business, house, family, etc., all established upon the Ten Commandments, and there is an opportunity to receive even greater blessings when building the body of Christ.

The Bible also records two types of curses. There are consequences such as destruction, death, disability, and family dispersion for ignoring and acting against the Ten Commandments. There are also consequences like ruin, dispersion, and loss of blessings for those who neglect the church and cause harm irresponsibly.

Those who build altars and churches pleasing to God will receive blessings as Solomon and King David did. Today, many churches are divided, but where there is spiritual and sincere worship and sacrifice that God accepts, there will again be God's blessings. God is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow."

But the Word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it. "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. (Deut 30:14-15)

Thus says the Lord of hosts: If you will walk in my ways and keep my charge, then you shall rule my house and have charge of my courts, and I will give you the right of access among those who are standing here. (Zech 3:7)

I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity; I am the Lord, who does all these things. (Isa 45:7)

Is it not from the mouth of the Most High that good and bad come? (Lam 3:38)

Whoever does not love me does not keep my Words. And the Word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me. (Jn 14:24)

329 A balanced, "normal" life

The life that was "good in the sight of the Lord" is a life of grace and peace. It is a life that does not sway to either side but maintains balance, and walks the path of blessing.

A balanced life means being under the power of God. They are humble and repentant, have a heart of fearing Jehovah, know God's time, and live according to God's will. Joy from the Lord comes when obeying the Word. Peace of mind comes when being "normal". The merciful God is preparing a blessing for us. The door to tomorrow's blessings opens when I obey today. Keep a watchful eye on the "normal" life pleasing to the Lord with a joyful heart.

An unbalanced life is abnormal. It tilts to one side, goes the way of sinners, and strays from God's protection. This is a curse that brings enemies led by greed.

An abandoned empty house will be destroyed, and an unmaintained pipe will rust and burst. If you marry and fall in love with another person, that family will collapse and become "abnormal". If you love two people at the same time, the heart will be torn and there can be no complete love. Likewise, when you love the Lord God with all your heart, He will be pleased with that person. He will open the door of blessings to him. No one can serve two masters.

If anyone loves me, he will keep my Word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. (Jn 14:23)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Phil 4:6-7)

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. (James 1:17)

330 The ability of a balanced Life

A balanced life in God's eyes holds great power. A balanced life means a life centered on God, understanding God's timing. To lose balance means to be outside of God's Word. It means distorting the Word, deceiving oneself into believing that my way is God's way, following the enemy's path, and being unaware of the sin in that path.

What lies in the direction and the work I am going? Is it good or evil? Even in the church or in missions, doing things my way is akin to the actions of Pharisees and Sadducees. Follow the Holy Spirit and walk like Enoch.

Jacob and his mother Rebekah tried to fulfill God's plan through Jacob. However, they chose an "unusual" method to achieve God's plan and paid a high price.

Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. (Josh 1:7-9)

She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her; those who hold her fast are called blessed. (Pr 3:18)

An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. (2 Tim2:5)

So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. (1 Jn 4:16)

331 Meet the Lord in a "normal" way

The "normal" life means not to overly exaggerate or underestimate the lessons given by the Lord. Achieving goals with moderation and the right way is good, but doing so in the wrong way is foolish.

The "abnormal" wrong part must be clearly cut off. It only brings harm. Don't be biased, lazy, or overworked. Meet God who lives "normally" according to the Word, and you must do "normal" spiritual training according to the Word. The people of Israel received instructions on when, where, and how to meet God. When they obeyed according to the Word, they experienced meeting God.

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.' If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday. And the Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your desire in scorched places and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail. (Isa 58:6-11)

332 How did the people of Israel act

Let's remember how they behaved when they met Jesus Christ, the living Word. How can we meet the living God, the Holy Spirit today? When we live a "normal" life, we meet God, the Holy Spirit.

- **1) Meet the Word**

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" (Mt 16:15)

- **2) Meet the Holy Spirit**

Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. (1 Jn 4:15)

Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him (Jn 6: 56)

- **3) Meet the will of God**

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. (Phil 2: 12-13)

2) Mystery of blessing

333 Hot and cold make delicious fruits

Hot and cold weather can be tough, but delicious fruits mature through these seasons. Similarly, the fruit of life is borne through hardships. It may be difficult, but there is no fear for those who are ready. When in adversity, do not despair. Do not follow the desires of the flesh. Achieve your goals, but do not boast or be greedy about it.

Fruits bring abundance to our lives and glory to God. They are a blessing we encounter, a blessing that God holds onto and bestows upon His people. Understand how God has blessed His people in both the Old and New Testaments. Finding this means finding the secret of blessings.

And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the Word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. (Rev 12:11)

And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. (Rev 21:6-7)

The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. (Rev 22:7)

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another. (Jn 15:16-17)

334 What opens blessings

When teaching and praying, it's important to exhibit a deep, reflective heart rather than solely relying on persuasion or understanding. Remember, prayer that lacks sincere emotion may not be as impactful. In the biblical narrative, Jacob's life was blessed for various reasons, including his actions and choices. For instance, his union with Rachel, favored by God, led to the birth of Joseph. Joseph's eventual rise to power in Egypt played a crucial role in the survival of Jacob's family during a time of famine, thus preserving the lineage of the twelve tribes of Israel.

Hear, O Heavens, and give ear, O earth; for the Lord has spoken: "Children have I reared and brought up, but they have rebelled against me. (Isa 1:2)

What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? (Isa 5:4)

Oh that you had paid attention to my commandments! Then your peace would have been like a river, and your righteousness like the waves of the sea; (Isa 48:18)

Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me. (Isa 49:16)

In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God (2Cor 4:4)

And try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. (Eph 5:10)

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. (Phil 4:8)

335 Character of the blessed

Overcome evil with patience and good deeds, and invite the Lord's presence. Daniel ruled over all the regions of Babylon and served the country faithfully until the end. He understood that it was God's will for him to die in that land and chose to obey. Similarly, God chose Moses to be the spiritual leader of Israel and moved his body after death to prevent it from becoming an idol, as was the custom in Egypt. Only God knows how He will use a person.

Do not harm or abuse your body while doing God's work. Avoid arrogance and boastfulness. Instead, cultivate habits of gratitude, joy, truthfulness, and obedience to the Lord's will. This helps overcome Satan's temptations and proves the gospel through your testimony. Have the wisdom to recognize the blessings given in Christ.

Where the Holy Spirit is present, there is unity and repentance. Are these signs evident where we gather in the Lord's name? Seek the gifts and anointing of the Holy Spirit from above, and pray that God's will be done through us in Jesus' name.

I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. (Jn 17:23)

For you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. (James 1:3)

But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. (James 1:14)

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. (James 4:7-8)

336 Listen, trust, live a blessed life

Jesus taught, 'My sheep hear my voice, and the pure in heart are blessed, for they shall see God.' The children of God do not live by bread alone but by every Word that comes from the mouth of God. God, whose wisdom and understanding are endless, always speaks in ways we can hear His Words. Learn to sense God's presence and influence in everything. Reflect on whether we are living the blessed life bestowed by the Lord. If not, identify what hinders us from our path of blessing. We need to enjoy and experience the blessed life, sharing the Word of the Lord. This is the normal life for God's children, born anew in the Holy Spirit and living naturally.

Those with open ears and eyes, who listen and see well, come to know the way of the gospel and blessing through dreams, events, nature, hardships, historical occurrences, and the Words of the Bible. Just as an eagle gains strength by spreading its wings and soaring through the heavy storm, we too should seek strength from God in times of need.

Wisdom cries aloud in the street, in the markets she raises her voice; at the head of the noisy streets she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? If you turn at my reproof, behold, I will pour out my spirit to you; I will make my Words known to you. (Pr 1:20-23)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. (Pr 3:5-6)

I cry out to God Most High, to God who fulfills his purpose for me. (Ps 57:2)

337 Attain these blessings

- 1) Blessing of knowing the correct perspective on eternal life

Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. (Mt 10:39)

- 2) Blessing of discerning the voice of the Holy Spirit from the temptation of Satan, choosing the path of life through obedience, and enjoying an abundant life

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. (Jn 10:10)

I cry out to God Most High, to God who fulfills his purpose for me. (Ps 57:2)

- 3) Blessing of the answer to prayer

Go, eat your bread with joy, and drink your wine with a merry heart, for God has already approved what you do. (Ecc 9:7)

- 4) Blessing of walking the path of blessings

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. (Ps 1:1-3)

Now Abraham was old, well advanced in years. And the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things. (Gen 24:1)

They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green, to declare that the Lord is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him. (Ps 92: 14-15)

I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. (Jn 10:9)

5) Blessing of knowing hidden secrets in Christ

Making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ (Eph 1:9)

6) Blessing of enjoying a life of first love in Christ

If you abide in me, and my Words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. (Jn 15:7)

7) Blessings of establishing His Kingdom on the earth

If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it. (Jn 14:14)

8) Blessing of fulfilling the desires of the heart

Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. (Ps 37:4)

338 Maintain blessed position

When balance is lost, it is challenging to discern whether I tread on a cursed path or a sinner's path. Even with my best efforts, I cannot discern if I am on an enemy's path or inadvertently aiding in the construction of an enemy's realm. Therefore, stay close to the Lord, be aware of your spiritual standing, and revere the Lord. Obeying the Lord means adhering to His Word. Let us discern and adhere to the Lord's teachings. Only those who adhere to the Word of God will find eternal life in Heaven. Cherish the blessed life, as delicate and refreshing as the morning dew. Let's not defile our bodies, minds, and lives. As the morning dew forms between night and morning, let us stand steadfast in the face of persecution and tribulation. Let's fulfill the blessing of the morning dew by adhering to the Lord's Word. The 'Morning Dew' symbolizes the glory that is to come.

The reward for humility and fear of the Lord is riches and honor and life. (Pr 22:4)

Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. (Josh 1:7)

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. (1 Jn 4:18)

But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. (Ps 1:2-3)

And made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen (Rev 1:6)

339 Share the overflowing blessings

Why did God have the Israelites live in the wilderness for 40 years before entering the Promised Land? God waited for the Israelites to multiply in numbers in the desert. Most of the people who crossed the Red Sea died in the wilderness due to their lack of faith and disobedience. The principle of land use, as taught in these teachings, is to cultivate it to meet people's needs rather than allowing it to go to waste or be neglected. People generally desire larger houses and more land. The God of grace and mercy can grant their wishes. However, He also emphasizes that with ownership comes the responsibility of stewardship and the potential for judgment. Blessings that are not shared will be held accountable at the time of judgment. Similarly, land that fails to bear fruit 30, 60, or 100 times over will face judgment. In God's view, it is wrong both to hoard overflowing blessings and to waste them. Responsibility accompanies our possessions. Therefore, we must not squander what God has given us. Sharing with the poor and needy is not only an act of generosity but also one that invites further blessings.

Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. (Rev 22:12)

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Mt 6:19-21)

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil. (2 Cor 5:10)

And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' (Mt 25:40)

340 Blessings in sharing

Pray and work earnestly, aiming to yield fruitful results where you belong. Trust that God will unlock opportunities, leading to abundant success in all that you faithfully believe and pray for. Blessings are given to share, so don't forget to share what you don't need. There will be judgement in Heaven and earth, and those neglecting their responsibilities as stewards will risk losing their blessings. Consider what a 'normal' blessing is: sharing what you do not use. If you have two suits of clothing and you do not use one, it means to share the one you do not use. Hoarding blessings can lead to greed, while mismanagement can diminish these gifts, leading to eventual spiritual accountability. Foolish souls continue to accumulate wealth without knowing that judgment is imminent. If so-called success only offers temporary relief or starts off wrongly, how can it truly be a blessing? Discern how to act and choose the path of blessing hidden in the phrase 'Fear the Lord'. If you do so, your actions will not fail because they are based on the Word, which holds everything with its power. If you search for the Word as one searches for treasure, and follow it, you will experience its guidance in every detail of your path.

And the Lord said, Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom his master will set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the proper time? (Lk 12:42)

Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones. Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. (Pr 3:7-10)

3) Abundant Life

341 Coming from above

An abundant life comes from Christ above. The life of Heaven begins when we decide to believe in our hearts that Christ is the Messiah, a gift. Deepen your love for the Lord and others by immersing yourself in His Word. Today, nurture the seed of that love. Strive to do only what God desires, avoiding comparisons with the world. Keep in mind that by following God, you become a conduit of blessings for others. Let go of inner greed to experience true love and fellowship through obedience to the Word. Embrace the blessing of faith, deemed 'good in the sight of the Lord.' It's like a light shining in the darkness. His presence, a gift of love from above, transforms you into a channel of blessings, leading to an abundant life.

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly (Jn 10:10)

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. (James 1:17)

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in Heaven. (Mt 5:16)

Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. (Ps 145:2)

342 Enjoy abundant life of Morning Dew

Proverbs Chapter 3 contains 14 lessons. Remember these lessons, pray with faith, seek and knock to attain these blessings. And remind the lesson of how the 'Morning Dew' obtains and enjoys a bountiful life.

- 1) Do not forget the Lord's teachings and keep His Word in your heart.
- 2) Carve kindness and truth into your heart so as not to lose them.
- 3) Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not rely on your own wisdom.
- 4) Acknowledge the Lord in all your deeds.
- 5) Do not trust your own wisdom, but fear the Lord and shun evil.
- 6) Honor the Lord with the first fruits of your harvest.
- 7) Do not ignore the Lord's discipline and rebuke.
- 8) Obtain wisdom and understanding.
- 9) Do not lose wisdom and understanding, and keep correct judgment and discernment.
- 10) Help those in need and be generous with good deeds.
- 11) If your neighbor asks for help, do not say that you will help tomorrow.
- 12) Do not harm your neighbor.
- 13) Do not quarrel if your neighbor does no evil.
- 14) Do not follow the ways of greedy people.

343 Let the love flow to others

Loving God involves recognizing our lives as precious gifts from Him. He showers us with boundless love, enabling our hearts to extend love to others. This divine love transforms us, interweaving our thoughts and actions. It stirs hearts, as seen in Apostle Paul's affection for Onesimus and the compassion of the Good Samaritan.

Our journey with God requires constant love and acceptance of His gift of love. This divine gift brings solace and enlightenment. In embracing and practicing this love, we begin by loving God, actively seeking and accepting His love. Our actions should reflect this love, casting a light of good deeds. Understanding God's laws comes from realizing they are rooted in love. To honor God, we must engage with His Word, seek understanding, and express this enlightenment through our deeds.

Everyone then who hears these Words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. (Mt 7:24)

When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love. (1 Cor 13:11-13)

Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my Word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my Words. And the Word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me. (Jn 14:23-24)

Bottom of Form

344 Receive, manage, enjoy

Faith is a cherished blessing, is bestowed upon us by God. However, how does one come to possess such faith? It blossoms through engagement and reflection upon God's Word. Therefore, aligning our life plans with God's teachings becomes essential. What, then, does steadfastly following a path of faith entail? It involves persevering to the very end. In this spiritual quest, there is no concept of retirement. Our duty is to remain steadfast in faith until we receive God's ultimate spiritual reward. Faith, serving as a conduit for blessings, necessitates nurturing a deep and lasting belief. It is crucial to distinguish between worldly 'victory' and spiritual 'success', as well as understand their roles in receiving divine blessings. We should not only responsibly manage but also rejoice in the blessings we receive. Comprehending the true essence of victory and its divine purpose is fundamental to our spiritual journey.

But what does it say? "The Word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the Word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. (Rom 10:8-10)

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ. (Rom 10:17)

For those blessed by the Lord shall inherit the land, but those cursed by him shall be cut off. The steps of a man are established by the Lord, when he delights in his way; though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong, for the Lord upholds his hand. I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his children begging for bread. He is ever lending generously, and his children become a blessing. (Ps 37:22-26)

The thief comes only to steal and ^ekill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. (Jn 10:10)

4) Reward

345 Reward on earth

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven. Live as if the kingdom of Heaven is on this earth today. Hold firmly to the righteousness bestowed through Jesus, and cherish His teachings. Obey with joy, abhor evil, and strive for perfection in the Lord's sight. Cultivate virtue, live a life marked by sacrifice, and place your trust in the Lord, and be strong and courageous in all things. In doing so, God will guide you onto the right path and endow you with the strength to overcome worldly challenges, respond during times of trouble, protect you, and serve as your refuge, grant victory, reward according to righteousness, elevate you to a position of leadership, bless you in all endeavors, and establish you firmly like a rock, and enable your deeds to glorify God. Recall the parable of the talents, and seize every opportunity to glorify God.

For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. (Rom 8:6-7)

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. (Mt 6:33)

He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? (Rom 8:32)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Phil 4:6-7)

The steps of a man are established by the Lord, when he delights in his way; (Ps 37:23)

By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. (Jn 15:8)

346 Millennium reward

The Kingdom of a thousand years stands as a testament to both the gift of divine grace and the reward for the faithfulness of saints. This period represents a unique form of divine reward, distinct from other blessings. From God's perspective, the true measure of reward in Heaven is not quantified by tangible achievements like the construction of numerous churches or the size of donations. Instead, it is determined by one's obedience to the Scriptures.

But go your way till the end. And you shall rest and shall stand in your allotted place at the end of the days. (Dan 12:13)

For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. (1 Thes 4:14)

Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the Word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years. (Rev 20:4-6)

347 God only knows my reward

Let us remember the purpose for which God has chosen us: 'I chose you, to bear fruit that endures.' Our Almighty God wishes to bless us. The extent of the Heavenly rewards we've garnered is a mystery, known solely to God. Ponder the fruits yielded by divine grace and mercy. Assess whether your actions are in harmony with God's will. These actions are our earthly rewards, gifts from God to the obedient. Concern yourself not with worldly judgments or accolades. Focus instead on contemplating the ultimate reward that awaits at the journey's end.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. (Deut 6:5)

And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every Word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. (Deut 8:3-4)

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another. (Jn 15:16-17)

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. (Jn 15:9-10)

348 Provided by God

Being blessed means receiving the protection and provision of God. When I am blessed means I serve as a channel of blessings from Heaven. When God acknowledges one's devotion, and their cup of prayer overflows, He opens the gates of His blessings in accordance with the promises in the Bible. In contrast, when the cup of sin overflows, it leads to curses and judgments. Biblical history provides numerous examples, such as the Great Flood, the fall of the Tower of Babel, the destruction of cities like Sodom and Gomorrah, the plagues in Egypt, and the downfalls of ancient kingdoms such as Babylon, Assyria, Israel, and Judah, as well as realms influenced by the devil. These events illustrate the ongoing presence of blessings and curses on Earth, a reality that, according to Word, will continue until the final judgment.

O Lord, I call upon you; hasten to me! Give ear to my voice when I call to you! Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice! (Ps 141:1-2)

I prayed to the Lord my God and made confession, saying, O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, (Dan 9:4)

And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. (Rev 5:8)

And made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. (Rev 1:6)

If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my Words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. (Jn 15:6-8)

349 When one Soul repent and return

When a soul repents and returns to become a child of God through your sharing of the gospel, it bears the fruit of salvation. This is the outcome of the obedience of loving God. The one who obeys the commandment to 'love one another' truly loves God. Many people may shout 'Lord, Lord,' and implore, but often these are just empty Words without a heartfelt commitment to serve. Teach people to repent and obey, as John did in the wilderness. Avoid the temptation of pursuing material gain or profit. Instead, focus on sharing the gospel and nurturing spiritual growth.

Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in Heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. (Lk 15:7)

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. (Jn 13:34-35)

But what does it say? "The Word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the Word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (Rom 10:8-13)

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1) Judgment cup

350 What is sin

Acting independently of God's Word and relying solely on one's own thoughts, without seeking guidance from the Holy Spirit, is akin to defying and opposing God. This attitude weakens one's connection with God through prayer, and distances one from His teachings. It leads to a loss of joy and peace in the heart, paving the way for anxiety and fear. Instead of fostering joy and gratitude, a critical spirit and discontent start to take root. Disobeying the Holy Spirit grieves the Spirit, blocks the pathways to blessings, and accumulates sin. This disobedience also empowers the spiritual enemy. Any action that strays from God's Word or lacks a foundation in faith is considered sinful. What would be the outcome of such actions?

There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death. (Pr 16:25)

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. (Jn 10:10)

For my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water. (Je 2:13)

For "Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; (1 Pet 3:10)

For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry. (1 Pet 4:3)

351 If it's not in the Word

It is crucial not to lament outcomes that diverge from the teachings of the Word of God. Decisions and actions deviating from these teachings are deemed sinful, falling within Satan's domain, yet allowed by God. Deviating from the path set by the Word exposes one to Satan's deceptions. Therefore, it is essential to earnestly repent for such missteps, approaching God with hearts filled with sincere remorse. We must distinguish between temporary worldly successes and true blessings from God. While results aligned with God's teachings may take time to manifest, it is vital to ensure our actions consistently reflect the Word. This approach not only strengthens our faith but also aligns us with His guidance, leading to true success. In our adherence to the Word, we are protected from sin and steered towards a life of peace and fulfillment.

For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men. So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding. (Rom 14:17-19)

The faith that you have, keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the one who has no reason to pass judgment on himself for what he approves. But whoever has doubts is condemned if he eats, because the eating is not from faith. For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin. (Rom 14:22-23)

And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the Word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. (Rev 12:11)

Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; break up your fallow ground, for it is the time to seek the Lord, that he may come and rain righteousness upon you. (Hos 10:12)

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. (Gen 12:4)

352 Warning when judgment cup filled

God issues a warning to sinners, urging them to repent. When the cup of judgment is nearly overflowing, God may delay judgment for those who demonstrate repentance. However, those who persistently refuse to repent will inevitably face consequences. It is crucial for missionaries to deeply understand the human evils and moral decay detailed in Romans 1 of the Bible, which describes the degradation of human morality. Similarly, discerning one's own spiritual standing is critical. This discernment can be aided by comparing the blessings and curses outlined in both Romans 1 and Deuteronomy 28 of the Bible. Deuteronomy 28 provides a comprehensive list of blessings for obedience and curses for disobedience. While Satan tempts humanity towards judgment and downfall, the Holy Spirit consistently guides us towards the fulfillment of blessings and promises.

For the Lord God does nothing without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets. (Amos 3:7)

But if you will not obey the voice of the Lord your God or be careful to do all his commandments and his statutes that I command you today, then all these curses shall come upon you and overtake you. (Deut 28:15)

Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, (Rom 1:24)

And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. (Rom 1:28)

353 Do not invite curse

- **These are inviting temptations and curses**

- 1) Trusting people
- 2) Trusting relatives
- 3) Relying on the power of the world
- 4) Acting according to one's greed
- 5) Disobeying God's commandments
- 6) Going about things my way without the Lord
- 7) Building a storage house for oneself
- 8) Lacking a grateful heart and thinking I've done everything
- 9) Being unfeeling towards others
- 10) Seeking only the praise of others
- 11) Focusing on temporary things that will eventually disappear due to impermanence

Greed leads to conflicts and hurts the heart.

There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death. (Pr 14:12)

Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. (Pr 16:18)

What the wicked dreads will come upon him, but the desire of the righteous will be granted. (Pr 10:24)

There are those who are clean in their own eyes but are not washed of their filth. (Pr 30:12)

But the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things enter in and choke the Word, and it proves unfruitful. (Mk 4:19)

Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy. (Rev 22:11)

354 Streams of curse

In a family lineage, inherited evil and curses flow along the path of sins, such as the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and pride in worldly possessions, which go against the will of God. Sinners drenched in this evil criticize and point fingers at each other, accumulating sins and calling for judgment. God detests evil. His judgment is true and righteous, and He teaches willing spirits. God desires to bless His children, and this blessing flows along the path of faith, which operates through the Word, the channel of blessings. There is no righteous person in the world. Only through faith can those who believe in Jesus be deemed righteous. Remember and meditate on the fact that all Words begin with 'God is love.'

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever. (1 Jn2:15-17)

The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation." (Ex 34:6-7)

355 Judgment is Lord's, not ours

Joseph was sold as a slave and imprisoned due to the dream given by God. Similarly, David became a fugitive because of his anointing, and the Apostle Paul faced imprisonment, whipping, stoning, hunger, betrayal, and more due to his calling. Jeremiah, too, was imprisoned for his mission. Despite these challenges, they all maintained their love for the Lord, remained steadfast in their faith, and ultimately triumphed.

The authority to judge belongs solely to God. It is crucial to heed and follow the Holy Spirit's guidance as spoken by God. Those who cannot hear His voice are spiritually deaf. If one spiritually deaf person leads another, both are likely to fall into ruin.

Thus, we must maintain our faith and live with fidelity. Judging or condemning others before the final reckoning is not our role. Wisdom lies in prioritizing eternal rewards over temporary successes.

For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? You therefore must be perfect, as your Heavenly Father is perfect. (Matt 5:46-48)

And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the Word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. (Rev 12:11)

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in Heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. (Matt 5:12)

356 Come out from darkness

I must ensure that my personal thoughts and judgments do not obstruct the workings of the Lord. In times of loss, whether of health, wealth, or honor, I should emulate Abel's example of sincere worship, trusting that God will accept it and dispel any obstructive spirits. It's essential for me to correct any misguided attitudes and release my negative thoughts. Being ensnared in dark thoughts hinders my ability to achieve anything. I must examine whether my sins are impeding my blessings. I need to identify the causes of the darkness in my thoughts and heart. I should discover what tempts me in the darkness and seek the thoughts and intentions that God has instilled in me. To realize the vision imparted by God, I must first break free from the surrounding darkness.

In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. The Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it." (Gen 4:3-7)

Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, nor his ear dull, that it cannot hear; but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear. For your hands are defiled with blood and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies; your tongue mutters wickedness. (Isa 59:1-3)

357 Mechanization destroys creation

The creative order is inherently pure, fresh, and abundant, offering a stark contrast to the destructive tendencies of mechanization. In our current era, heavily influenced by mechanization, we often overlook how deeply we are embedded within this system and its detrimental impact. This oversight is particularly evident in industries and activities that directly harm the creative order, such as the manufacturing of weapons, the development of nuclear arms, and the production of alcohol. It's crucial to recognize and address the ways in which mechanization undermines the harmony and richness of the creative order. Anything that goes against the principles of creation will be judged.

And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. (Gen 1:31)

He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. (Ecc 3:11)

But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. (James 1:14-15)

And this shall be the plague with which the Lord will strike all the peoples that wage war against Jerusalem: their flesh will rot while they are still standing on their feet, their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongues will rot in their mouths. (Zech 14:12)

The Lord tests the righteous, but his soul hates the wicked and the one who loves violence. Let him rain coals on the wicked; fire and sulfur and a scorching wind shall be the portion of their cup. For the Lord is righteous; he loves righteous deeds; the upright shall behold his face. (Ps 11:5-7)

358 Tower Babel calls for destruction

If something is true, it remains true always; similarly, a fact is always a fact. What changes with circumstances is not the truth. The only eternal truth is the work of Christ on the cross. Make sure that everything is built upon this solid rock. While the world may change, the Word of God remains unchanging forever. The Word is fulfilled exactly as written, unlike the ever-changing world. Do not place your trust in my experiences, knowledge, or plans; instead, build your foundation on the rock. Anything not founded on this solid ground is destined, with time, to lead to regret and destruction, much like the Tower of Babel. Destruction could come from beliefs I held or from individuals I trusted.

“Everyone then who hears these Words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these Words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.” (Matt 7:24-27)

And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him. (Matt 21:44)

Stop regarding man in whose nostrils is breath, for of what account is he? (Isa 2:22)

And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life (1 Jn 5:20)

2) Judgment is coming

359 Don't take patience for granted

All sins originate from our relationship with God. When we disregard His Word and follow our own judgment, we sin. This behavior not only widens the rift in our relationship with God but also impedes our prayers and the flow of blessings. Actions driven by our will instead of God's reflect our intentions, not His. In God's eyes, no one is inherently righteous; righteousness is attained solely through faith in Christ. Human judgment and condemnation obstruct God's work. It's crucial to neither deceive nor be misled by anything that contradicts the Word. Heed the teachings of Jesus: let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No'; anything beyond this is born of evil. Failing to love is a more severe sin than harboring hatred.

I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless Word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned. (Mt 12:36-37)

This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. (1 Jn 5:6-12)

360 Vicious corruption cycle

The world is rife with evil, and sin often leads to further corruption, thereby perpetuating a cycle of moral decay. Such phenomena are frequently observed in our surroundings. Individuals who fail to welcome God into their hearts tend to fall into sin, perpetuating this vicious cycle of corruption. They continue on this path by not repenting and rejecting God.

Why will you still be struck down? Why will you continue to rebel? The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even to the head, there is no soundness in it, but bruises and sores and raw wounds; they are not pressed out or bound up or softened with oil. Your country lies desolate; your cities are burned with fire; in your very presence foreigners devour your land; it is desolate, as overthrown by foreigners. And the daughter of Zion is left like a booth in a vineyard, like a lodge in a cucumber field, like a besieged city. If the Lord of hosts had not left us a few survivors, we should have been like Sodom, and become like Gomorrah. (Isa 1:5-9)

And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. (Rom 1:28-31)

361 None escape from God

As it is recorded, judgment will loom both in this land today and in the eternal realm, unavoidable as the shadow cast by every tree. Beside each tree lies an axe, poised and waiting, placed by the Divine Owner to cut down the tree at His discretion. Instead of inviting wrath, we should cultivate a good heart and repent, potentially steering the Divine away from judgment. Living in accord with the Word promises a life as rich and abundant as a fruit-bearing tree. In contrast, defiance of the Word is akin to inviting the strike of the waiting axe, leading to our casting into the fire. Thus, we must fervently pray and repent, so that the axe at our side remains idle, allowing us to grow and prosper.

And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. (Isa 11:3-5)

Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. (Lk 3:9)

"I will utterly sweep away everything from the face of the earth," declares the Lord. "I will sweep away man and beast; I will sweep away the birds of the Heavens and the fish of the sea, and the rubble with the wicked. I will cut off mankind from the face of the earth," declares the Lord. "I will stretch out my hand against Judah and against all the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and I will cut off from this place the remnant of Baal and the name of the idolatrous priests along with the priests, those who bow down on the roofs to the host of the Heavens, those who bow down and swear to the Lord and yet swear by Milcom, those who have turned back from following the Lord, who do not seek the Lord or inquire of him." (Zep 1:2-6)

362 Subjects of Judgment

All actions that defile the body, succumb to carnal desires, or are amassed through greed, are subjects to judgment. Remember that during the Second Coming of Jesus, you will be judged according to what is written in your book of acts. Be mindful of who is qualified to enter the Kingdom of Heaven or to be raptured, and be cautious not to fall into temptation.

If you disregard the scripture and instead follow others' Words, you are deceived by the enemy. The matters of the Kingdom of Heaven are not determined by my thoughts or the Words of others. Judgment is carried out according to God's standards, as written in the scriptures. What is the purpose of my work? If my plans are accomplished through my wealth, then they are realized by money, not faith. That is the work of the world. Its success will bring glory to me, not to God.

Plan God's work not with your resources, but through the Holy Spirit, following the instructions and promises in the scriptures. Jehovah God will provide the strength and resources needed to accomplish His work. Be a faithful servant who obeys. Such individuals are the builders of the Kingdom of Heaven. Faith involves voluntarily dedicating oneself to God's Word.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Rom 12:1-2)

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. (Gal 5:16)

If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. (Gal 5:25)

363 Judgment criteria

The Judgment has 'Six Criteria':

1. According to the written Word
2. According to my book of deeds
3. According to my standard of judgment
4. As I have spoken
5. According to how I treat others
6. According to how I have done God's work

And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. (Rev 20:12-13)

For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. (Mt 7:2)

He will render to each one according to his works: (Rom 2:6)

For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. (Rom 2:13)

each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. (1 Cor 3:13-15)

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. (James 3:1-2)

364 Judgment when we leave

As we depart from this world, judgment awaits, where our lives will be thoroughly assessed. The Bible outlines the criteria for this judgment, assuring us that our Words have the power to bring blessings. Therefore, it is crucial to avoid judging or condemning others. By aligning our thoughts with God's teachings and seeking guidance through prayer, we allow the Holy Spirit to guide our reasoning. We must ask ourselves: Are we adorned in the metaphorical white garments of pure righteousness? God, in His omniscience, observes each of us closely. Furthermore, the manner in which the church allocates its offerings will be scrutinized by God. Offerings collected in the name of God's mission are also subject to this divine evaluation.

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure"— for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. (Rev 19:6-8)

And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. (Rev 20:12-15)

And the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it. (Ecc 12:7)

For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil. (Ecc 12:14)

365 No judgment in Heaven

Heaven is a realm free from judgment, characterized by peace and joy. Therefore, it is crucial for us to avoid situations where we may face judgment. This judgment is based on God's Word, as well as our actions and Words. It's important to remember that when we use these standards to judge others, we too might be subject to judgment. We should strive to encounter the living God as He has ordained. This includes obeying God's teachings, believing in the revelation of God through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit as described in the scriptures, and understanding that rewards await those who have such encounters. The Holy Spirit comes to those who understand, believe, and obey God's Word, and to those whom God considers righteous.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in Heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in Heaven. (Mt 5:3-16)

3) Establish on eternal values

366 Discern temporary and eternal

Distinguishing between transient and eternal matters is crucial. Building on the Word is not just a choice, but a necessity. The allure and grandeur of the world, though tempting, fall under the dominion of the devil. If things built outside the Word crumble, instead of lamenting, view it as a call for deep introspection and repentance. Fleeting triumphs should not be misconstrued as blessings; they are mere snares of temptation. Failing to root ourselves in the Word subjects our talents and achievements to the devil's domain. However, grounding our lives in the Word means basking in God's grace and protection. This divine shelter is incomparable to the fleeting reign of an adversary doomed to falter. So, even amidst adversities, let's anchor our lives in the Word and its eternal blessings. This remains the cornerstone of our existence.

Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had expended in doing it, and behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun. (Ecc 2:11)

He answered, "Every plant that my Heavenly Father has not planted will be rooted up." (Mt 15:13)

He cuts off every branch in Me that bears no fruit, and every branch that does bear fruit, He prunes to make it even more fruitful. (Jn 15:2)

367 Wrong start leads to wrong outcome

No matter how significant my experiences, knowledge, thoughts, and learned teachings are, they may be counterproductive in building the Kingdom of God if not aligned with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. In striving to master myself, I risk impeding the growth of the Church, which is the body of Christ. Therefore, it's essential to introspect whether I am using the Word to satisfy personal desires and to remain vigilant against straying from this path. When laying a foundation, It's vital to ensure that any foundation laid is always rooted in the Word of God. A house built on an unstable foundation will collapse in storms; thus, it's better to start anew with the Word than to repair a collapsing structure. It's important to remember that deviating from the Holy Spirit's guidance from the start can lead to a spiritually misaligned outcome.

There is a way that seems right to a man,
but its end is the way to death (Pr16:25)

Blessed is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
but his delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law he meditates day and night.
He is like a tree
planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers. (Ps1:1-3)

Haughty eyes and a proud heart,
the lamp of the wicked, are sin. (Pr 21:4)

Plans are established by counsel;
by wise guidance wage war. (Pr20:18)

368 God's kingdom through obedience

Obedience to the voice of the Lord establishes the kingdom of God. The Ephesian church lost its first love by drifting away from its initial passion for Christ and His teachings. The members became more focused on their own understanding and knowledge, rather than on obeying out of love for God and one another. The collective responsibility rests with the members of the Ephesian church, who allowed their priorities to shift away from their love for Christ, falling into the traps set by the enemy. It is essential, therefore, to build the kingdom of God through obedience and remain focused on God's will. We should eschew envy, complaints, arrogance, and haughtiness, and instead embrace gratitude, humility, and the acknowledgment of God's goodness in all things.

But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. (Rev 2:4-5)

And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. (Matt 24:12)

For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, (Phil 2:13-15)

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in Heaven. (Matt 5:16)

369 Think simply and invite blessings

When our minds become hurried and chaotic, we should pause and reflect. It's important to remember that the Words we speak in such a state can be hurtful and lead to unintended damaging consequences. Instead of using our Words to oppress others, as is common in the world, we should avoid diminishing spirits or being overly critical, destructive, or harmful. The Words we speak hold much more power than we often realize. Therefore, we must use them wisely and refrain from discouraging or destructive speech. We must avoid criticizing or hurting others with our Words. Rather, let's fill our hearts with prayers and praise, encourage each other with uplifting and kind Words, and express gratitude. As life grows increasingly complex, seeking simplicity and humility becomes vital. Our goals should focus on the pursuit of simplicity, not worldly desires.

Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. (Matt 7:1-2)

I have seen his ways, but I will heal him; I will lead him and restore comfort to him and his mourners, creating the fruit of the lips. Peace, peace, to the far and to the near," says the Lord, "and I will heal him.

But the wicked are like the tossing sea; for it cannot be quiet, and its waters toss up mire and dirt. There is no peace," says my God, "for the wicked." (Isa 57:18-21)

And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. (James 3:6)

370 Meet the Lord who accomplish

When we approach God with fear, giving due glory, and with a humble, repentant heart, and the right attitude, God grants us victory and blessings. He allows us to bear fruit and glorify Him. As recorded in the Bible, we must follow the 'normal' way when meeting God, which is especially crucial in spiritual training. In the Old Testament, Israel encountered God by obeying and serving Him according to His Word. When the Word became flesh, they met Jesus Christ face to face, eye to eye. Today, we connect with God through the Holy Spirit by offering genuine and spiritual worship. To do this, we must have a believing heart, be repentant, and ready to invite the Lord. While there are various ways to meet God, it is always important to fear Him and follow His Word through Jesus Christ. As we seek God, He welcomes us, blesses us, and guides us to fulfill His will. God delights in accomplishing, not in destroying.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. (Matt 5:8)

Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit. (Act 8:17)

Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree— so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith. (Gal 3:14)

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. (1Jn 4:13-15)

4) Attitude of a servant

371 Do not defile your body and mind

Remain humble, eschewing ostentation. Emulate the simplicity of whole grains. Lead with clarity, not as the blind leading the blind. Adopt a humble stance, approaching everything with genuine love and generosity. Preserve the purity of your mind and body. Amidst worldly challenges, live a life of distinction. Abilities are Heavenly gifts granted when you heed the Word. Remember, our true foundation resides above, not solely on this earth. In this age of grace, only those who genuinely understand and live by faith will comprehend this profound secret. Follow the Holy Spirit.

By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. (Ro 1:3b-8)

And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, (1 Cor 1:30)

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. (2 Cor 4:6-7)

372 Do not be rude

Love shows kindness even to creatures, recognizing that they are created by God. We should treat others with respect and compassion. Remember, all that we possess is a blessing from God's grace. Avoid engaging in disputes or complaints. Instead, express gratitude, humility, and obedience. When you encounter someone, cherish the moment; it might be your last with them. The next time you see them could be before the Lord. Let this thought guide your interactions. Live by the teachings of Matthew, Chapter 5.

“Scoffer” is the name of the arrogant, haughty man who acts with arrogant pride. (Pr 21:24)

And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. (Rom 8:27)

Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. (Gal 6:7-8)

Let not your mouth lead you into sin, and do not say before the messenger that it was a mistake. Why should God be angry at your voice and destroy the work of your hands? (Ecc 5:6)

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in Heaven. (Mt 5:16)

And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” (Gen 1:22)

373 Keep the Word and love your brother

By cherishing the Word, we can deeply feel the grace of God. The love we share with one another represents the epitome of beauty in God's eyes. This love, a divine secret, descends from Heaven, showcasing His glory and hope through immense power. True love is more than an emotion; it's the commitment of sacrificing for others, allowing us to relish in the freedom of conscience without any apprehensions. God desires us to be as pristine as 'Morning Dew.'

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the Word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. (James 1:17-18)

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. (Mt 5:8)

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. (Jn 15:9-14)

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. (Je 29:11-13)

374 Judge not

Views diverging from the Word can sometimes lack a solid foundation, resembling unstable teeth that are unreliable. Basing judgments solely on personal beliefs can lead to unintended conflicts. Judgment is the prerogative of the divine, reserved for our Creator. Recognizing and respecting God's supreme authority is crucial. His gifts to us highlight the importance of love and forgiveness. Engaging in prayer and studying the Word are essential for true self-understanding. By embracing the blessings of the 'Upper Room' as described by Mark and following the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are called to heal in the name of Jesus Christ, to drive away evil spirits, and to fervently share God's Word, continuing the mission of the Apostles.

And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. (James 3:6)

Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water. (James 3:11-12)

But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. (James 3:16-17)

375 Refrain from complaints

Reflect the Israelites, who, after their liberation from Egyptian slavery, wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. This included 2 years of wilderness training, but they failed to trust God, who had promised them the land, thus wandering for 38 more years due to their lack of faith, never seeing the Promised Land. Let the journey of the Israelites remind us of the importance of trust God. To foster healing, we should refrain from repeating past mistakes and be vigilant against stagnation, akin to the man who waited for 38 years by the pond. We should avoid complaints. Recognize that the consequences of our actions stem directly from our choices. We should meet these consequences with gratitude. Finding joy and peace in following moral guidelines with a thankful heart is essential. We should seek peaceful resolutions and constructive dialogues instead of confrontations, and avoid boasting. It's important to count our blessings. In a separate but equally important practice, we should adhere to the Beatitudes, remaining faithful.

Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you." (Jn 5:14)

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices! Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath! Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil. For the evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land. In just a little while, the wicked will be no more; though you look carefully at his place, he will not be there. (Ps 37:7-10)

But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. (James 4:6-8)

You therefore must be perfect, as your Heavenly Father is perfect. (Mt 5:48)

376 Forward with thanksgiving

The adversary revels when I falter in my divine purpose. Therefore, stay steadfast, avoiding deviations to the left or right. In every situation, practice gratitude and maintain resilience through challenges. Rather than succumbing to worries, focus on disseminating Words of truth and hope.

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people, from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me! For you are the God in whom I take refuge; why have you rejected me? Why do I go about mourning because of the oppression of the enemy? (Ps 43:1-2)

Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. (2 Tim 2:3-4)

Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work. (2 Tim 2:21)

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the Word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. (2 Tim 4:1-2)

As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. (2 Tim 4:5)

If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. (Jn 15:18-19)

377 Yes, No answer only

On Judgment Day, one must answer God's questions with only "yes" and "no." There will be no room for explanations or excuses at that time. Any middle-ground responses will be mere excuses, and even if we can justify ourselves on this Earth, those justifications will not hold before the God who sent His only begotten Son. Let us consider what is written in our record of deeds. We will be judged based on that record, and we must be prepared to answer with "yes" or "no."

We should live according to God's will, act in accordance with His plans, and continue our lives in this manner. By doing so, our record of deeds will align with God's will and purpose. We must also teach this to the disciples. There is no success and victory for those who avoid or remain silent. Success achieved by ignoring God's will will ultimately lead to destruction, just like Sodom and Gomorrah. Therefore, we must follow God's will as written, faithfully fulfill the roles He has given us, and achieve success and victory.

Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. (Rev 20:11-15)

5) Hiring, elementary teacher

378 Worldly knowledge, the Holy Spirit

The wisdom and experiences of the world offer much, but guidance from God stands apart. Truly understanding God's work comes from listening to and following the Holy Spirit, not just from worldly insights and experiences. It is crucial to habituate ourselves to attuning to the Holy Spirit through regular prayer and engagement with the Scriptures. If we neglect to develop our ability to discern the Holy Spirit's teachings, we risk navigating life without enlightenment, depending solely on secular knowledge. This lacks the depth of spiritual insight needed to navigate a blessed future.

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of Heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in Heaven. (Mt 7:21)

Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him (Jn 14:21)

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. (Jn 14:26)

He answered, "Every plant that my Heavenly Father has not planted will be rooted up. Let them alone; they are blind guides. And if the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit." (Mt 15:13-14)

379 Come out from the pathway of sin

If you believe you know more than others, possess superior knowledge, think your philosophy is the only right one, or try to place others beneath you through power, such an attitude is narrow-minded and immoral. Such thoughts lead to the path of sin. Therefore, one must repent and strive to cultivate the right attitude. We should respect, learn from, and grow with one another.

We must pray with a heart-wrenching sincerity for missionaries who have fallen into sexual sin. They do not follow the Word of God, act according to the desires of the flesh, and misuse God's offerings. If they do not repent, God will reveal their deeds.

For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. (1 Cor 3:11-17)

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. (Ps 1:1-3)

380 Program replaces the power of God

All that I have done will be tested by fire on the last day, and whatever does not pass this test will be reduced to ashes. The power of the Holy Spirit cannot be substituted by any program. It is important to recognize that attempting to substitute the Holy Spirit's power with any program, even unknowingly, is akin to walking the path of a hireling, which hinders the glory of God. Effectively teaching the Word requires the ability to see, hear, and understand. Conflicts and disagreements among church leaders often signal a tendency towards becoming a hireling. Therefore, it is crucial to carefully examine the kind of fruit we bear.

But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. (Mt 16:23-27)

381 Zeal without the Word creates heresy

Religious zeal that exceeds normal bounds can lead to heresy. When passion supersedes adherence to scriptures, it often culminates in heretical beliefs. Individuals who embrace or preach doctrines without anchoring them in the Word become susceptible to ignorance and heresy. Those who pursue self-elevation through miracles, instead of seeking humility and obedience to the Word, may find themselves eternally positioned on the left side during the Day of Judgment.

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of Heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in Heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.' Everyone then who hears these Words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. (Mt 7:21-25)

For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. (2 Tim 4:3-5)

And Micaiah said, Therefore hear the Word of the Lord: I saw the Lord sitting on his throne, and all the host of Heaven standing beside him on his right hand and on his left; and the Lord said, 'Who will entice Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead?' And one said one thing, and another said another. Then a spirit came forward and stood before the Lord, saying, 'I will entice him.' (1 King 22:19-21)

382 Who builds Heaven

How is Heaven built?

Who dwells in Heaven?

Who is the master of Heaven?

Who rules Heaven?

Why is a God of love planning the final fire judgment? Am I a sheep that hears the master's voice? Can one lead the sheep without hearing the Lord's voice?

And that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. But by the same Word the Heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the Day of Judgment and destruction of the ungodly. (2 Pet 3:6-7)

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. (Jn 10:14-15)

O Lord, who shall sojourn in your tent? Who shall dwell on your holy hill? He who walks blamelessly and does what is right and speaks truth in his heart; who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbor, nor takes up a reproach against his friend; in whose eyes a vile person is despised, but who honors those who fear the Lord; who swears to his own hurt and does not change; who does not put out his money at interest and does not take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things shall never be moved. (Ps 15:1-5)

I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star. The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. (Rev 22:16-17)

383 Whose voice

My voice, the voices of others, the devil's voice, and the voice of the Holy Spirit: am I truly listening to and obeying the voice of the Holy Spirit? During worship, do I grieve for the lost souls? Do I shed tears for them? Am I filled with sorrow knowing that Jesus Christ bore the cross for me? Does my heart ache for those lost souls heading towards hell? Do I have the ears to truly hear the Word? Complete repentance is the key to being filled with the Holy Spirit. Repent, believe, and invite the presence of the Holy Spirit.

In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. (2 Cor 4:4)

Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit. (1 Cor 12:3)

So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from Heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." (Jn 6:53-58)

It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The Words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. (Jn 6:63)

384 Ate Manna but failed to cross Jordan

Remember those who partook of the bread of Heaven yet could not cross the Jordan River. Heeding human Words leads to earthly paths, while listening to the Holy Spirit guides us towards Heaven's way. Pursuing greed only breeds more sin and fills the chalice of impending wrath. An unrepentant heart succumbs to shameful lust, resulting in eternal destruction. Sexual depravity disrupts the natural order, turning beautiful love into base, selfish acts. Those who exclude God from their hearts and embrace corruption are inundated with injustice, steering themselves towards ruin. Do not confine your understanding of God to the limits of your thoughts, knowledge, and experience. Eschew pride and refrain from constructing a modern Tower of Babel, destined for demolition. Instead, seek, discover, and inquire. Search with a vision in your heart. Experience the breadth, length, height, and depth of Christ's love.

But let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord. (Je 9:24)

Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will. (Heb 2:1-4)

For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error. (Rom 1:26-27)

6) Wisdom to understand

385 Judgment and opportunity

The inability to find relief from suffering, even in the face of a desire for death, can be perceived as both a form of punishment and a chance for redemption. When a troubled soul repents and turns back to the Lord, a spiritual transformation unfolds. The Holy Spirit works in harmony with the Words addressed to the lost soul. Grief has the potential to soften the hardest hearts, and love, to open the most closed ones.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. (Mt 5:3-5)

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news! (Rom 10:14-15)

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. (Jn 10:14-16)

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. (Jn 10:27)

386 Vain devotion, futile effort

Even if I had devoted everything to my knowledge, habits, traditional passions, and the freedom of my conscience, it would still have been wrong. Without eyes to see or ears to hear, my knowledge would only lead to my destruction. Religious formalism prioritizes appearances over the Word, rendering it a futile pursuit.

Oh that there were one among you who would shut the doors, that you might not kindle fire on my altar in vain! I have no pleasure in you, says the Lord of hosts, and I will not accept an offering from your hand. (Mal 1:10)

Then those who feared the Lord spoke with one another. The Lord paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the Lord and esteemed his name. "They shall be mine, says the Lord of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him. (Mal 3:16-18)

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Rom 12:1-2)

And he said to them, You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God. (Lk 16:15)

387 Do not block pathway of blessing

God is merciful, patient, slow to anger, and gracious. Avoid allowing complaints and bitterness to fill your day. Such negativity blocks the flow of blessings and fills the cup of judgment, leading enemies to demand judgment upon us. A loving God warns sinners to repent. If sinners repent, God postpones judgment and issues further warnings as sin deepens. When sinners fail to repent despite warnings, and the cup of judgment overflows, judgment is then rendered.

The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the Words of this law. (Deut 29:29)

The great trials that your eyes saw, the signs, and those great wonders. But to this day the Lord has not given you a heart to understand or eyes to see or ears to hear. (Deut 29:3-4)

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble. (Mt 6:33-34)

Thus says the Lord: "For three transgressions of Judah, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment, because they have rejected the law of the Lord, and have not kept his statutes, but their lies have led them astray, those after which their fathers walked. (Amos 2:4)

Thus says the Lord: "For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment, because they sell the righteous for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals— (Amos 2:6)

388 Distinguish business and mission.

Distinguish clearly between business and mission. Ensure that business and mission are distinctly separated and proceed within a well-structured system. Follow as it is written in the Scripture. Am I a listener of the Word, or am I a doer? Check whether I am building my work on a solid foundation. Anything built on an unstable foundation is bound to collapse. Do not compare yourself with the world; instead, focus on the Lord's will and build everything upon the Word of God. Everything not founded on the Word will inevitably fall. Do not try to fix what is built on the wrong foundation; start anew on the foundation of God's Word. A wrong beginning leads to a wrong outcome. It is right to make every effort to achieve your goals. However, distorting principles, compromising, or changing them as a means to achieve these goals is a wrong action. Discard all that is not normal. While normal investment can be a blessing, speculation is wrong.

Go through, go through the gates; prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway; clear it of stones; lift up a signal over the peoples. (Isa 62:10)

Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life. Put away from you crooked speech, and put devious talk far from you. Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you. Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure. Do not swerve to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil. (Pr 4:23-27)

The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil. (Ecc 12:13-14)

The blessing of the Lord makes rich, and he adds no sorrow with it. (Pr 10:22)

389 What blocks blessing

Check what is hindering fruit-bearing and blocking the path. Verify whether you are making statements that flatter or invoke curses. Satan seeks opportunities to infiltrate our thoughts by listening to our Words. Therefore, we must guard the door to our thoughts. Remove what blocks blessings. God, who makes all things possible, has promised us an abundant life in Christ. It should be normal for the healthy children of the Lord to experience joy and gratitude daily. Therefore, we must reflect on our lives. We need to examine what is hindering and obstructing the work of the Holy Spirit, what is causing displeasure and obstruction, and what is blocking blessings. We must determine whether our lives align with Christ's teachings about His second coming and His earthly commandments. We should also consider whether our hopes are in line with God's will or are merely self-serving.

Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil. (1 Thes 5:19-22)

And he said to them, Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. (Mk 16:15)

For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? (Mt 16:25-26)

But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear. (Isa 59:2)

From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. (James 3:10)

390 Remove that stops the power

We must identify and eliminate factors that hinder the work of the Holy Spirit. Subjects of repentance include: not prioritizing the Word; putting things before faith; ignoring the guidance of the Holy Spirit; allowing our hearts to be divided and disturbed; and experiencing worry and anxiety. Other factors are doubt, greed, lust, envy, conspiracy, discouragement, slander, anger, illness, and overwork.

To maintain peace of heart and fear the Lord, we must abandon everything that grieves the Holy Spirit and repent specifically. As illustrated by the example of Ananias and Sapphira in the Scriptures, who faced divine judgment for their conspiracy, we must avoid intentional deceit. Furthermore, in missions or church activities, it is essential to refrain from planning or manipulating things for personal gain. We must also remain vigilant against manipulation by adversaries, always striving to seek the power of the Holy Spirit.

A little leaven leavens the whole lump. (Gal 5:9)

For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. (Gal 5:17)

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. (Eph 4:30-32)

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. (1 Jn 2:15)

Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil. (1 Thes 5:19-22)

391 Establish that will not burn

To fear the Lord means to obey His Word, which is the path to victory and prosperity in life on this earth. Only the Word is eternal, unchanging, and will be fulfilled as written. What is established in and through the Word possesses eternal significance. The judgment by fire will consume things not established by the Word. God does not change. As God does not change, our lives should likewise be rooted in the Unchanging. Heaven is a place without lack, where God's Word reigns. A heart filled with hope for Heaven eagerly awaits return of the Lord.

And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, (Isa 11:3)

Whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. (1 Jn 2:6)

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven. (Mt 5:3)

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble. (Mt 6:33-34)

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. (Heb 13:8)

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty. (Rev 1:8)

Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. (Phil 3:13-14)

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. (Gal 5:16)

392 Which cup are you filling

The cup of prayer holds not just my own prayers, but also those of others. When this cup overflows, God answers. I must repent, as the Word says, cleansing myself, and earnestly cry out to Almighty God for His purpose to be fulfilled. I should pray in the Holy Spirit. Blessings come when the Lord accepts my good deeds. Conversely, when the cup of sin fills, judgment and curses follow, as the Bible testifies. God remains the judge of this world, both today and tomorrow.

For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them. (Rom 1:26-32)

Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things. We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things. Do you suppose, O man—you

who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God? Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God’s kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God’s righteous judgment will be revealed.

He will render to each one according to his works: to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury. There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. (Rom 2:1-11)

Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy.”

“Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. (Rev 22:11-15)

393 Eyes to see the new of me

Understanding why we should worship opens our eyes to the love He has displayed through His commandments. It's essential for us to see ourselves not as the world does, but through the perspective of God's righteousness, love, power, and promises. These promises of God, with their focus on the future, provide guidance in our present lives. If we are not anchored in God's Word, we become susceptible to the enemy's influence, which can lead to theft, killing, destruction, and ultimately, collapse. Therefore, instead of living in doubt about tomorrow, we should plan with eternity in mind, live wisely with hearts full of gratitude, and continually seek strength.

And on that very day the Lord brought the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their hosts. (Ex 12:51)

And the Lord said to him, "Go down, and come up bringing Aaron with you. But do not let the priests and the people break through to come up to the Lord, lest he break out against them." (Ex 19:24)

And if you faithfully obey the voice of the Lord your God, being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the voice of the Lord your God. (Deut 28:1-2)

He answered, Every plant that my Heavenly Father has not planted will be rooted up. (Mt 15:13)

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. (1 Pet 5:6-8)

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble. (Mt 6:33-34)

7) Difficult season is coming

394 God never change, remain faithful

God cannot lie or change. For believers, all of God's promises are "yes" in Christ. Believers experience the faithfulness of God and find faith and salvation in Christ. Offer prayers of faith that are received by God with His Word in the name of Christ.

a) The generation living at the time of Christ's return is the most blessed generation.

b) Contemplate and understand what "as in the days of Noah" means.

c) Know that the time is near when you heard the news that the construction of the Jerusalem temple had begun.

d) The Antichrist will appear publicly. Pay attention to the person recognized as the world's problem solver.

e) False prophets will rise up and proclaim his return, and Satan will use these false prophets to confuse and dilute people's hearts.

There will be much tribulation and difficult times before the second coming. It is a good thing for those who are prepared.

Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord (1 Thes 4:17)

For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory. (2 Cor 1:20)

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. (James 1:17)

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever. (Isa 40:8)

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. (1 Pet 5:8)

395 How to prepare difficult time

God does not reap where we have not sown. Let us sow seeds where we are; then, either we or our descendants will harvest the benefits. Sow good things. This is the way to prepare for difficult times. Do not attempt to sow excessively, but sow as God guides us. This includes reaping souls, sharing the Gospel, expressing love, sharing our resources, and helping others: 5 Share.

Happy are you who sow beside all waters, who let the feet of the ox and the donkey range free. (Isa 32:20)

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. (Gal 5:16)

Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." (Mk 12:29-31)

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' (Mt 25:35-40)

But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. (Mt 6:3-4)

396 Guard from these

When speaking, worshiping, or praying, always invite the Lord first with honesty and humility. We must obey the Holy Spirit speaking to us. Repent before sin overcomes us. The devil tempts us to not see God through faith and to turn our hearts towards other things. Therefore, we must always be careful not to stray from our faith. If people do not turn in the right direction, they must be told to repent. Prostitution, lying, unfair business practices, theft, corruption, and the immoral acts of the saints are all equal sins in the eyes of God. They are all heading towards the lake of fire.

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, (Jn 1:12)

Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. (Mt 10:40)

And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. (Dan 12:2-3)

Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. (Gal 5:19-21)

The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”(Rev 21:7-8)

397 Be prepared

1. The generation that welcomes the Second Coming of Christ is the most blessed generation.
2. Reflect and understand the meaning of "as in the days of Noah."
3. When hearing about the construction of the Third Temple of Jerusalem, know that the time is near.
4. The Antichrist will appear publicly. Be wary of those who are exalted by people and known as problem-solvers of the world.
5. False prophets will rise and proclaim the return of Jesus. Why? It is because Satan wants to confuse people's minds, belittle them, and make them spiritually dull.
6. There will be many tribulations and difficulties before the return of Jesus.

And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. (Mt 24:11-12)

So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), (Mt 24:15)

And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath. (Mt 24:19-20)

For false Christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. (Mt 24:24)

For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. (Mt 24:37)

Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy. (Rev 22:11)

398 Days are evil

Satan confuses and tempts God's servants using various methods, including media and computers. Therefore, it's crucial to exercise restraint to avoid being misled by chaotic information. When one relies solely on the internet for answers and follows them without question, it can become an idol. The true answer to life and death, blessings and curses, lies in prayer, a method that God does not change. Remember, in God's eyes, the history of the earth is but a 'moment.' From His perspective, the affairs of the flesh are finite; they do not endure beyond the judgment of injustice and hold no eternal value. The Words of Jesus nourish the spirit.

Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The Words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. (Jn 6:62-63)

For the Lord Himself will descend from Heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. (1 Thes 4:16-17)

While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. (1 Thes 5:3)

For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. (2 Thes 2:7)

Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness. (2 Thes 2:11-12)

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, (1 Thes 5:16-17)

399 Evil as the days of Noah

In our generation, marked by widespread corruption, it is crucial to begin each day prepared through prayer. Strive to be a spiritual person. It's essential to embody the changes you wish to see in others, rather than falling into hypocrisy. Reflecting on the biblical story of Adam and Eve, who lived under God's perfect blessing but succumbed to temptation, we see the origin of sin. Today, like in the days of Noah, we face a world steeped in sin, making it challenging to believe and obey God's Word. Yet, with God, all things are possible. The early church saints, reborn in the Holy Spirit through Jesus, remained obedient to the Word despite persecution, a testament still carried forward by the reborn faithful. For God's children, there are no coincidences, only divine opportunities. The 'Morning Dews' are given the opportunity to glorify God today. God has provided to live an abundant life on this earth and to store rewards in Heaven. God is looking for worshipers who offer acceptable prayers, praise, and glory to Him; who desires to share the Gospel, following the Holy Spirit, receiving gifts, and being together in power. Save your time!

But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. (2 Tim 3:1-5)

Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! (Isa 5:20)

400 Eyes to see the generation

God prospered Egypt to fulfill His promise to Abraham, a testament to His enduring faithfulness. In contemporary times, it's crucial to discern how God is shaping Christ's kingdom and the church, identifying the nations He employs in this divine process. Yet, the question arises: what plans does He harbor, and what commitments has He declared? A reverential fear of Jehovah's justice and judgment is essential. For those who harbor this fear, coupled with belief and obedience, God promises exaltation, wisdom, and intelligence. Our generation faces unique demands; our response to these, grounded in faith, is crucial. Reflecting on history, significant events transpired when the priests of Israel apportioned the land. This begs the question of the role of today's pastors: beyond their claims of shepherding, what substantive actions do they undertake? Caution is advised in blindly supporting those who are merely 'hired shepherds,' offering no genuine spiritual guidance.

I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently find me. Riches and honor are with me, enduring wealth and righteousness. My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold, and my yield than choice silver. I walk in the way of righteousness, in the paths of justice, granting an inheritance to those who love me, and filling their treasuries. (Pr 8:17-21)

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. (James 4:8)

But you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one. (Jn 10:26-30)

401 Acceleration of evil

Evil progressively worsens. Missionaries, likened to the 'Morning Dew,' must acknowledge the increasing pervasiveness of evil in humanity, as depicted in Romans 1. This chapter illustrates the progression of corruption caused by sin. Changes in society, culture, the attitudes of ministers, and the realities within the church are all steering us towards an era reminiscent of the time of Noah's judgment. The interpretation of Romans 1 should be considered in the context of the blessings and curses outlined in Deuteronomy 28. According to Deuteronomy 28, obedience to God's commands leads to blessings, while disobedience results in curses. This suggests that those who align with God's will experience corresponding outcomes.

Romans 1 demonstrates that humans, having forsaken God and succumbed to sin, are already treading the path of curses as outlined in Deuteronomy 28. Since God's actions are as described in the scripture, it's crucial to understand the criteria for discerning whether we are truly serving God. Life presents two paths: which one am I on? The children of God live in accordance with the Creator's will, whereas those of the world follow their own desires. The tendency of those who adhere to the rulers of the air is to live as they wish.

- a) The lust of the flesh
- b) The lust of the eyes
- c) The pride of life

And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, foolish, faithless, heartless, and ruthless. Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them. (Rom 1:28-32)

8) Cult and false prophet

402 Heresy doctrine

Those who listen to the sound of the Spirit without the Word will establish and follow heretical doctrines. Hireling shepherds, pursuing their own interests, will seek the favor of people by claiming to have heard the voice of God. However, those who first acquire knowledge of the Word and listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit through prayer and the Word will truly become shepherds. Study the Word diligently. When, in prayer and through the Word, you clearly hear the voice of the Holy Spirit, you become one with the Lord. Becoming one will prove that you've heard the voice of the one Holy Spirit, and you will be led on the right path. There, the promised presence and power of the triune God will be revealed.

The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. (Jn 17:22-23)

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. (Eph 4:1-6)

403 True shepherds and false prophets

Pursuits of false prophets:

1. Money
2. Fame
3. Authority
4. Personal gain
5. Physical satisfaction

Characteristics of false prophets:

1. They attempt to pinpoint the exact time and date of the Second Coming.
2. They amass personal wealth and provide justifications for it.
3. They fail to live by the teachings they espouse.
4. They do not show remorse or repent for immoral behaviors.
5. Their prophecies fail to materialize.
6. They give precedence to their own Words over those of the Bible.
7. They are adamant that only their claims are accurate.
8. They exhibit pride and arrogance.
9. They are motivated by greed.

S. SATAN, ENEMY

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1) Know your enemy

404 Satan fears only the Word of God

Satan fears nothing in this world except the powerful Word, which has been written and upheld through over 4,000 years of testimony and emanates from God's mouth. This knowledge highlights that where Jesus reigns, Satan cannot exist. But what does 'my body is the temple of God' mean, and what about 'the pure in heart will see God'? Additionally, how should we interpret 'for where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them'?

Satan employs various tactics to distance us from the Word, including busyness, lack of time, doubt, misunderstanding, following the desires of the mind and flesh, wasting time on worldly pursuits, and insensitivity. These tactics aim to steal or deceive the Word within us. Remember, it is the Word that Satan fears; its mere presence in your life can diminish his power and influence. Believe in the Word and stand firmly upon it.

Guard the Word within you: listen to it, understand it, believe in it, and proclaim it, united with your faith. Become a disciple who not only guards but also faithfully follows the Word. Be like the 'Morning Dew,' unwavering and joyfully obedient, transforming your enemies into your footstool.

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. (Jn 10:10)

During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, (Jn 13:2)

By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. (1 Jn 4:13)

In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. (Jn 1:4-5)

405 Satan uses intermediaries

Satan whispered into Judas Iscariot's ear, planting seeds of doubt in his heart. Even though Judas was a follower of Jesus, his faith was tainted, as he lacked true belief. Satan infiltrated Judas's heart like a virus, preying on his disbelief and uncertainties. Therefore, we must earnestly repent for our own doubts and faltering faith in the Word. We should seek the peace that only Christ can provide. Can stains be washed away with blood? Only the Word has the power to cleanse them. Thus, we must deeply ponder the nature of the Word and the true identity of Christ. We need to thoroughly understand what Christ has imparted to the world: the essence of peace, the true meaning of success, and the importance of the Word penetrating our hearts.

During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, (Jn 13:2)

But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land?" (Act 5:3)

Sanctify them in the truth; your Word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth. (Jn 17:17-19)

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." (Act 2:37-39)

406 Satan allure to do that God hates

- 1) Theoretically justifies actions declared as sin by God.
- 2) Leads to the worship of idols.
- 3) Cultivates a proud heart and encourages self-centered thinking.
- 4) Prompts lying and hiding the truth.
- 5) Causes the shedding of innocent blood.
- 6) Encourages lying and concealing the truth.
- 7) Tempts one onto a wicked path, leading to sin.
- 8) Induces false testimony and conceals true witness.
- 9) Destroys relationships and creates division.
- 10) Leads to offering insincere, unprepared sacrifices.
- 11) Promotes worship that is not accepted by God.
- 12) Leads to faithless lamentation and insincere worship.
- 13) Hinders the raising of godly offspring.
- 14) Hurts the hearts of others.
- 15) Discourages the fear of God.
- 16) Encourages rejecting the Gospel and speaking against God.
- 17) Obstructs repentance and deters others from the same.

We must never participate in what God hates, nor should we grieve His heart.

So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels. (Ps 81:12)

407 Satan attacks by shaking the mind

Faith takes root and grows in the heart, flourishing more verdantly and abundantly with the water of hope. However, there are elements that hinder the realization of this hope. What shakes the hearts of those who pray is the touch of Satan. His interference destroys what has been built up in the past, causing cracks, and tries to return us to the starting point. Satan shakes the mind, preventing us from bearing fruits that glorify God. What would be the outcome of a war if a soldier shakes the mind of the commander? We must be vigilant about whom we dine with, share drinks, and fellowship. Additionally, we must identify those who hinder the budding and fruiting from the branches. Wisdom is needed to discern what manipulates everything behind the scenes.

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. (Gal 5:16-21)

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the Heavenly places. (Eph 6:10-12)

408 Satan cause us to haste

We must always think and act with care in whatever we do. Satan seeks to rush us, tempting us into making hasty decisions that could ruin our lives. Vigilance is therefore essential. Are we acting out of greed? Greed fosters anxiety, harms the heart, and leads to sinful paths. Our decisions should be based not merely on personal experiences or others' advice, but on the Word of God. Without this foundation, things are bound to collapse eventually. Like planning a great city on water, we need to build our lives one step at a time, anchored in the Word. We should constantly evaluate whether our plans are in line with God's will, maintaining focus and caution in our actions. Let every step we take be built upon the Word. Psalm 1 offers guidance in this regard. Any achievement not grounded in the Word is ultimately futile. All our efforts could be squandered, and we will be accountable for them.

But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. (James 1:14-17)

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. (Ps 1:1-6)

409 Satan's correction causes a relapse

If we do not address the root cause of a disease, it will continue to recur. Similarly, if we do not resolve the underlying issues of a problem, it will resurface. From whom did I receive my healing, God or Satan? Are we drawing closer to the heart of God and following His will? Satan constantly attempts to disrupt the fellowship of the saints, isolating us. In such situations, Satan can provide seemingly valid excuses and justifications. However, it's crucial to understand that Satan is a genuine spiritual entity that influences our lives, obstructs our growth, and seeks to destroy us. To overcome this, we must introspect, assess how we expose ourselves to Satan's attacks, and identify our vulnerabilities to him. We must then conquer these challenges through repentance and by adhering to the Word. Believing in repentance and the Word means embracing the Word and welcoming the presence of the Holy Spirit within us.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. (Phil 4:8)

Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God. (Jn 3:18-21)

2) How to defeat Satan

410 Only by the Power of Holy Spirit

Conquering Satan's stronghold is a formidable challenge. Victory over Satan is not attainable through human experience, skills, or strategies alone; it can only be achieved through the power of the Holy Spirit. To thwart Satan's schemes, we must pray and steadfastly resist him with unwavering faith until triumph is ours. Guarding against his influence on our Words, actions, and conscience is crucial. Immediate repentance and an unwavering belief in the Holy Spirit's constant affirmation of our connection to God are essential. We must remain vigilant, heed the Word, surrender our anxieties to the Holy Spirit, and firmly adhere to its teachings to emerge victorious in every confrontation. Success in this battle depends on Jesus' presence with us. Faith is paramount; without it, our prayers remain unanswered. Therefore, we must maintain unwavering faith in the Holy Spirit's promised abiding presence and engage in prayer with unshakeable faith. Declare His truth in your thoughts, be strong and courageous in spirit, and remain steadfast in His promises. Trust in the unchanging Word, rather than solely in your rational or emotional thoughts. Remember, all was and is forgiven in Christ.

We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him. (1 Jn 5:18)

If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his Word is not in us. (1 Jn 1:6-10)

411 Victory over enemy (8 codes)

- 1) Win with Words and faith: triumph not with the honor of the world, but with the Word; the power of Jehovah. We must be equipped with the power of the Word.

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.” (Jn 16:33)

And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. (Heb 11:6)

For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. (Heb 4:2)

Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the Day of Judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. (1 Jn 4:15-18)

But he answered, “It is written, “‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that comes from the mouth of God.’” (Mt 4:4)

Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” (Mt 4:7)

Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.’” (Mt 4:10)

- 2) Win with the power of the Holy Spirit, not plans, knowledge, or experience.

By this we know that we abide in him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. (1 John 4:13)

No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and His love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. (1 Jn 4:12-16)

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. (Gal 5:16-17)

For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. (2 Tim 1:7)

And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. (Gal 5:24-26)

For the Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath." (Mt 12:8)

Behold, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles. He will not quarrel or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets; a bruised reed he will not break, and a

smoldering wick he will not quench, until he brings justice to victory; (Mt 12:18-20)

Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. For, "Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay; but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him." But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls. (Heb 10:35-39)

- 3) Win by trust: thwart Satan's schemes through prayer, and stand firm to the end.

But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. (James 4:6-8)

Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, (Lk 22:31)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Phil 4:6-7)

While you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus. And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the Word of God with boldness. (Act 4:30-31)

4) Win by donning the full armor of God.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the Heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, (Eph 6:10-18)

5) Win with the power of prayer. The Apostle Paul, knowing that prayer moves God, often asked for it.

Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that Words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, (Eph 6:18-19)

At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the Word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak. (Col 4:3-4)

And Daniel went in and requested the king to appoint him a time, that he might show the interpretation to the king. Then Daniel went to his house and made the matter known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions, and told them to seek mercy from the God of Heaven concerning this mystery, so that Daniel and his companions might not be destroyed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. [19] Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision of the night. Then Daniel blessed the God of Heaven. (Dan 2:16-19)

Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. I prayed to the LORD my God and made confession, saying, O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, (Dan 9:3-4)

6) Win by not giving Satan an opportunity.

To put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. (Eph 4:22-27)

7) Win by listening to the Holy Spirit's voice and opposing the enemy.

Casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering

are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen. (1 Pet 5:7-11)

8) Win by entrusting all worries to the Lord.

Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act. He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday. Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices! Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath! Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil. For the evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land. In just a little while, the wicked will be no more; though you look carefully at his place, he will not be there. (Ps 37:4-10)

Stand firm in the grace of God, do not fear the enemy, and achieve victory. Proclaim it when the Lord speaks. Be wary, for Satan rejoices when we cease our work. Do not be afraid. God will fulfill what He has spoken. He is the living God, and He will return soon. Do not take the Word of God lightly. God loves those who keep, read, believe, and act according to His Word. The Lord is watching. Power is in the name of Yesuah.

412 Who do you please

Pleasing Satan	Pleasing God
Dividing the team,	Uniting the team,
Acting with hatred,	Acting with love,
Being rude to others,	Respecting and considering others,
Prideful and arrogant in heart.	Being humble and repentant,
Following the desires of the flesh and the eyes, resisting the Holy Spirit,	Recognizing spiritual values, keeping faith and obedience,
Selfish, only caring about one's own affairs,	Dedicated, considerate, and patient,
Pretending to be good, being hypocritical,	Always sowing goodness,
Having received the gospel, but doubting the Word, seeking one's own safety, and being ashamed of preaching the gospel,	Serving the church with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, not doubting, being bold, exerting effort in evangelism and missions, loving the neighbor,
Ending the gospel in one's own life, preventing it from passing to the next generation,	Leaving the gospel as a legacy to descendants, repenting from evil, learning to do good,
Stopping the work of God.	Putting effort into the work of God.

413 What is the result of effort

Know that my actions are observed by both God and people. The peace in my heart is a reflection of my spiritual state. Compromising with worldly values not only delays spiritual growth but ultimately leads to a trap. Be vigilant to avoid falling into sin and giving the enemy a chance.

Psalm 1 delineates two paths to choose from and highlights the consequences of actions that are not rooted in God's Word. Any effort made outside of His Word is futile and will ultimately result in paying the price for the sin of wasting God's time. I must ask myself: Am I acting out of greed in my heart? Greed leads to anxiety, distress, and harm to others. On the other hand, blessings glorify the Lord and bring contentment to our souls.

I aspire to receive God's blessing and achieve not my own desires, but what God has placed in my heart. By approaching God with faith and prayer, I will realize that my prayers have been answered. Building life on my own desires and methods is akin to building on sand; it leads to conflicts, lawsuits, destruction, rumors, murder, separation, failure, and death. God will scrutinize both my heart and deeds.

The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. (Ps 1:4-6)

What the wicked dreads will come upon him, but the desire of the righteous will be granted. (Pr 10:24)

The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord, but the prayer of the upright is acceptable to him. The way of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord,

But he loves him who pursues righteousness. (Pr 15:8-9)

There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death. (Pr 16:25)

414 Do not follow voice of enemy

We must be careful not to let our knowledge or experience hinder the work of the Holy Spirit. In following God's will and working for His glory, we should be cautious not to seek our own interests. It's crucial to discern whether our decisions are inspired by the Holy Spirit or by evil spirits. This discernment is key in distinguishing between a good shepherd, who listens to Christ, the Shepherd, and a hired hand. As sheep, we must ask ourselves: Whose voice are we following? Are we acting as true shepherds or merely hired hands? Our focus should be on doing what the Lord desires and following His Word. To avoid becoming like ash in the fire on the Day of Judgment, we must heed the voice of the true Shepherd. Remember, only Father God knows the Day of Judgment. Therefore, we should not heed the prophecies of those who claim to know this day.

And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of Heaven to the other. "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my Words will not pass away. "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of Heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man." (Mt 24:31-39)

He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority." (Act 1:7)

415 Be watchful of traps

Satan sometimes sets a trap of illusion, leading us to believe we are on the right path. In these moments, we might briefly succumb to delusion, thinking we are doing the right thing when, in reality, it's just a scheme of Satan. We must always ground our thoughts and actions in the Word of God. Proverbs states, 'There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.' This warns us that relying solely on human judgment can lead us to misinterpret dangerous or destructive paths as the right ones. Therefore, we must base our judgments and actions on God's Word and be wary of being consumed by our own sense of righteousness.

Jehovah, the eternal God, will return soon. Hence, we must not take God's Word lightly or be negligent in engaging with it. God has provided His Word for us to read, contemplate, follow, and uphold. He cherishes those who follow and keep His Word. His actions are always perfectly timed and in accordance with His Word. Only the works of God are perfect and right. He has declared that He will create a new Heaven and a new earth. His plans will materialize in due time, and all plans that oppose or rebel against His will come to nothing. He will scatter all who stand against His plans. Therefore, repent!

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. (Mt 25:31-33)

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under Heaven: (Ecc 3:1)

Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the Lord, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey. (Deut 6:3)

3) Satan's strategy of destruction

416 Satan's plan

- 1) Interferes with reading the Word.
- 2) Causes opposition to the Word.
- 3) Makes it hard to understand the Word even when heard.
- 4) Distorts the Word of God.
- 5) Causes opposition to the work of the Holy Spirit.
- 6) Causes doubt in the Word.
- 7) Prevents prayer.
- 8) Causes division among the saints.
- 9) Confuses priorities and leads to compromise.
- 10) Leads to selfish, self-centered behavior.

Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, but whoever keeps his Word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: (1 Jn 2:4-5)

Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also. (1 Jn 2:22-23)

Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. (1 Jn 3:2-4)

By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. (1 Jn 4:2-3)

417 Schemes of enemy

Satan tempts us to act outside of God's Word. It's important to plan your life in accordance with God's Word. We need to seek guidance from God's Word and build everything upon it. Many believers often change their life priorities without realizing that they are succumbing to the enemy's schemes, which are contrary to God's will. This leads to repeated failures and sufferings. Therefore, we must align our actions with the Word of God. Even if our intentions are good and sacrificial, if they do not align with God's Word, such endeavors will not bear fruit and will ultimately fail. We should always ask ourselves: 'Is my goal focused on eternal things in Christ?'

Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'" (Mt 4:10)

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. (Jn 10:10)

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. (Jn 16:33)

Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you. Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure. Do not swerve to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil. (Pr 4:25-27)

For my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water. (Je 2:13)

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour (1 Pet 5:8)

418 Satan's strategy (A), away from Word

Satan stirs the mind, leading believers astray from fellowship and into isolation. Observe how Satan operates among people: always from the shadows. He tempts and influences the faithful, seeking to obstruct God's work through various means such as art, culture, hobbies, education, fashion, and materialism. It's crucial to scrutinize the origins of these influences.

Both God and Satan are watchful of our actions. Satan, however, lures us with grandeur and tempts us with the promise of great things. We must be vigilant to resist such temptations. How, then, shall we combat the ruler of the kingdom of the air?

Schemes of Satan and evil spirits

1 Sends a spirit of doubt, just as was done to Adam and Eve.

But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die. (Gen 2:17)

Then the man said, this at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. (Gen 2:23)

For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil. (Gen 3:5)

Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. (Gen 3:7)

And he said, I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself. (Gen 3:10)

2 Disrupts life's priorities, leading to idolatry. Greed is idolatry.

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. (Mt 6:33)

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. (Col 3:5)

3 Justifies actions that oppose God's Word.

And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them. (Rom 1: 28-32)

4 Opposes God's messengers, thereby blocking the blessings God gives.

But if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God! So they took his advice, (Act 5:39-39)

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you. (Heb 13:17)

5 Steals the Word of God from people's hearts.

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. (Jn 10:10)

6 Rules the world through the power of evil spirits in the air.

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the Heavenly places. (Eph 6:11-12)

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, all these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me. (Mt 4:8-9)

7 Makes people lax and lazy. Laziness leads to corruption. Then, it leads to compromise and straying from faith and truth, thereby separating from God.

My son, be attentive to my Words; incline your ear to my sayings. Let them not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart. For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh.

Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life. Put away from you crooked speech, and put devious talk far from you. Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you. Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure. Do not swerve to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil. (Pr 4:20-27)

8 Sift children of Gos as wheat.

"Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers." (Lk 22:31-32)

And he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation." (Lk 22:46)

8 Uses all means to hinder and break the spread of the Gospel.

In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. (2 Cor 4:4)

We must be aware of where we are and know Satan's schemes to achieve victory.

419 Satan's Schemes (B), justifying sin, suffering

1 Rejects the leading of the Holy Spirit, falling into carnal lust and temptation.

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. (1 Pet 2:11)

2 Loses self-control, falling into debauchery and dissipation.

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. (Eph 4:31)

3 Becomes proud and arrogant.

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? (1 Cor 1:20)

4 Tempts us into condemnation.

Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. (Gal 5:19-21)

5 Incites to do unnecessary things, as was done to David.

Then Satan stood against Israel and incited David to number Israel. (1 Chro 21:1)

6 Sends a spirit of suffering, as was done to Saul.

Now the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and a harmful spirit from the Lord tormented him. (1 Sam 16:14)

The next day a harmful spirit from God rushed upon Saul, and he raved within his house while David was playing the lyre, as he did day by day. Saul had his spear in his hand. And Saul hurled the spear, for he thought, "I will pin David to the wall." But David evaded him twice. Saul was afraid of David because the Lord was with him but had departed from Saul. (1 Sam 18:10-12)

7 Gives trials and tests, as was done to Job.

But stretch out your hand and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face." And the Lord said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your hand. Only against him do not stretch out your hand." So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord. (Job 1:11-12)

8 Leads to deeper sin, becoming corrupt hypocrites, and going down the path of judgment.

Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy. (Rev 22:11)

9 Brings about suffering and a self-centered generation.

But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. (2 Tim 3:1-5)

10 Pollutes people and the environment with Words.

It is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but what comes out of the mouth; this defiles a person. (Mt 15:11)

11 Brings disasters and diseases. Those who follow idols will go where the idols go.

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. (Col 3:5-6)

The three common features of these idols are: For oneself, beneficial to oneself now, focused on success in this world.

4) Destiny of Satan, final place

420 Place where banished spirits go

The place where the banished spirits go is not hell, but rather they roam the earth, searching for arid places, symbolically devoid of the Word, until the Day of Final Judgment. Satan will remain on this earth until that day, opposing Jesus, and will eventually be cast into the eternal lake of fire along with his followers.

The manifestations of the Antichrist around us include:

1. Manifesting as false prophets.
2. Exhibiting spiritual coldness.
3. Masquerading as an angel of light.
4. Propagating doctrines that contradict the Word.
5. Advocating incorrect behaviors.
6. Discouraging participation in church gatherings.
7. Neglecting to practice love in Christ.
8. Sowing division rather than fostering unity.
9. Impeding the spread of the Gospel.

For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at His coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under hHis feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. (1 Cor 15:22-26)

In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. (2 Cor 4:4)

