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Without Spending Years Studying the Bible

(though that can be very helpful, especially an Apologetics Study Bible)

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The Best Bible Verses (Scripture verses based on the King James Bible)

INTRODUCTION

Most people want to improve their lives and help their loved ones. But they don't know what else they can do. Studying the Bible, or at least the best Bible verses, might help. Most Christians want to know, and have quick access to the best Bible verses. But they feel like they don't have years to dedicate to study and research the Bible. In over 10 years of studying the Bible I have put together what I believe are most of the best Bible verses. This publication is not meant to replace advice from people appointed or ordained in Christian traditions, or certified expert advice. However, these verses, in these different structures, have helped me to better examine and improve my life, and I believe they can help many more people. Maybe you?

Over the last nine years I've also studied personal growth, professional growth, leadership growth, and business growth, and I've self-published a personal growth book titled Opportunity Truth. As I mention in Opportunity Truth, I believe there are guarantees in life including challenges, opportunities, and choices. New knowledge helps us to overcome challenges, grow opportunities, and make better choices. Gain knowledge. Live Better.® Despite what others may say, I also believe there are shortcuts in life, depending on your definition of shortcut. There are basically three ways to gain knowledge, by personal experience over the years, by thinking about important values and situations, or through other people. Learning through other people can save us years of learning by personal experience. For almost anything you want to overcome or accomplish, someone has done it and written about it, or posted a video about it online. But we still need to do the work after we gain knowledge that can help save us years of work.

Pride could be argued our biggest challenge, the original sin, which wants to convince us that we don't need to deliberately learn and grow, and that we should be equal with God. I believe some of the most important personal growth information in the Bible is Galatians 5:16-23 that says the desires of the flesh are against the desires of the Spirit, and provides a list of both. Another key personal growth verse is John 10:10 that explains the strategy of our spiritual adversary and our best strategy (I highlight these in my Christian Wisdom Guide). It seems that technology is increasing our ability to engage in our desires of the flesh or the desires of the Spirit, and some environments are stacked in favor of our desires of the flesh. Our humanity has some catching up to do with our technology, and I believe it starts with deliberate personal growth.

One of the most interesting things I've learned about spiritual growth, from a large and very successful (fruitful) Christian nonprofit, is that people who are struggling with their basic human needs are more open to hearing about Jesus if we first help them with their basic needs. There are few things more valuable than helping someone strengthen their identity, mind, body, faith, and relationships, and helping them plan, be more productive, and persevere.

I often spend time thinking of some of the biggest problems we have and compare our present situation with previous situations in history. I have a lot of respect for history. Polybius was an ancient Greek historian whose books, The Histories, is free to download online, and includes some timeless wisdom. It seems there are some similar clues in how the first Christian church grew despite oppression, and how the United States of America won it's independence and quickly became the most powerful nation in the world. I believe some key principles include a belief in God (reference the Declaration of Independence), a heightened sense of responsibility, and many of the leaders were humble (open) and honest (conscientious and disagreeable when necessary), while also being strong, courageous, and caring, and believed strongly in personal growth and education. I believe it was no coincidence that just a few hundred years before Europeans took an interest in America, God inspired a few people to translate the Bible from Latin into more common languages so "commoners" could read it. Many of the early American colonists, or pioneers, were Christians and founded most of the Ivy League Universities.

As I mention in my book Opportunity Truth the core areas of growth are personal, spiritual, professional, leadership, and business. One of the most important abilities humans have is our reason or logic, which is necessary for deliberate growth in any area. Time is not our most valuable resource, truth is, because truth allows us to use our time wisely. There is basically two ways to exercise our reason or logic, to seek truth, or to seek selfish gain. I pray that our leaders respect the truth. I pray that you can regularly set aside time for self-study, to learn what is important to you. Maybe consider convincing friends to join you in a regular group study, where one person does the learning for that week, or month, then shares the highlights of what they learned with the group.

I believe this publication will help strengthen many people's faith, and free many people from doubts or concerns about Christianity.

I hope this publication helps you to learn well, love strong, and live with purpose.

You are respected and loved.



THE FOUNDATION

Salvation: For God so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life (Jn 3:16). I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: it is the power of God unto salvation to all who believe (Ro 1:16).

Believe: Jesus was delivered for our offenses and raised for our justification (Ro 4:25). For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one will many be made righteous (Ro 5:19). Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life (Jn 14:6). If you will confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and will believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved (Ro 10:9). Do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God (Col 3:17). All Scripture is given by inspiration of God (2Ti 3:16).

Prophecy: A virgin will bear a son (Isa 7:14 & Mt 1:23). Bethlehem will bear the ruler of Israel (Mic 5:2 & Lk 2:4-7). He was despised and rejected (Isa 53:3 & Jn 1:11). They pierced Him (Ps 22:16 & Mt 27:35). He was numbered with the transgressors (Isa 53:12 & Mk 15:27).

Relationship with God: God is the Father of all, over all, through all, and in all (Eph 4:6). We are a spirit with a soul in a body (1Th 5:23). God knows our heart (Pro 21:2). For you have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear (Ro 8:15). But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that comes to God must believe that He is, and that He rewards them who diligently seek Him (Heb 11:6).

Grace: All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God (Ro 3:23). He saved us, not because of works (Ti 3:5). By grace are you saved through faith (Eph 2:8). Grace and peace (Ro 1:7). The law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ (Jn 1:17).

Truth: By God all things were created (Col 1:16). God's word is truth (Jn 17:17). God judges everyone equally (Ro 2:11), even our secrets (Ro 2:16). God's wrath from heaven is on those who hold the truth in unrighteousness (Ro 1:18). Worship in spirit and truth (Jn 4:24).

Sin: Christ Jesus has freed us from the law of sin and death (Ro 8:2). Let him who is without sin be the first to throw a stone (Jn 8:7).

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

Repent: The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent, and believe the gospel (Mk 1:15). Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (Ac 2:38).

Baptism: He commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord (Ac 10:48). Buried with Him through baptism (Col 2:12).

Holy Spirit: But the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, who the Father sent in the name of Jesus, He will teach you all things (Jn 14:26). You will be baptized with the Holy Spirit (Ac 1:5). The Holy Spirit dwells in us (2Tim 1:14). The Spirit also helps our infirmities (Ro 8:26).

New Covenant: If the ministry of condemnation be glory, much more does the ministry of righteousness exceed in glory (2Cor 3:9). I do not frustrate the grace of God: if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain (Gal 2:21). Serve in newness of Spirit (Ro 7:6).

New Life: Put on a new self in the likeness of God in righteousness and true holiness (Eph 4:24). Follow that which is good (3Jn 1:11).

Trust: Cast your cares upon Him (Php 4:6). Blessed is the man that trusts in the LORD (Jer 17:7). Christ makes all things new (Rev 21:5).

Faith: Jesus answered them saying, Have faith in God (Mk 11:22). Our citizenship is in heaven (Php 3:20). Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God (Ro 10:17). Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen (Heb 11:1).

Hope: Hope that is seen is not hope (Ro 8:24). With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible (Mt 19:26). Be sober and hope to the end (1Pt 1:13). The LORD has plans for you, for peace not evil (Jer 29:11). Faith, hope, and love abide (1Cor 13:13).

Love: God is love (1Jn 4:8). Let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth (1Jn 3:18). Love suffers long and is kind; love envies not; love brags not, is not puffed up, does not behave unseemingly, seeks not her own, is not easily provoked, thinks no evil; rejoices not in iniquity, but rejoices in truth (1Cor 13:4). Greater love has no man than to lay down his life for his friends (Jn 15:13). Let all things be done with love (1Cor 16:14). Nothing is able to separate us from the love of God, in Christ Jesus our Lord (Ro 8:38-39).

Commandments: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it, You will love your neighbor as yourself (Mt 22:37-39). Love one another (2Jn 5).

Joy: God of hope fill you with joy and peace (Ro 15:13). The joy of the LORD is your strength (Neh 8:10). Your love gives me joy (Phm 7).

Peace: Peace from God (Phm 3). Perfect peace whose mind is stayed on God (Isa 26:3). Blessed are the peacemakers (Mt 5:9).

Pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil (Mt 6:9-13).

Praise and Worship: O praise the LORD, all you nations: praise Him, all you people! (Ps 117:1). In the midst of church will I sing praise unto God (Heb 2:12). Worship the Father in spirit and in truth (Jn 4:24). It is written you shall only worship the Lord your God (Lk 4:8).

Respect: Whatever you would have men do to you, do to them (Mt 7:12). Let nothing be done through conflict or pompous pride; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than themselves (Php 2:3) Do not grumble against one another (Jas 5:9).

Authority: One God and Father of all, who is above all (Eph 4:6). Authority is ordained by God (Ro 13:1). Pray for authority (1Tim 2:1-2).

Wisdom: The ear of the wise seeks knowledge (Pro 18:15). Wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality or hypocrisy (Jas 3:17). If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God (Jas 1:5). A fool is right in his eyes: but the wise seeks counsel (Pro 12:15). With what judgement you judge, you will be judged (Mt 7:2).

Forgive: Be kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you (Eph 4:32).

Be: Fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance (Gal 5:22-23). Be doers of the Word (Jas 1:22). Be strong and of good courage (Jos 1:9). Transformed (Ro 12:2). We are made in God's image (Gen 1:27).

Know: Know the truth, and the truth will set you free (Jn 8:32). Jesus said; I have not come to destroy the law, but to fulfill (Mt 5:17). Jesus came so we can have life, and have it more abundantly (Jn 10:10). Greater is He who is in me, than he who is in the world (1Jn 4:4).

Do: Trust in the LORD with all your heart (Pro 3:5). Keep God's commandments in your heart (Pro 3:1). Jesus said; he who believes on me will do the works I do (Jn 14:12). By works was faith made perfect (Jas 2:22). Go therefore make disciples and baptize (Mt 28:19).



THE FIGHT

Freedom: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty (2Cor 3:17). Sin will not have dominion over you (Ro 6:14).
Allies: Jesus and God (Jn 10:29-30). Holy Spirit (Ac 1:8). Angels (Ps 91:11). There is a friend closer than a brother (Pro 18:24).
Adversaries: Desires of the flesh (Gal 5:17). Desires of the flesh include; lust, idolatry, witchcraft, anger, jealousy, division, murder, and drunkenness (Gal 5:19-21). Other people in the world (Jn 16:33). The devil (1Pt 5:8) and his spiritual forces of evil (Eph 6:12).
Do Not Fear: I will fear no evil, God is with me (Ps 23:4). Be of good courage and He will strengthen your heart (Ps 27:14). All things work together for good to them who love God (Ro 8:28). The LORD is my refuge and fortress (Ps 91:2). In the world you will have trouble, be of good cheer; Jesus overcame the world (Jn 16:33). Have no fellowship with darkness (Eph 5:11). Be not afraid, believe (Mk 5:36).
Help: My help comes from the LORD (Ps 121:2). I can do all things through Christ (Php 4:13) and the Holy Spirit (Ro 8:11).
Power: God did not give us a spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind (2Tim 1:7). Be strong in the Lord (Eph 6:10).
Heart: Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me (Ps 51:10). Keep your heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life (Pro 4:23). A joyful heart does good like medicine (Pro 17:22). The LORD ponders the hearts (Pro 21:2).
Mind: Be not conformed to this world: be transformed by renewing your mind (Ro 12:2) Be not easily shaken in mind (2Th2:2).
Words: Death and life are in the power of the tongue (Pro 18:21). Speak the truth in love (Eph 4:15). Speak evil of no one (Ti 3:2). Let your yes be yes; and your no, no (Jas 5:12). A soft answer turns away wrath (Pro 15:1). A man has joy by his answer (Pro 15:23).
Emotional Intelligence: Be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger (Jas 1:19). Who is slow to anger has great understanding (Pro 14:29). Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep (Ro 12:15). Know how to answer each person (Col 4:6).
Respect Anger: Let not the sun set on your wrath (Eph 4:26). Put away bitterness, wrath, anger, clamour, evil talk, malice (Eph 4:31)
Respect Alcohol: Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whoever is deceived by them is not wise (Pro 20:1).
Respect Your Body: Much honey is not good (Pro 25:27). Bodily exercise is profitable (1Tim 4:8). Your body is a temple (1Cor 3:16).
Respect Sex: Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled (Heb 13:4). For this cause will a man leave his father and mother, and will unite with his wife: and they will be one flesh (Mt 19:5). How fair and how pleasant are you, O love, for delights (Sng 7:6).
Respect Money: The hand of the diligent makes rich (Pro 10:4). Love of money is the root of all evil (1Tim 6:10). Better is the poor that walks in integrity, than a rich man who is perverse in his ways (Pro 28:6). The borrower is servant to the lender (Pro 22:7).
Delay Gratification: He that has no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls (Pro 25:28).
Conflict: If your brother sins against you, tell him his fault, between you and him alone (Mt 18:15). Save others (Jude 23).
Build Good Habits: In an honest and good heart, having heard the Word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience (Lk 8:15).
Prepare: Stand, put on the belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, shoes of the gospel of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God (Eph 6:14-17). Spirit, soul and body be preserved (1Th 5:23).
Be Aware: Walk cautiously, not as fools, but wise (Eph 5:15). Fear not him who kills the body, fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell (Mt 10:28). Jesus who is taken up to heaven will come in like manner (Ac 1:11). No one knows the hour (Mt 24:36).
Submit and Resist: Submit to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee (Jas 4:7). Teach me Your way, O LORD, and lead me (Ps 27:11).

THE WAY FORWARD

Thank: Giving thanks always for all things unto God (Eph 5:20). Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above (Jas 1:17).
Think: Take all thoughts captive (2Cor 10:5). Think on what is true, honest, just, pure, lovely, commendable, virtuous, of praise (Php 4:8).
Be Honest: The LORD hates a proud look, lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that plans wickedness (Pro 6:16-18).
Be Humble: Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time (1Pt 5:6 & Jas 4:10).
Be Diligent: Thoughts of the diligent lead to plenty (Pro 21:5). Add to your faith, virtue, knowledge, self-control, patience (2Pt 1:5-6).
Be Patient: He that hastes with his feet sins (Pro 19:2). Rejoice in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing in prayer (Ro 12:12).
Be Blessed: (Mt 5:3-9). Blessed is he who is not offended by Jesus (Lk 7:23). Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD (Ps 33:12).
Fellowship: You are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God (Eph 2:19).
Learn & Focus: Every man has received a gift (1Pt 4:10). We are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works (Eph 2:10).
Plan: Seek first the kingdom of God (Mt 6:33). Commit your works unto the LORD, and your thoughts will be established (Pro 16:3).
Build Up: Do not speak corrupting talk, only what is good to build up (Eph 4:29). Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth (Ps 141: 3).
Seek Help: Why do you sit alone (Exo 18:14)? Where no counsel is, people fall (Pro 11:14). Grow up into Him in all things (Eph 4:15).
Help Others: Bear other's burdens (Gal 6:2). Visit fatherless and widows (Jas 1:27). Plea, pray, intercede, give thanks, for all (1Tim 2:1).
Give: Glory to God (1Cor 10:31). It is more blessed to give than receive (Ac 20:35). We do not receive if we ask wrong (Jas 4:3).
Relations: Iron sharpens iron (Pro 27:17). Walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another (1Jn 1:7).
Spouse: Every one of you in particular love his wife as himself and the wife see that she respects her husband (Eph 5:33).
Children: A child left to himself brings his mother to shame (Pro 29:15). Honor your father and your mother (Ex 20:12).
Discern: Believe not every spirit, but try the spirits to see if they are of God (1Jn 4:1). That you may prove what is good (Ro 12:2).
Persevere: Be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord (1Cor 15:58). Do not be weary in well doing (Gal 6:9).
Serve: As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD (Jos 24:15). Use your gifts to serve others, as good stewards (1Pt 4:10).
Save: Jesus came to seek and to save the lost (Lk 19:10). Go into all the world, and proclaim the gospel to everyone (Mk 16:15).



SITUATION

Identity: We are made in God's image (Gen 1:26), His workmanship (Eph 2:10), as a spirit with a soul in a body (1Th 5:23), with a spirit not of fear but of power and love and a sound mind (2 Tim 1:7). The Bible is from God (2Tim 3:16). Have faith in God (Mk 11:22), He loved the world and gave His only Son, and whoever believes in Him will have eternal life (Jn 3:16). The Spirit is against the flesh (Gal 5). Knowledge is better than gold (Pro 8:10). We have power in our thoughts (Pro 21:5, 2Cor 10:5), words (Pro 18:21), and actions (Pro 10:4). There are many things God hates (Pro 6:16).

Our Headquarters (mind & heart): Knowledge is power (Pro 24:5), the humble have wisdom (Pro 11:2). Guard your thoughts (2Cor 10:5). Knowledge should govern desires (Pro 19:2). Do not conform to the world, but be transformed by renewing your mind (Ro 12:2). Think on what is honorable, just, pure, lovely, commendable, and practice them (Php 4:8). Good science reveals God's natural laws... God is the Father of all, above all, through all, and in all (Eph 4:6). Guard your heart, life flows from it (Pr 4:23). The heart can be selfish (Mark 7:21-22). God can give us a new heart and spirit (Ez 36:26). Keep God's word in an honest and good heart, and be patient for results (Lk 8:15).

Circumstances (guarantees in life include challenges, opportunities, and choices):

God's Intent for Us: Who exalts themselves will be humbled, and who humbles themselves will be exalted (Mt 23:12). God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble, and will exalt the humble in due time (1 Pt 5:5-6). Do not despise small beginnings (Zech 4:10). Always rejoice, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances (1Th 5:16-18), and be content in all situations (Php 4:11). Sanctify ourselves, control our bodies, love, and work (1Th 4:3-12 & Jn 17:17).

Truth: The truth will set you free (Jn 8:32). Speak the truth in love (Eph 4:15). God hates pride, lies, murder, people who make wicked plans, who are quick to cause trouble, a false witness, and those who encourage conflict (Pro 6:16-19). God's anger is against the unrighteous who suppress truth (Ro 1:18). Truth helps us use time wisely (Ecc 8:5).

Time: Prioritize and make the best use of time (Eph 5:16), tomorrow is unknown (Jas 4:14). A diligent business person will stand before kings (Pro 22:29). The hand of the diligent will rule (12:24). Walk in wisdom around those who are without, redeeming the time (Col 4:5). Teach us to number our days so we apply our hearts to wisdom (Ps 90:12).

Health: God's words are life giving and healthy (Pro 4:20-22). Physical training is good (1Tim 4:8), too many sweets are not good (Pro 25:27). A joyful heart does good like medicine (Pro 17:22).

Emotions and Feelings: God gave us a spirit of power, love and a sound mind (2Tim 1:7). Be quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger (Jas 1:19). Being slow to anger gives understanding (Pro 14:29). Don't fear (Ps 23:4) or be anxious (Mt 6:34). Share life's ups and downs (Ro 12:15). Faith, hope, and love abide (1Cor 13:13). The wise are cautious, and the foolish are careless (Pro 14:16). A cool spirit gives understanding (Pro 17:27). Rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep (Ro 12:15). What we focus on determines who we are (Mt 6:22).

Money: The love of money is the root of many evils (1Tim 6:10 & Heb 13:5). Life is not in possessions (Lk 12:15). The rich rule over the poor and the borrower is servant to the lender (Pro 22:7). Diligent thoughts and hands bring abundance and wealth (Pro 21:5 and Pro 10:4). Honor God with your wealth (Pro 3:9) and invest (Mt 25:27). There are things more important than tithing (Mt 23:23). Life is not in the abundance of things we own (Lk 12:15).

Allies

Holy Trinity: Our help comes from the Lord (Psa 121:2), all things are possible with God (Mk 10:27). Jesus came to give life (Jn 10:10). Take heart, Jesus overcame the world (Jn 16:33). Greater is the Holy Spirit in us, than us in the world (1Jn 4:4). The Holy Spirit is our helper (Jn 14:26). Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty (2Cor 3:17).

Angels: God's angels can help us, guard us (Psa 91:11), and warn us (Mt 1:20).

Other People: Love God and love others (Mt 22:37-40). Greater love has no one, than to lay down their life for their friends (Jn 15:13). Help others as we have opportunity (Gal 6:10). Hateful behaviors stir up anger, but love covers offenses (Pro 10:12).

Adversaries

Our Flesh: Desires of the flesh are a daily concern because they are against the desires of the Spirit (Gal 5:16-17), and the flesh wars against the soul (1Pt 2:11). The desires of the flesh include; lust, idolatry, witchcraft, anger, jealousy, division, murder, and drunkenness (Gal 5:19). Pride (original sin) also works against us (Pr 11:2).

The World: God gave everyone free will (Gen 1:28). Woe to the world because of offenses, and woe to those who cause offenses (Mt 18:7). We will have trouble in the world (Jn 16:33). God so loved the world that He sent His only begotten Son, and whoever believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life (Jn 3:16). You are a light in the world (Mt 5:14), go into the world and share the Gospel (Mk 16:15), but don't judge those who don't believe it (Jn 12:47).

Other Spiritual Forces: We struggle against spiritual forces of evil (Eph 6:12). Our adversary is the devil (1Pt 5:8) who tempts (Mt 4:3), lies (Jn 8:44), deceives and accuses (Rev 12:9-10), so he can steal (fruit of the Spirit, fellowship, and freedom), kill (body), and destroy (legacy) (Jn 10:10). The devil is limited (Job 1:7).



STRATEGY

Have faith in God (Mk 11:22), and fellowship with the Holy Triune and others (Acts 2:42, 1Cor 1:9, 2Cor 13:14, 1Jn 1:3), sanctify ourselves (1Jn 17:17, 1Th 5:23), submit to God and resist the devil (Jas 4:7), walk in the Spirit (Gal 5:16 and 5:22-23), walk out our calling (1 Cor 7:17, Eph 4:1), love God and others (Mt 22:37-40), proclaim the gospel (Mk 16:15), make disciples (Mt 28:19), and do everything for the glory of God (Col 3:17, 3:23, 1Cor 10:31, Ro 15:5-7).

TACTICS

Key Forces & Focus: One God and Father of all, over all, through all, and in all (Eph 4:6). God's ways are higher than ours (Isa 55:9). The heart of man plans his way but the Lord establishes his steps (Pro 16:9). Do not be distracted, God enlisted us (2Tim 2:4). Submit to God (Jas 4:7). Respect authority (Ro 13:1-4) and pray for authority (1Tim 2:1-2). Walk as the light of the Lord and discern the Lord's will (Eph 5:8-10), pray constantly (Ro 12:12), confess (1Jn 1:9), repent (Acts 2:38), and forgive (Mk 11:25). Trust and acknowledge the Lord, and He will guide us (Pr 3:5-6), and bless us (Jer 17:7). Wait for the Lord and He will renew our strength (Isa 40:31). Diligent thoughts and actions lead to plenty (Pro 10:4 & 21:5). Be virtuous, gain knowledge, and exercise temperance, patience, godliness, kindness, and love (2 Pt 1:5-7).

Be: In God's image (Gen 1:27), adopted sons and daughters (Ro 8:15) with a spirit not of fear but of power, love and a sound mind (2Tim 1:7). Be wise (Pro 4:5), aware (Eph 5:15), humble (1Pt 5:6), honest (Pro 6:17), diligent (Pro 10:4 & 21:5), patient (Ro 12:12), strong and courageous (Jos 1:9) and blessed (Lk 7:23). Be prepared to respectfully defend your faith (1Pt 3:15). Be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger (Jas 1:19). Be knowledgeable (Pro 1:5-7 & 18:15).

Know: We are of the household of God (Eph 2:19) and our citizenship is in heaven (Php 3:20). Know God's word (Pr 3:1). God is slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love (Neh 9:17). God's love endures (Ps 136) and nothing can separate us from it (Ro 8:37-39). Anyone who does not love does not know God (1Jn 4:8). Love is patient and kind, not envious or boastful (1Cor 13). Attitudes and emotions are contagious (Pro 15:1). Seek wise counsel (Pr 24:6). We can ask God for wisdom (Jas 1:5). The Lord is our fortress, deliverer (Ps 91), and avenger (1Th 4:6). We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us (Ph 4:13). We have been saved by grace not by works (Eph 2:8). Sin is an obstacle between us and God (Isa 59:2). Guarantees in life include change (Pro 27:1), challenges (Jn 16:33), opportunities (Lk 8:15) and choices (2Cor 10:5, Pro 18:21). Communication skills can be very powerful (Pro 18:21, 15:2-4 & 21:23 & Job 27:4).

Do: Love God and others (Mt 22:37-40). Praise God (Mt 6:9), worship Him (Lk 4:8), have faith in Him (Mk 11:22), and pray against temptation (Mt 26:41). Forgive others (Eph 4:32). Speak life (Pr 18:21) and the truth in love (Eph 4:15), because iron sharpens iron (Pro 27:17). Treat others how you want to be treated (Mt 7:12) and build each other up (Eph 4:29). Caution, encourage, and help others (1Th 5:14). Discern of good from evil (Heb 5:14). Stand and put on the belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, shoes of the gospel, shield of faith, helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit (Eph 6:14-17). The Holy Spirit can guide and comfort us (Jn 14:26, Acts 9:31). Walk in the light (1Jn 1:7) and in newness of Spirit (Ro 7:6). We should supplement our faith with virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, kindness and love (2Pt 1:5). Fruit of the Spirit includes love, joy and peace (Gal 5:22). Faith is assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen (Heb 11:1). As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord (Jos 24:15). Seek first the kingdom of God, and our needs will be met (Mt 6:33). Love God, and all things work together for good (Ro 8:28).

Personal Growth: Be sanctified (1 Th 5:23). Pray, intercede, and give thanks for others (1Tim 2:1). Honor your parents (Ex 20:12). Be courteous to all (Ti 3:2), and grow together (Eph 4:15), remembering that all have sinned, and are justified by grace (Ro 3:23). Respect everyone (1Pt 2:17), and if someone sins against you, talk with them about it (Mt 18:15). Beware of dissension, blessed are peacemakers (Mt 5:9). Speak with grace and know how to answer each person (Col 4:6). Rejoice in suffering as it produces endurance, character, and hope (Ro 5:3). Bad decisions will be made (Ro 7:15), wrong words will be said (Jas 3:2), but the gifts and calling of God are without repentance (Ro 11:29).

Professional Growth: Everyone has a gift for serving others (1Pt 4:10, Gal 5:13). Let people walk out the calling the Lord has given them (Eph 4:1 and 1 Cor 7:17). The thoughts and hands of the diligent lead to plenty (Pro 10:4 and 21:5).

Leadership Growth: To whom much is given, much is required (Lk 12:48). Mercy and truth preserve the king (Pro 20:28). Families will have challenges (Lk 12:52-53), husbands love your wives, and wives respect your husbands (Eph 5:33). Children are a blessing (Psa 127:3-5), raise them in discipline and instruction in the Lord (Eph 6:4). Obey leaders and submit to them (Hb 13:17). With many counselors there is safety (Pro 11:14). Where there is no vision the people perish (Pro 29:18). Provide for your people willingly not greedily, and not controlling, but be an example (1 Pt 5:3). Look for people who fear God, who are trustworthy and hate a bribe and place them over people (Ex 18:21).

Business Growth: God is not partial (Ro 2:11), be fair to your employees (Eph 6:9). Deceptive practices are not good... God hates diverse weights and a false balance is not good (Pro 20:23). Better is a little with righteousness than great revenue with injustice (Pro 16:8). Those diligent in business will stand before kings (Pro 22:29).



The Best Bible Verses (Scripture verses based on the King James Bible)

CHRISTIAN DAILY PRAYER (page 1, no Scripture references)

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Father God in heaven, I praise You, and want to glorify You. I love You, trust You, and worship You. You are my fortress, my refuge, and my avenger. I know I am Your workmanship, I am saved by Your grace, and I will be open to waiting on You. I will pursue knowledge of Your word, Your ways, and myself, for favor with You and others, and to be healthy. I am a light in the world and I will strive to be positive, calm, and clear. I will seek wisdom, with integrity, courage, and compassion. I know You give wisdom and from Your mouth come knowledge and understanding, and they are better than gold, and add years to my life, with peace. I understand You feel that deceptive practices are terrible, and You hate arrogance, lies, shedding of innocent blood, who creates wicked plans, who does evil, a false witness, and who stirs up trouble between friends. I will guard my heart, thoughts, and words, knowing I am fearfully and wonderfully made. I will serve in the new way of the Spirit, for nothing can separate me from Your love through Jesus.

Lord Jesus, I declare You as my Lord and Savior, and I believe that You were raised from the dead by God. With Your crucifixion I put away my old self, and I crucify my pride, selfishness, doubt, and fear. With Your resurrection I put on my new self with righteousness and holiness, and I am not condemned, but I am justified, redeemed, and free. With Your ascension I accept my place and power in You. As challenges arise, I will overcome and have peace in You, knowing You overcame the world. I will strive to do what's right, to apply love and discernment with humility, and a positive and grateful attitude, knowing light dawns in the darkness for the upright. In You, I am forgiven and I am a citizen of heaven. I will strive to forgive, speak life, help build others up, be diligent, and work as if unto the Lord. I know I am a spirit with a soul in a body, and I am God's temple for the Holy Spirit.

Holy Spirit, I accept your help to guide my choices. Greater is the Holy Spirit in me, than me in the world. I will grow myself and grow in fellowship with others. I will strive to improve my thoughts, knowledge and emotions, being quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger, which gives understanding. I understand the wise are careful but the foolish are careless, and desire without knowledge is not good. I understand people who hate stir up anger, but love covers offenses. I will strive to be loving, joyful, peaceful, patient, and exercise kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control. I will strive to help others as I have opportunity, and walk in the light, with humility, guided by the golden rule and the silver rule. I am grateful for my life, and for the good things to come. I am worthy.

I will be strong in the Lord and put on the armor of God. I know the plans and hands of the diligent bring abundance, but the love of money is the root of many evils. I will strive to not be conformed to the world, but to be transformed by renewing my mind and discerning God's will. I am not fearful, I am powerful, loving, and self-controlled. I will strive to live with grace and truth, make the best use of my time, pray, and keep alert with perseverance. I am hopeful and capable, and I will strive to strengthen my faith, spirit, mind, body, and fellowship, and seek the truth and speak the truth in love. I am loved by God and Jesus, and I am blessed. Great is God's steadfast love and faithfulness. I will love God and others, be steadfast, proclaim the gospel, and disciple others. Father God, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven, for your glory. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

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CHRISTIAN DAILY PRAYER (page 2, with Scripture)

I believe in the Holy Triune of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Gen 1:26), and I believe the Bible is God's word (not just because 2 Timothy 3:16 says so, but there are hundreds of places in the Bible that claim, "says the LORD," "the LORD said," and "God said"). The Bible says, God spoke the world into existence (Gen 1), God made us in His image (Gen 1:27), and there is power in our thoughts (Pro 21:5, 2Cor 10:5), words (Pro 18:21, Mk 11:23), and actions (Pro 10:4). I have faith in God (Mk 11:22, Hb 11:1), I know I am saved by His grace (Eph 2:8), in Jesus (Jn 3:16) who fulfilled the law for us (Mt 5:17, Ro 5:19). I know God gave us a spirit of power, love, and a sound mind (2Tim 1:7), and offers the Holy Spirit (Ez 36:26) to teach and guide us (Jn 14:26, 16:13), but desires of our flesh are against the Spirit (Gal 5:19-21). I understand guarantees in life include change (Pro 27:1, Jas 4:14), challenges (Jn 16:33), opportunities (Pro 22:29, Eph 2:10, Lk 8:15 & 21:13), and choices (Gen 1:28, Ro 8:28, 2Cor 10:5, Pro 18:21). I repent of my sins (Acts 3:19), humble myself (Mk 23:12, Jas 4:6), pray (Mt 5:44, 6:9-13, 1Th 5:17), draw near to God, cleanse my hands and purify my heart (Jas 4:8), and ask for wisdom (1Kings 3:7-9, Jas 1:5). I will be strong and courageous (Deu 31:6, Jos 1:9, 1Chr 28:20) submit to God and resist my flesh (Gal 5:17) and our adversary (Jas 4:7). I sanctify myself in truth (Pro 8:10-11 & 18:15, Mk 9:7, Jn 8:32 & 17:17, 1Cor 1:30, Php 4:8).

Father God in heaven, I praise you (Mt 6:9, Ps 117) and want to glorify You (1Cor 10:31). I love You (Mt 22:37), trust You (Jn 4:18, 14:27), and worship You (Jn 4:24, Lk 4:8, Ro 12:1). You are my fortress, my refuge (Ps 18, 46, 91), and my avenger (Pro 24:29, Ro 12:19, Gal 5:10). I know I am Your workmanship (Eph 2:10), and I am saved by Your grace (Eph 2:5), and I will be open to waiting on You (Isa 40:31). I will pursue knowledge of Your word (Pr 3:1, Jn 1:1, Eph 4:23-24), Your ways (Isa 55:8) and myself (1Cor 12:8-10, Eph 4:7-13, Ro 12:3-8) for favor with You and others (Pro 3:1-4), and to be healthy (Ex 23:25, Pro 3:1-8, 4:20-22). I am a light in the world (Mt 5:14), and I will strive to be positive (Gal 5:22, Pro 17:22), calm (Pro 14:29), and clear (2Cor 1:17, Pro 6:16-17, Eph 4:15). I will seek wisdom (2Chr 1:11-12, Ps 49:3, Ps 111:10, Pr 8, Pr 12:15, Mt 7:2, Jas 1:5 & 3:17), with integrity (Pr 10:9, 19:1), courage (Josh 1:9, 2Sam 10:12, Act 23:11, Jn 16:33), and compassion (Mt 9:36, Mk 6:34, Lk 10:33, Lk 15:20). I know You give wisdom (Jas 1:5) and from Your mouth come knowledge and understanding (Pro 2:6), and they are better than gold (Pro 8:10-11), and add years to my life, with peace (Pro 3:2). I understand You feel that deceptive practices are terrible (Pro 11:1 & 20:10 & 23:10), and You hate arrogance, lies, shedding of innocent blood, who creates wicked plans, who does evil, a false witness, and who stirs up trouble between friends (Pro 6:16-19). I will guard my heart (Pr 4:23), thoughts (2Cor 10:5) and words (Pr 21:23, Jas 3:2, Col 4:6), knowing I am fearfully and wonderfully made (Ps 139:14). I will serve in the new way of the Spirit (Ro 7:6, 8:3-4), for nothing can separate me from Your love through Jesus (Ro 8:3-4, 37-39).

Lord Jesus, I declare You as my Lord and Savior, and I believe that You were raised from the dead by God (Ro 10:9). With Your crucifixion I put away my old self (Eph 4:22), and I crucify my pride, selfishness, doubt and fear. With Your resurrection I put on my new self with righteousness and holiness (Eph 4:24), and I am not condemned (Ro 8:1), but I am justified, redeemed (Ro 3:24), and free (Jn 8:36, Ro 8:2, Gal 5:1). With Your ascension I accept my place and power in You (Eph 1:19, Jn 14:12). As challenges arise, I will overcome and have peace in You, knowing you overcame the world (Jn 16:33). I will strive to do what's right (Mt 7:12, Ps 112, Pro 11:1 & 6:16-19) to apply love and discernment (Php 1:9) with humility (1P 5:6, Jas 4:10), and a positive and grateful attitude (1Th 5:18), knowing light dawns in the darkness for the upright (Ps 112). In You I am forgiven (Eph 1:7 & 4:32, 1Jn 2:12) and I am a citizen of heaven (Php 3:20). I will seek knowledge, understanding (Pro 1:5, 18:15), and competence, in my career (1Cor 7:17) and calling (1Pt 4:10), to pursue an abundant life (Jn 10:10) with riches of grace in kindness in You (Eph 2:7). I will strive to forgive (Eph 4:32), speak life (Pr 18:21), help build others up (Ro 15:2, 1Cor 10:23, 1Th 5:14), be diligent (Pr 12:24, 2Pt 1:10, Mt 28:18-20), and work as if unto the Lord (Col 3:17, 1 Cor 10:31). I know I am a spirit with a soul in a body (1Th 5:23), and I am God's temple for the Holy Spirit (1Cor 3:16 & 6:19).

Holy Spirit I accept your help to guide my choices (Jn 14:26, 16:13, Ro 8:11, Pro 3:3-4, Ro 8:6). Greater is the Holy Spirit in me, than me in the world (1Jn 4:4). I will grow myself and grow in fellowship (Eph 4). I will strive to improve my thoughts, knowledge (2Cor 10:5, Ro 12:2), and emotions (Pro 25:28), being quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger (Jas 1:19), which gives understanding (Pro 14:29, 28:1). I understand the wise are careful but the foolish are careless (Pro 14:16), and desire without knowledge is not good (Pro 19:2). I understand people who hate, stir up anger, but love covers offenses (Pro 10:12). I will strive to be loving, joyful, peaceful, patient, and exercise kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control (Gal 5:22-23). I will strive to help others as I have opportunity (Gal 6:10) and walk in light (1Jn 1:7), with humility (Eph 4:2, Php 2:3), guided by the golden rule (of caring and honesty Mt 7:12, Lk 6:31) and the silver rule (of personality and circumstance, Col 4:6, 1Cor 9:19-23, Pro 25:11). I am and grateful for my life (1Th 5:18) and the good things to come (Ro 8:28). I am worthy (2Cor 3:5)

I will be strong in the Lord (Eph 6:10) and put on the armor of God (Eph 6:14-17). I know the plans, hands of the diligent bring abundance (Pro 10:4, 21:5), but love of money is the root of many evils (1Tim 6:10). I will strive to not be conformed to the world, but I will be transformed by renewing my mind, discerning God's will (Ro 12:2). I am not fearful, I am powerful, loving, and of a sound mind (2Tim 1:7). I will strive to live with grace and truth (Jn 1:17), make the best use of my time (Eph 5:16), pray, and keep alert with perseverance (Eph 6:18). I am hopeful (Jer 29:11) and capable (Php 4:13), and I will strive to strengthen my faith (Lk 8:15), spirit, mind body (1Tim 4:8, Ro 12:2) and fellowship, and seek the truth (Mt 7:7), and speak the truth in love (Eph 4:13-16). I am loved by God (Jn 3:16, Ro 8:38-39) and Jesus (Jn 13:34, 15:9), and I am blessed (Ps 84:4, Eph 1:3). Great is God's steadfast love and faithfulness (Ps 117). I will love God and others (Mt 22:37-39), be steadfast (Ps 119:5, 1Cor 15:58), proclaim the gospel (Mk 16:15), and disciple others (Mt 28:19). Father God, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven (Mt 6:10), for your glory (1Cor 10:31). In Jesus' name I pray (Eph 5:20). Amen.

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10 KEY CHRISTIAN BELIEFS

- 1. God is Real:** Quantum Physics has some strong evidence of a spiritual world. Consider the quantum theories of unpredictability, tunneling, entanglement, decoherence, and the unified field. Science has evidence that our universe is expanding, which means there was a point, back in time, when it actually came into existence from nothing. God spoke the world into existence (Genesis 1). Our universe has many natural laws that are fine tuned, along with many cosmological constants that are evidence of intelligent design. Consider that the earth is the perfect distance from the sun to support advanced life forms, and it is placed in the Milky Way Galaxy to have a clear view of the universe. The heavens declare the glory of God and the sky shows His handywork (Psalm 19:1).
- 2. The Bible is God's Word:** Respectable historians do not disclaim the credibility of the Bible as a historical document. When compared to other historical documents the Bible is accurate and very admired, copied often, and well shared. All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness (2 Tim 3:16). Search a digital King James Bible for phrases "the LORD said," "saith the LORD," "said the LORD," "God said," and "the word of the LORD," and you will find more than 1,200 verses.
- 3. Jesus is the Son of God:** No respectable historian denies the life of Jesus, some only dispute whether Jesus is truly the Son of God. The Old Testament has many prophecies of Jesus (Isa 7:14 / Mt 1:23; Mic 5:2 / Lk 2:4-7; Isa 53:3 / Jn 1:11; Ps 22:16 / Mt 27:35; Isa 53:12 / Mk 15:27). The people who wrote the New Testament were either a brother of Jesus, eye witnesses to the life of Jesus, the Apostle Paul, or a writer for one of them. Paul received a personal visitation from Jesus and went on to write the majority of the Epistles. Jesus declared He is the Son of God (Jn 6:38-40, 10:36-38, and 17:1). Just as important, the Bible has many key characters who claimed Jesus is the Son of God including God (Mt 3:17 and 17:5, Mk 1:11 and 9:7), an angel (Lk 1:35), John the Baptist (Jn 1:29), disciples of Jesus (Mk 1:1 and Jn 1:49), demons Jesus rebuked (Mt 8:29, Mk 3:11 and 5:7, Lk 4:41 and 8:28), and a Centurion at the crucifixion of Jesus, "Truly this man was the Son of God" (Mk 15:39). It seems the devil knew Jesus is the Son of God, but unlike the demons Jesus rebuked, he phrased it as a question (Mt 4:3 and 4:6, and Lk 4:3 and 4:9), to plant a seed of doubt in His identity, as the devil does with many people to this day.
- 4. The Holy Spirit is Our Helper:** After Jesus fulfilled His destiny to be the final sacrifice for us (Ro 5:19), He fulfilled the Old Covenant (Mt 5:17) and ascended to heaven (Mk 16:19), so we could receive the Holy Spirit, to help us (Jn 16:7) and teach us (Jn 14:26)
- 5. We are made in God's Image:** God created man and woman in His image (Gen 1:26) as a spirit, with a soul, in a body (1 Thess 5:23), with a spirit not of fear but of power, love, and a sound mind (2 Tim 1:7). To glorify God (1 Cor 6:20) and love God and love others (Mt 22:37-39). Adam and Eve's free will introduced sin into the world (Gen 3:6-7). God spoke the world into existence (Gen 1) and we have the power of death and life in our words (Pro 18:21). Evolution is a theory based on survival of the fittest, however, it claims all advanced life forms evolved from a simple single cell self-replicating organism. Going from self-replicating to a male and female who need each other to reproduce does not seem like survival of the fittest. It is interesting how science has proven that humans are made from natural elements found on earth, mostly oxygen, carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen, and calcium. Over two thousand years ago, well before the microscope, Moses wrote that God made humans from dust of the earth and His breath of life (Genesis 2:7).
- 6. Humans Have Dominion Over the Earth:** God gave us dominion over the earth (Gen 1:27-28). Though we have the Holy Spirit to help us and guide us, our desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, including lust, anger, and idolatry (Gal 5:17-23). We also have spiritual adversaries on earth (Eph 6:12 and Mk 5:1-9) who stir up our desires of the flesh, and the desires of the flesh of others, with temptations, lies, deceptions, and accusations (1 Pt 5:8, Mt 4:1-11, Jn 8:44, and Rev 12:9-10). God can do anything, however, He has chosen to give us power on earth. God told Adam and Eve they could eat of anything in the Garden of Eden except fruit from one tree. But the devil stirred up their pride and desires of the flesh, in order to doubt God and lead them astray (Gen 3:1-7). Put on the armor of God (Eph 6:14-17), guard your heart (Pro 4:23 and Pro 21:2), thoughts (2 Cor 10:5, Php 4:8, Ro 8:5-6 and Ro 12:2), words (Pro 18:21 and Mt 12:36), and yourself (Lk 22:36). In Jesus is peace. In the world we will have challenges, but Jesus overcame the world (Jn 16:33). Not everyone who claims to be a Christian will make it to heaven (Mt 7:21). Do to others as you would have done to you (Mt 7:12).
- 7. God Offers Us Salvation Through Jesus as a Gift of Grace:** Everyone is a sinner (Ro 3:23) and God is not partial (Ro 2:11). God is over all, through all, and in all (Eph 4:6). By grace you are saved, through faith, not your works: it is the work of God so no person can boast (Eph 2:8). Declare Jesus is Lord and believe He was resurrected, and you will be saved (Ro 10:9). God sent Jesus to fulfill the law for us (Mt 5:17 and 22:40). God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, and whoever believes in Him will have eternal life (Jn 3:16).
- 8. We are Called to Be More Like Jesus and Share the Good News of the Gospel:** We are called into fellowship with Jesus (1 Cor 1:9). Love (Mt 22:37-40), pray (Eph 6:18), praise God (Ps 117), worship God (Lk 4:8), fellowship with others (1 Jn 1:7 and Pro 27:17), forgive (Eph 4:32) and share the Gospel (Mk 16:15). Nothing can separate us from the love of God through Christ Jesus our Lord (Ro 8:37-39).
- 9. We are Commanded to Love God and Love Others:** Love God and love others as yourself (Mt 22:37-40). Love God and all things work out (Ro 8:28). Love casts out fear. We love because God first loved us (1 Jn 4:18-19). Love endures and is kind, it doesn't envy, brag, behave badly, or think evil, it's not arrogant, selfish, or easily angered, but rejoices in truth (1 Cor 13:4). The greatest is love (1 Cor 13:13).
- 10. We are Designed as Creators to Help Others:** The wise seek knowledge (Pro 18:15) and are careful, but the foolish are careless (Pro 14:16). The law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ (Jn 1:17). Christians are to live in the new way of the Spirit not in the old way of the letter (Ro 7:6). Jesus gives us a better covenant (Hb 8:6), because no one is justified by the law, but by faith in Jesus (Gal 2:16). Christ is the end of the law (Ro 10:4). We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works that God ordained for us (Eph 2:10). We have specific gifts, and a calling, to help each other (Eph 4:11-16, 1 Pt 4:10, and 1 Cor 7:17). *Repent (Mk 1:15) and confess your sins (1 Jn 1:9). Be humble (1 Pt 5:6), honest (Pro 6:16-19), and helpful (Gal 6:2). Do not be conformed to the world but renew your mind (Ro 12:2), think (Php 4:8) carefully (2 Cor 10:5), be diligent (Pro 10:4 and 21:5) content (Php 4:11 and 1 Tim 6:10), and be united (1 Cor 1:10 and 1 Pt 3:8). Share the Gospel (Mk 16:15), teach others, and baptize them in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit (Mt 28:19). Sanctify God in your heart, and be ready to explain the reason for your hope, with kindness and respect (1 Pt 3:15). Being slow to anger gives understanding (Pro 14:29). Do not be weary (Gal 6:9).*



Foundation of Strength Be strong and courageous (Joshua 1:9)

1. Identity: God created man and woman in His image (Gen 1:26) as a spirit, with a soul, in a body (1 Thess 5:23), with a spirit not of fear but of power, love, and a sound mind (2 Tim 1:7). Who has no rule over their spirit is like a city broken down, without walls (Pro 25:28). We have power in our heart (Pro 4:23 and 1 Tim 6:10), our thoughts (Pro 21:5, Php 4:8 and 2 Cor 10:5) our words (Pro 18:21), and our actions (Jn 3:16, Mt 22:37-39, Mk 16:15, Pro 10:4 and 6:16-18). He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world (1 Jn 4:4). Have faith in God (Mk 11:22).

2. Mind: Let the wise hear and increase in learning (Pro 1:5). Manage your thoughts (2 Corinthians 10:5). Don't be conformed to the world but be transformed by renewing your mind (Ro 12:2). Whatever is true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report, if there is any virtue and praise, think on these things (Php 4:8). Isaac went out to meditate in the field (Gen 24:63). Let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger (James 1:19). Whoever is slow to anger has great understanding (Pro 14:29). Rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep (Ro 12:15). Words and faith can move mountains with prayer and forgiveness (Mk 11:23-26). Be careful with pleasures (Pro 21:17).

3. Body: Our bodies are temples for the Holy Spirit 1 Cor 6:19). Bodily training is valuable (1 Tim 4:8). A joyful heart is good medicine (Pro 17:22). Keep the body under control (1 Cor 9:27). Lot of sweets is not good (Pro 25:27). Be careful with alcohol (Pro 20:1, Isa 5:11, Eph 5:18).

Art of Purpose We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for a purpose that God has prepared beforehand (Eph 2:10)

4. Faith: God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, and whoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life (Jn 3:16). When we confess with our mouth Jesus is Lord, and believe in our heart God raised Him from the dead, we will be saved (Ro 10:9). By one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so through one man's obedience many were made righteous (Ro 5:19). If we have faith of a mustard seed we can move mountains (Mt 17:20). Ask and it will be given, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you (Mt 7:7). Ask in faith not doubting (James 1:6). Sometimes people ask and don't receive because they ask for their desires of the flesh (James 4:3).

5. Relations: Love God and love others (Mt 22:37-40). Whatever you wish others would do to you, do also to them (Mt 7:12) (Golden Rule of virtues). Though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as one of them, in order to win them over. To those under the law I became as one of them. To those outside the law, I became as one of them. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak (1 Cor 9:19-22) (Silver Rule of circumstances). Build others up (Ro 15:2 and 1 Thess 5:11). Know how to answer each person (Col 4:6). Like a small rudder on a ship, the tongue may be a small member of the body but it boasts great things (James 3:4-5). Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth (Ps 141:3). Speak the truth in love (Eph 4:15). Iron sharpens iron, and we should encourage our friends (Pro 27:17). Don't be deceived, evil conversations corrupt good manners (1 Cor 15:33). Do nothing from rivalry or deceit, but be humble and esteem others better than yourself (Php 2:3-4). There is a friend who sticks closer than a brother (Pro 18:24). Families will have challenges (Lk 12:52-53). A child left to themselves brings their mother to shame (Pro 29:15). Honor your father and mother (Ex 20:12). As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord (Jos 24:15). Do not correct one who ridicules or he will hate you. Correct a wise man and he will love you (Pro 9:8). Walk with the wise to become wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm (Pro 13:20). Beware of dissension, blessed are the peacemakers (Mt 5:9). Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox where hatred resides (Pro 15:17).

6. Strengths (Gifts): There are many members in one body, but they don't have the same role (Ro 12:4). As every person received a gift, use it to minister to each other as a good steward of God's grace (1 Ptr 4:10). The gifts and calling of God are without repentance (Ro 11:29). Let people do as God has called them (1 Cor 7:17). Whatever you do, do it well, as for the Lord, not for others (Col 3:23).

Science of Momentum God's word is good for doctrine, correction, and training in righteousness, to help us with our work (2 Tim 3:17-18)

7. Goals: The thoughts of the diligent lead to plenty (Pro 21:5). Where no counsel is, people fall (Pro 11:14). Who desires to build a tower and does not sit down to count the cost, to see if they have enough to complete it (Lk 14:28)? Don't believe every spirit, but test them (1 Jn 4:1). The ways of people are pure in their own eyes, but the LORD weighs the spirit. Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established (Pro 16:2-3). What king goes to war without considering whether he is able to meet 20,000 men with 10,000 men (Lk 14:31)?

8. Productivity: Walk carefully, not as fools, but as the wise, redeeming your time (Eph 5:15-16). A slack hand makes one poor, but the hand of the diligent brings in much money (Pro 10:4). In all work there is profit, but just talk tends to poverty (Pro 14:23). Even if it is lawful or allowed, it doesn't mean that it is helpful. I will not be enslaved by anything (1 Cor 10:13). Hear God's word, hold it firm, in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience (Lk 8:15). Who is diligent in their business will stand before royalty, they shall not stand before mean people (Pro 22:29). Be content (Php 4:11), better is a little with righteousness than great revenues with injustice (Pro 16:8). don't love of money (1 Tim 6:10).

9. Grit: Desires of the Spirit include love, joy, and peace (Gal 5:Whatever you do, do it heartily as for the Lord and not for people (Col 3:23). Be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord (1 Cor 15:58). Do not grow weary in well doing, we will reap in due season, if we do not give up (Gal 6:9). Welcome trials for they produce perseverance (James 1:2-3). Rejoice in challenges, knowing they build endurance, character, and hope, which does not put us to shame because God's love is in our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Ro 5:3-5). Help bear other's burdens (Gal 6:2). God doesn't always give us what we want (2 Cor 12:6-10), God's ways are higher than ours (Isa 55:9).

10. Investing: The wise hear and increase in learning (Pro 1:5). God's instruction is better than silver, knowledge is better than gold, and wisdom is better than jewels (Pro 8:10-11). Invest in relationships (1 Cor 1:10 and 1 Pt 3:8). Invest wisely, not fearfully (Mt 25:20-27). The rich rule over the poor and the borrower serves the lender (Pro 22:7). The love of money is the root of many evils (1 Tim 6:10).



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I'm a Christian who was raised and confirmed in the Lutheran tradition. Later in life I joined a Baptist church and was baptized as an adult in the Baptist tradition. I have found it very helpful to get into a habit of reading the Bible regularly, especially a "Study Bible" for many specific topics. There are general study Bibles based on a specific Bible translation, that help explain specific verses, like the English Standard Version (ESV) Study Bible. There are study Bibles for men, women, teens, students, and for many different careers. Other helpful study Bibles include the Apologetics Study Bible that provides many articles that help explain and defend the Christian faith, and the Life Application Study Bible.

I believe the core of Christian doctrine can be found in the Nicene Creed. It's my understanding the Nicene Creed is a public domain document. It's my understanding that it was created in the early 300's by the Council of Nicaea, and updated in the late 300's by the Council of Constantinople, because some church leaders were teaching some interesting things that were not mainstream beliefs at the time. The Nicene Creed is a prayer of belief. I noticed different versions of the Nicene Creed online. The core meaning of the Nicene Creed includes belief in one God, maker of heaven and earth. Belief in the Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only Son of God, who, for our salvation, came to earth as a man, was crucified, died, and was buried. On the third day God raised Him from the dead, and He ascended into heaven to be with God. Jesus Christ will come again, with glory, and judge all people on earth, and bring heaven on earth. Belief in the Holy Spirit, who is worshipped and glorified, and has spoken through the Prophets. Belief in one holy united Christian and apostolic Church, and one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

I've spent many years putting together the documents that make this publication and designing the website <https://TheBestBibleVerses.com> where this publication is freely given. That website also has more helpful information about the Bible and Christianity. As of the time of this publishing (2022) any donations you could spare would be greatly appreciated. Just know that I do not run a nonprofit and the website or this book is not part of a nonprofit, so any donations you give will not be tax deductible, but would still be helpful. There is a way to donate to this cause near the bottom of the Home page and on the Contact page of the website. You can decline the popup about cookies and the site should work fine. If you would like to donate or help in other ways you are welcome to contact me through the Contact page of the website.

I also have another website, based on my business, Anew Trek®, that I've also been working on for many years... <https://AnewTrek.com>. That website has a lot of helpful information on the five core areas of growth, personal, spiritual, professional, leadership, and business. That website is based on my self-published book Opportunity Truth, which I've been updating the last year, and I've been thinking about updating the name.

I believe there are guarantees in life including challenges, opportunities, and choices. When we gain new knowledge it helps us to overcome challenges, grow opportunities, and make better choices. I also believe there are shortcuts in life, when we gain knowledge from others, that can save us years of trial and error on our own. However, there is no shortcut for actually doing necessary work, but there are ways to work smarter. The issue is our spiritual adversary, and sometimes our own pride, wants to convince us there is nothing more we can do. Our most powerful abilities are to strengthen our personal identity and increase our resourcefulness. We strengthen our personal identity by learning about how God made us, the natural laws He put in place on earth (including human nature), and how we can provide value and purpose to life. We increase our resourcefulness when we learn and think about the past, our present, and the future, and ask ourselves questions that start with, "How can I...?" Consider the story of Luke 5:3-6, where Jesus told Simon (Peter) to go to deep water and cast out his net to catch fish. Simon responded that they had already fished all night and caught nothing, but he would do as Jesus said anyway. The result was a large catch of fish. We all have much to learn, not only from the Holy Trinity, but from each other. Iron sharpens iron (Proverbs 27:17).

God made you in His image (Genesis 1:27), and loves you... God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3:16). For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous (Romans 5:19). For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 8:38-39). Beloved, if God so loved us, we should love others (1 John 4:11).

Be comforted by the fact that God knows everything including our thoughts and desires (Psalm 139:2 & 139:23, Proverbs 15:3 & 21:2, and 1 John 3:20,) and that He will eventually judge everyone (Romans 14:10-12, 1 Corinthians 4:5, 2 Corinthians 5:10, and Revelation 22:12).

The LORD bless you and keep you;
The LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
The LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace (Numbers 6:24-26).

Do not be conformed to the world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind (Romans 12:2).

Grace and peace to you.