

LIFELONG HELPS FOR DEVELOPING THE MIND OF CHRIST

BONDAGE TO FREEDOM LISTS

Christ wants you to be free from every bondage to sin, self, and the mindset of the world. Christ's freedom is the first step in developing the mind of Christ. I have found that making the following lists helps me evaluate my thinking and my true mindset. Under the supervision of the Holy Spirit, God has helped me identify things that are not like the mind of Christ. Then God has guided me toward thinking that is like the mind of Christ.

My personal experiences with making these lists and instructions for you to do so are located in units 2 and 3. This has been a long-term project in my life. It will be a lifelong process for you as God continually renews your mind.

I suggest that you keep a notebook for these lists. A loose-leaf notebook may work best so that you can add and remove pages. Here are a few tips that may be helpful.

1. Title and date your lists and updates. Watch to see how God is working to remove and add items on your lists.
2. Be thoroughly honest with God as you make your lists.
3. Write down your list before using the suggested categories. Number the items on your list.
4. Use the following lists to help you identify other items.
5. Many of the standards for evaluating your lists come from Scripture or the life of Jesus as revealed in Scripture. You may need to study your Bible more closely to learn what God has said about some of these items. When the Holy Spirit prompts you to question an area, study that topic to discover what God has said to instruct you. For future use, write in your notebook what you discover. For example, you could do a study on possessions and stewardship or bitterness and forgiveness. A topical Bible, a concordance, and/or a word-study book may be helpful. Daily Bible reading is another way to let God speak to you about His desires for your life.

6. Periodically review and update these lists to check your progress and to identify new areas of bondage that may have crept into your thinking.

LIST 1—Lusts/Wants/Desires

If you are having difficulty making your list or want to be more thorough, consider wants or desires related to the following categories.

• Accomplishments	• Attitudes/behaviors
• Control	• Finances
• Material things	• Morality
• Career	• Spiritual character

Evaluating your desires. As you evaluate your desires, ask God to help you identify which ones are self-seeking and which ones are Kingdom-seeking. God's goal is to move your desires from selfish desires to Kingdom desires.

LIST 2—Habits

If you are having difficulty making your list or want to be more thorough, consider habits related to the following categories.

• Bible study, prayer	• Exercise
• Keeping promises	• Punctuality
• Reading	• Recreation
• Speech/language	• Use of free time

Evaluating your habits. As you evaluate your habits, ask God to help you identify which ones are careless and which ones are Spirit-controlled. God's goal is to move your habits from being careless to Spirit-controlled.

LIST 3—Loyalties

If you are having difficulty making your list or want to be more thorough, consider loyalties related to the following categories.

- Boss/supervisor/manager
- Friends
- Coworkers
- Denomination
- Labor union
- Church members
- Relatives
- Business, employer
- Government
- Parachurch group

Evaluating your loyalties. As you evaluate your loyalties, ask God to help you identify which ones are scattered and which ones are prayerful. God's goal is to move your loyalties from being scattered to being prayerful.

LIST 4—Relationships

If you are having difficulty making your list or want to be more thorough, consider relationships related to the following categories.

- Supervisor/boss
- Church members
- Friend
- Relative
- Pastor, church-staff member
- Business partner
- Coworker
- Neighbor
- Student
- Teacher

Evaluating your relationships. As you evaluate your relationships, ask God to help you identify which ones are serving self and which ones are serving God. God's goal is to move your relationships from serving self to serving God.

LIST 5—Prejudices

If you are having difficulty making your list or want to be more thorough, consider prejudices related to the following categories.

- Other ethnic backgrounds
- Other parachurch groups
- Well-educated/poorly educated
- Homosexuals/heterosexuals
- Other denominations
- Other gender
- Homeless persons
- Other religions
- Rich or poor
- Other professions

Evaluating your prejudices. As you evaluate your prejudices, ask God to help you identify which ones are accidental and which ones are scriptural. If you don't know what the Bible says about a particular area, study the Bible to determine what your responses should be. God's goal is to move your prejudices from being accidental to being scriptural.

LIST 6—Ambitions

If you are having difficulty making your list or want to be more thorough, consider ambitions (goals, purposes, objectives, hopes, dreams) related to the following categories.

- Beauty/good looks
- Control
- Honor/praise
- Popularity
- Possession of things
- Career ladder
- Fame
- Money
- Position
- Title

Evaluating your ambitions. As you evaluate your ambitions, ask God to help you identify which ones are honoring self and which ones are honoring God. God's goal is to move your ambitions from honoring self to honoring God.

LIST 7—Duties

If you are having difficulty making your list or want to be more thorough, try to think of the things you do because you sense that you have to. Consider duties related to the following categories.

- Children
- Citizenship (voting)
- God
- Home maintenance
- School
- Church
- Civic organization
- Job/work
- Family members
- Self

Evaluating your duties. As you evaluate your duties, ask God to help you identify which ones are based on compulsion and which ones are based on eternity. God's goal is to move your duties from compulsion to eternity.

LIST 8—Debts

If you are having difficulty making your list or want to be more thorough, consider debts (including favors owed) related to the following categories.

- Bartered services
- Church
- Financial obligations
- Phone calls
- Taxes
- Dinner invitations
- Giving gifts
- Showing hospitality

Evaluating your debts. As you evaluate your debts, ask God to help you identify which ones are temporal and which ones are eternal. God's goal is to move your debts from temporal to eternal.

LIST 9—Possessions

If you are having difficulty making your list or want to be more thorough, consider possessions related to the following categories.

- Cars
- Clothes
- Insurance policies
- Recreational equipment
- Money/bank accounts
- Books
- Furniture
- Jewelry
- Stocks/bonds
- Real estate/land

Evaluating your possessions. As you evaluate your possessions, ask God to help you identify which ones you relate to as an owner and which ones you relate to as a steward. God's goal is to move your relationship to possessions from ownership to stewardship.

This area may be one of the most difficult for Christians in the Western world. Because of our prosperity we often do not sense a need for God. Have any of your possessions become sacred (idols) to you? God may ask you, like the rich young ruler who talked with Jesus, to give away some of those things because you have fallen in love with them. Giving and sharing are ways God may help you move from owner to steward. That is one reason God requires a portion (tithe) of your income: to help you remember that He is the Provider of all you have.

Ask God if you have things He wants you to give to someone or to a cause. Are there things you have that God wants you to share with others? Can you sell a possession to give more generously? Be alert to opportunities God may give you to test you in these areas. You may come across the opportunity as you talk to a friend. Someone might seek your help. A report at church or on a newscast could alert you to a need. Be sensitive and responsive to things God brings your way to renew your thinking about possessions.

LIST 10—Fears

If you are having difficulty making your list or want to be more thorough, consider fears or worries related to the following categories.

- Violence
- Natural disaster
- Health
- Housing/home/shelter
- Money or lack of it
- Death
- Future
- People
- Job security
- Safety, security

Evaluating your fears. As you evaluate your fears, ask God to help you move from a state of being self-protective to being secure in Christ. God's goal is to change you from being someone who is self-protective to someone who finds his security in Christ.

LIST 11—Weaknesses

If you are having difficulty making your list or want to be more thorough, consider weaknesses related to the following categories.

- Codependency
- Uneducated, unskilled
- Mental disability
- Physical disability
- Family background
- Lack of knowledge
- Minority status
- Poor health

Evaluating your weaknesses. As you evaluate your weaknesses, ask God to help you identify which ones are Satan's and which ones are God's. God's goal is to move your weaknesses from being tools of Satan to being tools of God.

LIST 12—Hurts

If you are having difficulty making your list or want to be more thorough, consider hurts, grudges, or resentments related to the following categories.

- Childhood experiences with family/relatives
- Childhood experiences with friends/neighbors
- Crime, fraud, injustice
- Failure
- Misunderstanding
- Divorce
- Job demotion/loss
- Abuse

Evaluating your hurts. As you evaluate your hurts, ask God to help you identify which ones you respond to with resentment and which ones you respond to with love. God's goal is to move your hurts from producing resentment to producing love.

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CHRISTLIKE VIRTUES

PURE

For additional help on becoming pure, see pages 76–77.

Possible Points of Temptation

The impurity Christians battle today touches primarily two areas. (1) *Lust for the forbidden*. This is expressed as a preoccupation with anything unlawful, immoral, or wrong. This might include activities like engaging in improper sexual behavior, trusting the horoscope, watching X-rated movies, and others. This is an itch for expression outside the realm of normal Christlike activity. (2) *Lust for power*. This is expressed in lust either for wealth or for position. The lust for power is recognizable in our motives. Temptation may come through attitudes expressed in television, movies, magazines, newspapers, the Internet, radio, music, jokes, and gossip.

Becoming Pure

You can become pure by constantly practicing the presence of God.

- Recognize that God is present with you.
- Screen your thoughts, what you look at, and what you listen to.
- Mentally evaluate the purity of your thoughts, sights, and sounds by the standard of Christ's purity.
- When possible, avoid impure communication (turn off the TV or radio, close the book or magazine, turn off the computer, or leave the room).
- Identify regular problem areas (activities you do, places you go, things you watch or read that frequently cause you to have impure thoughts).
- Get rid of ever-present temptations.
- Find pure things to think about, watch, read, or do.

Scriptures for Meditation

As you read the following Scriptures, ask God to speak to you about the purity or impurity in your life. Watch for specific ways God may guide you to avoid impurities or to develop purity.

“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things” (Phil. 4:8).

Pure

blameless, clean, chaste, pristine, spotless, unblemished, innocent, unadulterated, stainless, not contaminated, beyond reproach

Opposites of Pure

lustful, carnal, fleshly, lewd, contaminated, tainted, corrupt, depraved, immoral, impure

Perversions of Pure

puritanical, pharisaical, rigid, severe, overly strict, prudish, austere, self-righteous

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure" (1 John 3:2-3).

PEACEABLE

Peaceable

peaceful, friendly, harmonious, orderly, quiet, content, reconciling, calm, agreeable, compatible

Opposites of *Peaceable*

fussy, nitpicky, picky, contentious, combative, competitive, argumentative, cantankerous, ornery, controversial, litigious, contrary, cranky, disagreeable, mean, obstinate

Perversions of *Peaceable*

compromising, wishy-washy, goes with the flow, people pleaser

For additional help on becoming peaceable, see pages 78-80.

Possible Points of Temptation

Times when you are hungry, tired, or fatigued may cause you to test your peaceable spirit. Other times might be when your pride is strong and you seek to put others down or show them up, when you desire to impress others, or when you are around people who love to argue or debate meaningless issues.

Becoming Peaceable

You can become peaceable by bringing into harmony the perfections of Christ in you with those of others.

- Learn to recognize times when peace is needed.
- When you recognize times when peace is needed, pray to the Prince of Peace for godly wisdom in responding to the circumstances.
- Ask God to help you display a servant heart.
- Will a humble spirit or forgiveness dispel the tension? If it is appropriate, do what you can to show such a spirit.
- Suggest a cooling-off time or call the people involved to prayer.
- Seek to maintain a spirit of unity in the bond of peace.
- Find out whether people in the conflict have needs that can be met.
- Watch for ways to bring about consensus or agreement, but stop short of compromising on convictions or truth.

Scriptures for Meditation

As you read the following Scriptures, ask God to speak to you about your peaceable behavior. Watch for specific ways God may guide you to choose peace and harmony over strife.

"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord" (Heb. 12:14).

"Be at peace among yourselves. Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feeble-minded, support the weak, be patient toward all men. See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men" (1 Thess. 5:13-15).

GENTLE

For additional help on becoming gentle, see pages 80–81.

Becoming Gentle

You can become gentle by applying the perfect skill of Christ to the removal of the imperfections in the body of Christ.

- Examine yourself first (see Matt. 7:3-5).
- Act only from love, desiring the best for the body of Christ.
- Follow God's prescribed ways for church discipline (see Matt. 18:15-20; 1 Cor. 5:6-13; 2 Cor. 7:8-11; Titus 3:10; 2 Tim. 4:2; 2 Thess. 3:14-15).
- Carefully pray about when and how to respond.
- Treat others as brothers and sisters or as gently as children.

Scriptures for Meditation

As you read the following Scriptures, ask God to speak to you about gentleness or harshness in your life. Watch for specific ways God may guide you to respond to others with a gentle spirit.

“The servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient” (2 Tim. 2:24).

“Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work, To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men. For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another” (Titus 3:1-3).

ENTREATABLE

For additional help on becoming entreatable, see pages 81–82.

Becoming Entreatable

You can become entreatable by making yourself available, knowing God allows only circumstances in your life that build the body of Christ.

- See every circumstance as an event God has permitted.
- Develop intimacy with God so that you are always in a spirit of prayer: “Pray without ceasing” (1 Thess. 5:17).
- When someone asks something of you, seek God's perspective on how to respond.

Scriptures for Meditation

Read the following Scriptures to prepare your mind to respond to requests in God's way.

“Whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away” (Matt. 5:41-42).

Gentle

fitting, equitable, fair, moderate, forbearing, considerate, humane, reasonable, pleasant, nurturing, tender, delicate, tactful, affable, amiable, genial, gracious, considerate, kindhearted

Opposites of *Gentle*

harsh, caustic, rough, abusive, hard, stiff, bitter, cruel, fierce, violent, blunt, brash, rude, short, snippy, grating

Perversions of *Gentle*

unkind restraint, negligent, lax, derelict, heedless, careless, delinquent, neglectful, inattentive, reckless, unchecked, unbridled, reticent

Entreatable

approachable, cordial, affable, helpful, accessible, available, open, reachable, cooperative, willing, inclined, amenable, accommodating, responsive

Opposites of *Entreatable*

unapproachable, distanced, cold, cool, reticent, uncooperative, inaccessible, closed, unresponsive, restrained, introverted

Perversions of *Entreatable*

yes-person, pushover, easy mark, dupe, chump, stooge, sucker

"If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink" (Prov. 25:21).

MERCIFUL

Merciful

caring, forgiving, gracious, decent, chivalrous, noble, forbearing, sympathetic, tolerant, compassionate, charitable, benevolent

Opposites of Merciful

merciless, unmerciful, unsympathetic, compassionless, hardened, uncaring, pitiless, spiteful

Perversions of Merciful

indulgent, lenient, permissive

For additional help on becoming merciful, see pages 82–83.

Possible Points of Temptation

The world encourages us to get even, to demand our rights, to look out for ourselves, to give others what they deserve. Kingdom ways are different. The basis for being merciful is to remember how much mercy God has shown us. Read about an unmerciful servant in Matthew 18:21–35.

Becoming Merciful

You can become merciful by desiring to express the greatness of God.

Scriptures for Meditation

As you read the following Scriptures, ask God to speak to you about being merciful. Watch for specific ways God may guide you to forgive someone or to show mercy.

"Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful" (Luke 6:36).

"If ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: but if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (Matt. 6:14–15).

FRUITFUL

Fruitful

productive, fertile, prolific, constructive, high-yield

Opposites of Fruitful

fruitless, unproductive, nonproductive, ineffective, ineffectual, unyielding, worthless, empty, hollow, profitless

Perversions of Fruitful

fruit-obsessed, success-driven, obsessed with numbers, vain, showy

For additional help on becoming fruitful, see page 84.

Possible Points of Temptation

Explaining away your fruitlessness by pointing to your circumstances indicates your lack of trust in God. Nothing is impossible for Him. Jesus said, "I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matt. 16:18). No opposition from the Enemy can thwart what God intends to do through His people.

Another danger in our world is to strive for success in the world's eyes and have still-born fruit. Rushing to decisions without making sure people are converted can make numbers look good, but is the fruit reproducing? The commission to make disciples includes teaching them to obey and practice all Christ commanded. It is possible that God will grant you the success you desire without the blessing of His presence. God told Moses to go in and take the promised land. God said He would send an angel to drive out the inhabitants; God would not go with the people lest He destroy them for their rebellion. Moses could have success at the cost of God's presence. Moses was a wise spiritual leader, and he prayed:

"If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence. For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight? Is it not in that thou goest with us? So shall we be separated, I and thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth" (Ex. 33:15-16).

Becoming Fruitful

You can become fruitful by cultivating processes and methods that produce godly results.

- Study the Scriptures with a ready heart to know God's ways. Watch for contrasts between God's ways and the world's ways.
- When God gives you an assignment, continue praying until He guides you in the way or method.
- Ask other believers to help you evaluate the fruit of your life.

Scriptures for Meditation

As you read the following Scriptures, ask God to speak to you about your fruitfulness. What are the quality and quantity of the fruit in your life? Watch for specific things in your life that God may want to prune away so that you will be more fruitful.

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

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you" (John 15:16).

STEADFAST

For additional help on becoming steadfast, see page 85.

Possible Points of Temptation

Paul gave Timothy this advice: "Keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: which some professing have erred concerning the faith" (1 Tim. 6:20-21). Avoid getting caught up in debates about truth that could lead you astray rather than keep you on track.

Becoming Steadfast

You can become steadfast by believing God has a strong preference about your behavior for every circumstance He allows in your life.

- Agree with God that He has a right to dictate how you will live your life.
- Cultivate an intimate relationship with God in prayer.
- When you are faced with a situation that could cause you to waver, turn to Christ, your sure foundation.

Steadfast

firm, unshakable, sure, never-failing, enduring, abiding, resolute, constant, adamant, devoted, staunch, steady, immovable, resolved, uncompromising

Opposites of *Steadfast*

wavering, unsure, unstable, vacillating, weak, wobbly, waffling, fickle, volatile, flimsy, shaky, faltering, halting, hesitant, indecisive, reluctant, wayward, capricious

Perversions of *Steadfast*

inflexible, rigid, narrow-minded, obstinate, stubborn, unbendable, bullheaded, hardheaded, hard-line, inelastic, despotic, authoritarian, tyrannical, severe, iron-handed, intransigent

Scriptures for Meditation

As you read the following Scriptures, ask God to speak to you about your steadfastness or wavering. Watch for specific ways God may guide you to avoid wavering or to develop steadfastness.

“My beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord” (1 Cor. 15:58).

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you” (1 Pet. 5:8-10).

HONEST

Honest

sincere, true, genuine, ethical, sound, trustworthy, upright, straightforward, factual, candid, forthright, real, plain-dealing

Opposites of Honest

lying, dishonest, hypocritical, counterfeit, fake, fraudulent, crooked, deceitful, scheming, shady, unscrupulous, corrupt

Perversions of Honest

brutal, cruel, callous, pitiless, unkind, ferocious, hard-hearted, indifferent, ruthless, spiteful, unrelenting, vicious

For additional help on becoming honest, see pages 85–86.

Possible Points of Temptation

Learn to say no at the slightest hint of dishonesty or falsehood. Temptation will lure you to get further and further from the truth until you find great difficulty in being honest. Don’t let yourself stray even the slightest bit from the truth.

Becoming Honest

You can become honest by appropriately representing God to every person God allows in your life.

- Keep your life clean, pure, and holy so that people who see you will be able to see the Christ who dwells in you.
- Allow God’s love to flow through you in your relationships with others.
- Let every word from your mouth be truthful so that people will not question your honesty or integrity.
- Let love guide your speech if God wants to speak words of correction through you.

Scriptures for Meditation

As you read the following Scriptures, ask God to speak to you about your honesty and sincerity. Watch for specific ways God may guide you to avoid hypocrisy and lying or to develop honesty.

“This I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; that ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ” (Phil. 1:9-10).

"Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation" (1 Pet. 2:12).

LOVE

For additional help on showing love, see pages 93–94.

Possible Points of Temptation

The great temptation is to base your love on feelings or circumstances. The challenge is to base your love on your will. Love is not just an emotion; it also involves action. Love must be demonstrated.

Showing Love

You can show love by perfectly giving yourself to others.

Try to apply the following 15 behaviors of love in your relationships and responses to others. Watch for opportunities God may bring in your life for you to learn to love more perfectly. Periodically review this list (The Mind of Christ Card 13) and ask God to help you evaluate your "love life," based on the perfect standard of Christ. Check the behaviors on which you have opportunities to act. You may want to make space in your journal or notebook to describe the experiences in which you demonstrate each behavior.

Love

- Suffers long (holy relationships)
- Is kind (holy purposes)
- Does not envy (holy heart)
- Does not brag (holy speech)
- Is not arrogant (holy service)
- Does not act unbecomingly (holy behavior)
- Does not seek its own (holy desires)
- Is not easily provoked (holy temperament)
- Does not take into account a wrong (holy bookkeeping)
- Does not rejoice in unrighteousness (holy conscience)
- Rejoices in the truth (holy mind)
- Bears all things (holy stability)
- Believes all things (holy values)
- Hopes all things (holy expectations)
- Endures all things (holy sacrifice)

Scriptures for Meditation

As you read the following Scriptures, ask God to speak to you about love. Watch for specific ways God may guide you to show your love to others.

Love

affection, charity,
compassion, benevolence,
adoration, fondness,
commitment, caring
deeply

Opposites of Love

hate, animosity, antipathy,
aversion, dislike, enmity,
hostility, ill will, malice,
vindictiveness, fear,
dread, fright

Perversions of Love

possessive, overly
protective, permissive,
smothering love,
manipulative

“Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these” (Mark 12:30-31).

“A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another” (John 13:34-35).

JOY

Joy

delight, gladness, calm,
cheerfulness, bliss,
enjoyment, contentment,
radiance

Opposites of Joy

pain, hurt, wound, agony,
anguish, distress, misery,
torment, woe

Perversions of Joy

frenzy, crazed excitement,
hysteria

For additional help on showing joy, see pages 94-95.

Possible Points of Temptation

Joy is based on God’s truth, not on your immediate circumstances. If you allow yourself to be tossed about by the storms of life, you may miss joy. Sin also destroys joy. David prayed in Psalm 51 for God to forgive him and restore the joy.

Showing Joy

You can show joy by choosing the glory of God in every circumstance.

- Quote Scriptures that remind you of God’s truth.
- Ask God to give you understanding from His perspective about your circumstance. Continue to trust God’s sovereignty and love even if He does not give you an answer.
- Seek to gain God’s perspective on suffering and trials.
- Think about your circumstances in light of eternity, not just for the present time.
- Remember that God’s grace is sufficient for you even in times of weakness.
- Seek to bring glory to God in the way you respond to every circumstance.

Scriptures for Meditation

As you read the following Scriptures, ask God to speak to you about joy. Watch for specific ways God may guide you to show your joy in circumstances that are trying or difficult. Select Scriptures for memorization that may be helpful to you during hard times.

“Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee” (Ps. 51:12-13).

“Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost” (Rom. 15:13).

PEACE

For additional help on showing peace, see pages 96–97.

Possible Points of Temptation

Peace comes from within, not come from outward circumstances. Sin destroys peace. War from within comes from lusts and desires that battle against one another.

Showing Peace

You can show peace by resting in the achievements and character of Christ.

When peace is not present, ask God to help you identify the sin or the conflicting desires that are robbing you of the peace He wants to manifest in you.

Scriptures for Meditation

As you read the following Scriptures, ask God to speak to you about peace. Watch for specific opportunities God may allow you to experience in which He can manifest His perfect peace in you—a peace that passes understanding.

“Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the Lord forever, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength” (Isa. 26:3-4).

“Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” (Rom. 5:1).

LONG-SUFFERING

For additional help on showing long-suffering, see pages 97–98.

Possible Points of Temptation

To suffer long, you must not place limits on your willingness to endure. If you ever limit your willingness, the Enemy knows, and he will test those limits.

Showing Long-Suffering

You can show long-suffering by cooperating with God in the process of bringing others into the character of Christ.

Scriptures for Meditation

As you read the following Scriptures, ask God to speak to you about long-suffering, or patience. Watch for specific ways God may guide you to show patience in your relationships with others. Look for Scriptures that tell you how God will work to develop your patience. Submit to those circumstances; don’t fight them. Cherish them. Thank God for them.

Peace

rest, quietness, tranquility, harmony, concord, repose, serenity

Opposites of *Peace*

war, rage, havoc, discord, conflict, strife, rivalry, clash, feud, brawl, fracas, hassle, melee, rift

Perversions of *Peace*

neutrality, lukewarmness, indifference, detached, uncommitted, uninvolved

Long-Suffering

patience, endurance, constancy, steadfastness, perseverance, forbearance, slow in avenging wrongs

Opposites of *Long-Suffering*

impatient, edgy, chafing, crabby, nagging, touchy, impetuous, restless, quick to avenge wrongs

Perversions of *Long-Suffering*

lenient, indulgent, permissive

"Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men" (1 Thess. 5:14).

"My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing" (Jas. 1:2-4).

GENTLENESS

Gentleness

kindness, goodness of heart, integrity, goodness in deeds or actions, kindly disposition toward others

Opposites of *Gentleness*

severity, harsh, caustic, rough, abusive, hard, stiff, bitter, cruel, fierce, violent, blunt, brash, rude, short, snippy, grating

Perversions of *Gentleness*

soft, mushy, negligence, laxity, dereliction, heedless, careless, inattentive, unchecked, unbridled, reticent

For additional help on showing gentleness, see pages 99–100.

Possible Points of Temptation

What is inside your mind and heart will show on the outside in your actions. If you have a hard heart or prejudices toward other people, you will not act with gentleness. If your actions are hard and reflect the opposites or perversions of gentleness, something is wrong on the inside. Ask God to examine your heart and mind and reveal the problem area.

Showing Gentleness

You can show gentleness by disposing your mind for the caress of God's touch on all His children.

Scriptures for Meditation

As you read the following Scriptures, ask God to speak to you about gentleness. Watch for specific ways God may guide you to show gentleness to others.

"His merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise ye the Lord" (Ps. 117:2).

"Beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity" (2 Pet. 1:5-7).

GOODNESS

Goodness

uprightness of heart and life, moral goodness, wholesome, productive, functioning, in good working order

For additional help on showing goodness, see pages 100–101.

Possible Points of Temptation

The greatest temptation is to think goodness comes from ourselves rather than from God. Because of sin "there is none that doeth good, no, not one" (Rom. 3:12). Claiming a good life in your own self-righteousness is foolishness (see Prov. 20:6). Badness, unwholesomeness, or fruitlessness is an indication of a more serious problem. A good tree bears good fruit. A bad tree bears bad fruit. Your spiritual nature can be determined by the nature of the fruit you bear.

Showing Goodness

You can show goodness by working with God in His way.

Scriptures for Meditation

As you read the following Scriptures, ask God to speak to you about goodness. Watch for specific ways God may guide you to show goodness in your work with Him. Notice God's goodness as you read these Scriptures.

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever" (Ps. 23:6).

"I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another" (Rom. 15:14).

Opposites of *Goodness*

badness, unwholesome, nonproductive, evil, corruption, depravity, immorality, wickedness

Perversions of *Goodness*

finicky nice, self-righteous

FAITH/FAITHFULNESS

For additional help on showing faith or faithfulness, see pages 101–2.

Possible Points of Temptation

When you have been faithful for a long time and are confronted with persecution, frustration, or weariness, you may be tempted to let up rather than persevere. The perversion of faithfulness is also common. People sometimes subconsciously think the amount and difficulty of their work for God somehow earn His love or pleasure. But God's love is not for sale; it is unconditional. With the wrong motivation a person can move from faithfulness to being legalistic. Some Christians take every job that comes along, trying to do enough, and they turn into religious workaholics—very busy but not very fruitful. God prefers your faithfulness only to the assignments He gives. Avoid getting distracted by busywork devised by the initiative of men rather than the assignments God gives. Trust God to help you discern between the two.

Faith

faithfulness, trustworthiness, integrity, reliability, fidelity, ardor, loyalty, dependability, consistency

Opposites of *Faith*

faithlessness, fickleness, untrustworthiness, inconsistency, uncertainty, waywardness, capriciousness

Perversions of *Faith*

legalism, workaholism, overcommitted, fanatical, overzealous, extremism

Showing Faith/Faithfulness

You can show faithfulness by obeying God's commands and completing work He assigns to you.

- Begin by obeying the things you already know God has commanded.
- Be a faithful steward of the time and resources God gives you.
- When God gives you an assignment, keep doing it until the job is complete or God moves you to the next assignment.

Scriptures for Meditation

As you read the following Scriptures, ask God to speak to you about faithfulness. Watch for specific ways God may guide you to show or express faithfulness.

"A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent" (Prov. 28:20).

“His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord” (Matt. 25:21).

MEEKNESS

Meekness
accepting God's dealings
with us as good without
resistance, a fruit of power,
lowly before God and
humble before people

Opposites of Meekness
arrogance, haughtiness,
pride, cockiness, egotism,
self-assertiveness,
self-interest, vanity, conceit

Perversions of Meekness
weakness, wimpy,
cowardly, spinelessness,
timidity

For additional help on showing meekness, see page 103.

Possible Points of Temptation

The greatest temptation in this virtue is to let pride cause you to be self-assertive due to self-interest.

Showing Meekness

You can show meekness by disengaging the trappings of worldly power from your mind.

Scriptures for Meditation

As you read the following Scriptures, ask God to speak to you about meekness. Watch for specific ways God may guide you to show meekness.

“Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls” (Matt. 11:29).

“Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted” (Gal. 6:1).

TEMPERANCE

For additional help on showing temperance, see pages 104–5.

Possible Points of Temptation

Human appetites may be your point of weakness. Watch out for areas in which intemperance or even addiction is common: eating, gossiping, drinking, taking drugs, gambling, seeking pleasure, watching television, surfing the Internet, playing video games, overdoing any activity.

Showing Temperance

You can show temperance by accepting and applying the Holy Spirit's guidance as you master your desires and sensual appetites.

Scripture for Meditation

As you read the following Scripture, ask God to speak to you about temperance. Watch for specific ways God may guide you to develop or show temperance. Then confess, repent, and turn to the Lord for help.

“Every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: but I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway” (1 Cor. 9:25-27).

“Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof” (Rom. 6:12).

Temperance

strength, controlling power of the will under the operation of the Spirit of God, self-control, mastery over desires or sensual appetites, enddisciplined by God

Opposites of *Temperance*

undisciplined, self-indulgent, slothful, lazy, lackadaisical, sluggish, laid-back

Perversions of *Temperance*

fleshly effort, self-effort

LIFELONG HELPS FOR DEVELOPING THE MIND OF CHRIST

SERVANTHOOD INSTRUMENT

The following instrument is provided for you to measure your growth as a servant of Christ. Read each statement and evaluate the attitude of your servant mind in regard to that attribute. Use the following scale and place the appropriate number in each blank. The higher your total score, the closer you believe you are to attaining servanthood.

- 1 No, that's not me.
- 2 That's sometimes me.
- 3 That's often me.
- 4 Yes, that's definitely me.

Humble Proper attitude toward the Master's work in others

— I see my work as a part of God's plan.

Obedient Understanding the authority of the Master over my time and life

— I am obeying all known commands of Scripture.

Willing Identity with the Master's attitudes
— My great desire is to be about the Father's business.

Loyal Unswerving devotion to the Master
— I get my joy from the company of the Master rather than things that will enrich me.

Faithful Confidence that anticipates the Master's continuing His plan
— God has enriched His kingdom through my work.

Watchful Attentiveness to the Master's voice
— I have recently learned something new about God.

Courageous Conviction about the Master's priorities
— My conviction is so strong that I cannot deny Christ any request He makes of me.

Not quarrelsome Peace that awaits the Master's work in others
— I have no quarrel with any brother or sister in God's family.

Gentle Respect that enhances others' work for the Master
— My desire is to enhance the work of my brothers and sisters, not for them to make me look good.

Able to teach Understanding the Master's work
— My concern is the authority of Christ. I desire His Word and will, not my opinion.

Patient Forbearance that values the Master's purposes for others
— I am willing to wait on the growth process in others.

Meek Disciplined sensitivity to the Master
— I am sensitive to the Master.

Good Applied trust in the Master's excellence
— All the fruit you can see in my life was produced by the Holy Spirit.

Wise Dependence on the Master's method
— In doing my work, I use God's method rather than my method.

Total score (range: 14–56)

LIFELONG HELPS FOR DEVELOPING
THE MIND OF CHRIST

THE BEATITUDES

A—FIRST FOUR BEATITUDES

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
2. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
3. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
4. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

A-1: Poor in spirit	Principle of need
A-2: Mourn	Principle of brokenness
A-3: Meek	Principle of submission
A-4: Hungry	Principle of yearning

- *Basis for happiness.* Your need
- *Keys to God's heart*
- *Focus.* Turn your mind toward God. You learn about God. You learn that God is God.
- *Command.* Love God: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength" (Mark 12:30).
- *Object.* God gives according to your need to mold and shape you into the image of Christ. He equips you with the character of Christ.
- *Door to greatness*
- *Worship.* Lower levels of worship: praise to God comes from your need and His sufficiency to meet your need.

B—SECOND FOUR BEATITUDES

5. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
6. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
7. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
8. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

B-1: Merciful	Principle of reciprocity
B-2: Pure in heart	Principle of perfect heart
B-3: Peacemakers	Principle of reconciliation
B-4: Persecuted	Principle of identification

- *Basis for happiness.* Your giving
- *Keys to Christ's character*
- *Focus.* Turn your mind toward others. You serve in Christ's spirit. You reflect Christ to a watching world.
- *Command.* Love others: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" (Mark 12:31).
- *Object.* God works through you to reveal Himself to a watching world. You become identified with Christ as you reveal His character to others.
- *Practice of greatness*
- *Worship.* Higher levels of worship: praise to God comes from the exercise of your character as you reveal the character of Christ to others.

God's Training for Royalty and Nobility

Circumstances in life become opportunities for God to work in and through you. God uses circumstances in life to develop these qualities (Beatitudes) in you. Every circumstance in life can become an adventure as you turn to God to learn what He may want to do to develop your character or to work through you to reveal His character to others. God is working to train you for a noble future. You are a child of the King. God will take you through this cycle over and over again to train you for your royal, noble future reign with Christ.

 Pause and pray. Ask God to take you through circumstances that fully train you for your royal, noble future reign with Christ.

Using This Lifelong Help

The following pages and the corresponding Mind of Christ Cards (cards 20–27) describe the eight Beatitudes in detail. Study each one to understand what it would look like in your life. You will follow the same pattern to learn about each Beatitude.

The following pages will guide you through this process for each Beatitude.

- You will look at an example from the life of Jesus as He manifested this quality in His life.
- You will look at one or more examples of other people in the Bible who demonstrated this quality.
- God will take you through circumstances to mold this quality into your life. “What God Is Doing in Me” will help you see the goal God has in mind for you.
- “Prayers” will provide ways you can express this attitude before God (first four Beatitudes) or ways you can seek God’s assistance in expressing these attitudes toward others (second four Beatitudes).
- “Response in Worship” describes the way this attitude can be reflected in your worship. This section may include a definition, biblical commands, promised blessings, biblical prayers, and biblical applications.

Using the Mind of Christ Cards

The Mind of Christ Cards will help you understand and apply these attitudes in your life. Read the suggested cards as you study the following pages. Carry these cards with you for meditation, review, or application of the attitudes in your life. Cards related to the Beatitudes are:

6. Scripture memory—Matthew 5:3-10
20. Poor in spirit
21. Mourn
22. Meek
23. Hungry
24. Merciful
25. Pure in heart
26. Peacemaker
27. Persecuted

The Mind of Christ Cards will guide you through the following process for each Beatitude.

- You will see what the Beatitude is and what it is not.
- “Circumstances Through Which God May Work” will suggest the kinds of circumstances God may use to develop this trait in your life. If these circumstances come to you, consider them God’s invitation for spiritual growth. They may not all be pleasant. However, you will be blessed if you submit to God’s process. Even when bad things happen, “God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose” (Rom. 8:28, NASB).
- “How I Express This Attitude” will suggest practical ways this attitude might show in your life. You can intentionally choose some of these as action plans for developing the quality in your daily life.

For more information on the Beatitudes, see unit 7, “The Beatitudes” (pp. 128–39).

A-1

POOR IN SPIRIT

“Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” MATTHEW 5:3

Read

Read The Mind of Christ Card 20.

Examples

Jesus. “Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven” (Matt. 19:14).

The Pharisee and the publican. “Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted” (Luke 18:10-14).

What God Is Doing in Me

God prepares me to be merciful to others (see B-1, p. 247).

Prayers

- I am needy, Lord.
- I am nothing and can do nothing without You.
- I need You to ...
- I need You because ...
- What do I need You to do in me?
- What do You have that I need?

Response in Worship: Fear God

Definition. Respect God, reverence God, display piety toward God. Not a fear of God’s power or His righteous retribution but a sense of obedience to God because He is God.

“The fear of the Lord is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate” (Prov. 8:13).

Command. “Ye shall walk after the Lord your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him” (Deut. 13:4).

Blessings. “Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy” (Ps. 33:8,18).

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments” (Ps. 111:10).

“The fear of the Lord tendeth to life: and he that hath it shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil” (Prov. 19:23).

“The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life” (Prov. 14:27).

Prayer. “Teach me thy way, O Lord; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name” (Ps. 86:11).

Applied. “Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God” (Eph. 5:21).

“Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear” (Heb. 12:28).

MOURN

“Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.” MATTHEW 5:4

Read

Read The Mind of Christ Card 21.

Examples

Jesus. “He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not” (Isa. 53:3).

Mary, Martha, and Jesus. “When Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled, and said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see. Jesus wept” (John 11:32-35).

What God Is Doing in Me

God uses difficult circumstances to purify me. Like a refiner's fire, God works in me to develop a pure heart (see B-2, p. 248).

Prayers

- I need Your comfort, Lord. Would You just hold me for a little while?
- How can I bring glory to Your name through this painful experience?
- What impurities in me do You want to burn away through this experience?
- What do You want to do in me to cause this experience to work together for good?
- What needs to be broken in my life or broken away from me?

Response in Worship: Ascribe Credit to God

Definition. To give credit to God; to bestow, report, mention, or utter

Command. “Ascribe to the Lord, O mighty ones, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness” (Ps. 29:1-2, NIV).

“Ascribe ye strength unto God: his excellency is over Israel, and his strength is in the clouds” (Ps. 68:34).

Prayer. “The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower” (Ps. 18:2).

Applied. “Because I will publish the name of the Lord: ascribe ye greatness unto our God. He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he” (Deut. 32:3-4).

A-3

MEEK

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

Read

Read The Mind of Christ Card 22.

Examples

Jesus. "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls" (Matt. 11:29).

Mary. "Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name. And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation. He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy; as he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever" (Luke 1:46-55).

John the Baptist. "He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30).

David. "From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I" (Ps. 61:2).

What God Is Doing in Me

Through opportunities of submission to God, I learn the value of submission to others. God develops in me the character of a peacemaker (see B-3, p. 249).

Prayers

- Not my will but Yours be done.
- In what ways can I decrease so that You can increase?
- In what areas of my life do I need to learn greater submission to You?
- How can I magnify and exalt You more than I do?
- Show me times when I should stand up for You in the face of opposition.

Response in Worship: Magnify, Exalt

Definition. Magnify: to make great, to enlarge, to cause to grow. We magnify God when we focus attention on His greatness. Exalt: to raise, lift, lift up, set on high.

Command. "I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together" (Ps. 34:1-3).

"Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship at his footstool; for he is holy. Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy hill; for the Lord our God is holy" (Ps. 99:5,9).

Prayers. "Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all. Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name" (1 Chron. 29:11-13).

"Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified" (Ps. 70:4).

"O Lord, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth" (Isa. 25:1).

"Be thou exalted, Lord, in thine own strength: so will we sing and praise thy power" (Ps. 21:13).

Applied. "I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving" (Ps. 69:30).

A-4

HUNGRY

“Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.” MATTHEW 5:6

Read

Read The Mind of Christ Card 23.

Examples

Jesus. “Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work” (John 4:34).

The Bereans. “The brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews. These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so. Therefore many of them believed; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few” (Acts 17:10-12).

What God Is Doing in Me

God is causing me to seek Him so that He can mold and shape me into the image of His Son, Jesus.

Prayers

- “As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?” (Ps. 42:1-2).
- “God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is” (Ps. 63:1).
- “I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands. I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul thirsteth after thee, as a thirsty land. Hear me speedily, O Lord: my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit. Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee” (Ps. 143:5-8).

Response in Worship: Thanksgiving

Definition. To give thanks to God for what He has done, to express gratitude for God's bounty

Command. “O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: because his mercy endureth for ever” (Ps. 118:1).

“O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy endureth for ever. To him who alone doeth great wonders: for his mercy endureth for ever” (Ps. 136:3-4).

Prayers. “O Lord, truly I am thy servant; I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid: thou hast loosed my bonds. I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord” (Ps. 116:16-17).

“Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness; to the end that my glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever” (Ps. 30:11-12).

Applied. “I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord” (Jonah 2:9).

B-1

MERCIFUL

“Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.” MATTHEW 5:7

Read

Read The Mind of Christ Card 24.

Examples

Jesus. “They brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee” (Matt. 9:2).

God’s response to others. “With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful, and with the upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright. With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt shew thyself unsavoury” (2 Sam. 22:26-27).

Pharaoh’s hardened heart during the plagues in Egypt. “Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, neither did he hearken unto them; as the Lord had said. And Pharaoh turned and went into his house, neither did he set his heart to this also” (Ex. 7:22-23).

“When Pharaoh saw that there was respite, he hardened his heart, and hearkened not unto them; as the Lord had said. And Pharaoh hardened his heart at this time also, neither would he let the people go” (Ex. 8:15,32).

“The Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he hearkened not unto them; as the Lord had spoken unto Moses” (Ex. 9:12).

What God Is Doing Through Me

God reveals His mercy, grace, and forgiveness through the way I treat others. God in turn treats me with mercy, grace, and forgiveness in the same way I have treated others.

Prayers

- Who are the people around me to whom I need to show mercy, forgiveness, or grace?

- Lord, increase my faith to be forgiving “seventy times seven” (Matt. 18:22).
- You have forgiven me so much. I will forgive in a like manner.

Response in Worship: Reverence

Definition. A sense of honor, modesty, reverence, regard for others, respect

Command. “Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am the Lord” (Lev. 19:30).

“Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still” (Ps. 4:4).

“God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him” (Ps. 89:7).

“Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil” (Eccl. 5:1).

“Sanctify the Lord of hosts himself” (Isa. 8:13).

“The Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him” (Hab. 2:20).

Applied. “He said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground” (Ex. 3:5).

“Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear” (Heb. 12:28).

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PURE IN HEART

"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." MATTHEW 5:8

Read

Read The Mind of Christ Card 25.

Examples

Jesus. "He said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world" (John 8:23).

David's becoming king. "When he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will" (Acts 13:22).

David's prayer after his sin with Bathsheba. "Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness. O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise. For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem. Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering: then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar" (Ps. 51:7-19).

What God Is Doing Through Me

God reveals His holiness, righteousness, and purity through my behavior. God responds to me by allowing me to have greater intimacy with Him. God reveals more of Himself to me.

Prayer

- Lord, cleanse my heart and purify my mind.
- I choose to do Your will, O Lord.
- I love You with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength.
- Lead me not into temptation and deliver me from evil.

Response in Worship: Glorify

Definition. To make honourable, honor, give glory

Command. "Ye that fear the Lord, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; and fear him" (Ps. 22:23).

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

"Ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Cor. 6:20).

Blessings. "Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me" (Ps. 50:15).

Prayer. "All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name. For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone" (Ps. 86:9-10).

"Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest" (Rev. 15:4).

Applied. "Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: that ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God" (Rom. 15:5-7).

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

PEACEMAKER

"Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God." MATTHEW 5:9

Read

Read The Mind of Christ Card 26.

Examples

Jesus. "Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his saltiness, wherewith will ye season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace one with another" (Mark 9:50).

James. "When there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe. And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us; And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith. Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear? But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they. Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul, declaring what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them. And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me: Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name. And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: that the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things. Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world. Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God: but that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood. For Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every sabbath day. Then pleased it the apostles

and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; namely, Judas surnamed Barsabas, and Silas, chief men among the brethren: and they wrote letters by them after this manner; the apostles and elders and brethren send greeting unto the brethren which are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia" (Acts 15:7-23).

What God Is Doing Through Me

God reveals His wholeness to the world and restores wholeness among people. He shows the unity of the Godhead (Father, Son, and Spirit). Jesus is revealed as the Son of God: "... that they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me" (John 17:21).

Prayers

- Help me know the peace that passes understanding.
- Lord, help me live in peace with my fellow humans.
- Empower me to carry out the ministry of reconciliation You have assigned to me and the church.
- Bind us together, Lord.

Response in Worship: Extol

Definition. To rise, to lift up, to exalt

Command. "Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him" (Ps. 68:4).

Prayer. "I will extol thee, O Lord; for thou hast lifted me up, and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me. O Lord my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me" (Ps. 30:1-2).

Applied. "I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase" (Dan. 4:37).

PERSECUTED

"Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you." MATTHEW 5:10-12

Read

Read The Mind of Christ Card 27.

Examples

Jesus. "Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62).

First-century believers. "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: but rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters. Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf. For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator" (1 Pet. 4:12-19).

Paul. "... that I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death" (Phil. 3:10).

What God Is Doing Through Me

God allows me to be perfectly identified with Christ in His suffering as God's servant.

Prayers

- Thank You for allowing me to share in the sufferings of Christ.
- Defend me, O Lord. You are my Righteous Judge.

- If I live, I'll live for You. If I die, let me honor You.
- Into Your hands I entrust my life and reputation.

Response in Worship: Rejoice

Definition. To take pleasure in, to be glad, to exult, to express joy, to delight

Command. "Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice" (Phil. 4:4).

"Let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee" (Ps. 5:11).

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

"Let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice" (Ps. 68:3).

Blessings. "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy" (Ps. 126:5).

Prayer. "I have trusted in thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation" (Ps. 13:5).

"I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy: for thou hast considered my trouble; thou hast known my soul in adversities" (Ps. 31:7).

"My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee; and my soul, which thou hast redeemed" (Ps. 71:23).

Applied. "... who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church" (Col. 1:24).

"Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all. For the same cause also do ye joy, and rejoice with me" (Phil. 2:17-18).

LIFELONG HELPS FOR DEVELOPING THE MIND OF CHRIST

YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

Read the following verses that describe ways you should be related to your Heavenly Father and the Holy Spirit. Circle key words that describe the ways. Pray and ask God through the Holy Spirit to help you relate to Him completely. Periodically review these Scriptures to set your mind on your proper relationship.

HEAVENLY FATHER

“Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work” (2 Thess. 2:16-17).

“Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God” (1 John 3:1).

“Ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together” (Rom. 8:15-17).

“I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him” (John 14:20-21).

“The Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God” (John 16:27).

“The true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth” (John 4:23-24).

“All men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him” (John 5:23).

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit” (John 15:1-2).

“If two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven” (Matt. 18:19).

“When thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly” (Matt. 6:6).

“... that they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me” (John 17:21).

“Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty” (2 Cor. 6:17-18).

“Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect” (Matt. 5:48).

"If ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: but if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (Matt. 6:14-15).

"Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful" (Luke 6:36).

"If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?" (Matt. 7:11).

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning" (Jas. 1:17).

HOLY SPIRIT

"Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38).

"Ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his" (Rom. 8:9).

"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God" (Rom. 8:16).

"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" (1 Cor. 3:16).

"Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me" (Acts 1:8).

"The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you" (John 14:26).

"When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come" (John 16:13).

"All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven" (Matt. 12:31).

"Grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption" (Eph. 4:30).

"Quench not the Spirit" (1 Thess. 5:19).

"Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh" (Gal. 5:16).

"Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit" (Eph. 5:18).

LIFELONG HELPS FOR DEVELOPING THE MIND OF CHRIST

NAMES, TITLES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF JESUS CHRIST

The following names, titles, and descriptions of Jesus Christ (the second Person of the Trinity) are from the King James Version of the Bible and follow that version's capitalization and spelling. This is not a complete list, but it may help you relate to Christ in different ways, based on His purposes and on your needs. Use these names to meditate on the Person of Jesus Christ and to pray through Him to the Heavenly Father.

From time to time select one or a few names of Jesus on which to meditate. Read the Scripture listed or use a concordance to find other passages that give you more detail about Christ's name, His character, and His work. Write the details on a card to carry with you throughout the day. Spend time with Jesus in prayer. Ask yourself questions like the following.

- What does this name tell me about Jesus Christ? About His nature? About His work? (Example: Christ is Faithful and True, or He is a Judge.)
- Does this name call me to worship Christ for who He is or to thank Him for what He has done? (Example: I can worship Jesus Christ as the King of kings and Lord of lords. I can thank Christ for His great sacrifice as the Lamb of God who took away my sins.)
- Does this name describe a relationship I have or can have with Christ? (Example: Jesus is a Wonderful Counselor, and I can seek His counsel. He is a Physician, and I can be His patient.)
- Is there a reason I need to experience Christ working in my life according to this name? (Example: Jesus is the author of our faith, and I need Him to give me faith to follow God in a particular situation.)
- Do I need to pray to Jesus in this name—to ask Him to function in this role? (Example: Christ is the Dayspring from on high, and I want Him to shine His light to my friend who lives in darkness.)

JESUS CHRIST IS

- an advocate with the Father (1 John 2:1)
- Alpha and Omega (Rev. 1:8)
- the Amen (Rev. 3:14)
- Ancient of days (Dan. 7:22)
- his anointed (Acts 4:27)
- Apostle and High Priest of our profession (Heb. 3:1)
- author and finisher of our faith (Heb. 12:2)
- the beginning and the end (Rev. 21:6)
- the beginning of the creation of God (Rev. 3:14)
- the only begotten of the Father (John 1:14)
- my beloved (Matt. 12:18)
- a righteous Branch (Jer. 23:5)
- bread of life (John 6:35)
- bridegroom (Matt. 9:15)
- the brightness of His [God's] glory (Heb. 1:3)
- chosen of God (Luke 23:35)
- Christ Jesus my Lord (Phil. 3:8)
- the Christ [Anointed One] (Matt. 16:16)
- chief cornerstone (Eph. 2:20)
- crown of glory (Isa. 62:3)
- the dayspring from on high (Luke 1:78)
- the Deliverer (Rom. 11:26)
- desire of all nations (Hag. 2:7)
- door of the sheep (John 10:7)
- Emmanuel [God with us] (Matt. 1:23)
- Faithful and True (Rev. 19:11)
- firstborn from the dead (Col. 1:18)
- firstborn of every creature (Col. 1:15)
- a sure foundation (Isa. 28:16)
- friend of publicans and sinners (Matt. 11:19)
- unspeakable gift (2 Cor. 9:15)
- God of the whole earth (Isa. 54:5)
- the only wise God our Saviour (Jude 1:25)
- a Governor (Matt. 2:6)
- head of the body, the church (Col. 1:18)
- head of the church (Eph. 5:23)

- head of all principality and power (Col. 2:10)
- the head (Eph. 4:15)
- heir of all things (Heb. 1:2)
- high priest (Heb. 4:15)
- great high priest (Heb. 4:14)
- Holy One of God (Luke 4:34)
- our hope (1 Tim. 1:1)
- horn of salvation (Luke 1:69)
- image of God (2 Cor. 4:4)
- image of the invisible God (Col. 1:15)
- Jesus Christ (John 1:17)
- Jesus Christ of Nazareth (Acts 4:10)
- Jesus Christ our Saviour (Titus 3:6)
- Jesus of Nazareth (John 19:19)
- righteous judge (2 Tim. 4:8)
- King eternal, immortal, invisible (1 Tim. 1:17)
- King of kings (1 Tim. 6:15)
- King of saints (Rev. 15:3)
- King of the Jews (Matt. 27:11)
- thy King (Matt. 21:5)
- Lamb of God (John 1:29)
- the Lamb that was slain (Rev. 5:12)
- the last (Rev. 22:13)
- lawgiver (Jas. 4:12)
- leader and commander to the people (Isa. 55:4)
- eternal life (1 John 5:20)
- our life (Col. 3:4)
- light (1 John 1:5)
- light of life (John 8:12)
- light of men (John 1:4)
- the light of the world (John 8:12)
- true Light (John 1:9)
- lily of the valleys (Song of Sol. 2:1)
- Christ the Lord (Luke 2:11)
- Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ (2 Pet. 2:20)
- the Lord and Saviour (2 Pet. 3:2)
- the only Lord God (Jude 1:4)
- Lord God Almighty (Rev. 15:3)
- Lord Jesus Christ (Gal. 1:3)
- Lord both of the dead and living (Rom. 14:9)
- Lord of lords (1 Tim. 6:15)
- Lord of peace (2 Thes. 3:16)
- Lord of the harvest (Matt. 9:38)
- my Lord and my God (John 20:28)
- man of sorrows (Isa. 53:3)
- Good Master (Mark 10:17)
- your Master (Matt. 23:8)
- mediator (1 Tim. 2:5)
- the Messiah the Prince (Dan. 9:25)
- the most Holy (Dan. 9:24)
- a Nazarene (Matt. 2:23)
- an offering and a sacrifice to God (Eph. 5:2)
- our passover (1 Cor. 5:7)
- our peace (Eph. 2:14)
- Physician (Luke 4:23)
- a Prince and a Saviour (Acts 5:31)
- Prince of life (Acts 3:15)
- Prince of Peace (Isa. 9:6)
- the Prophet (John 7:40)
- the propitiation for our sins (1 John 2:2)
- Rabbi (John 3:2)
- Rabboni (John 20:16)
- a refiner and purifier (Mal. 3:3)
- the resurrection and the life (John 11:25)
- spiritual Rock (1 Cor. 10:4)
- Root of David (Rev. 5:5)
- root of Jesse (Rom. 15:12)
- thy salvation (Luke 2:30)
- our Saviour Jesus Christ (2 Pet. 1:1)
- Saviour of the world (John 4:42)
- my [God's] servant (Matt. 12:18)
- righteous servant (Isa. 53:11)
- Shepherd and Bishop of your souls (1 Pet. 2:25)
- great shepherd of the sheep (Heb. 13:20)
- chief Shepherd (1 Pet. 5:4)
- the good shepherd (John 10:11)
- son of Abraham (Matt. 1:1)
- son of David (Matt. 1:1)
- Son of God (John 1:49)
- son of Joseph (John 6:42)
- Son of man (Matt. 12:40)
- Son of the living God (Matt. 16:16)
- Son of God (John 10:36)
- the son of Mary (Mark 6:3)
- his only begotten Son (1 John 4:9)
- a Star (Num. 24:17)
- day star (2 Pet. 1:19)
- the bright and morning star (Rev. 22:16)
- the stone which the builders rejected (Matt. 21:42)
- the truth (John 14:6)
- the true vine, the vine (John 15:1,5)
- the way (John 14:6)
- a witness to the people (Isa. 55:4)
- faithful and true witness (Rev. 3:14)
- The Word of God (Rev. 19:13)
- the Word of life (1 John 1:1)
- the Word (John 1:1)

LIFELONG HELPS FOR DEVELOPING THE MIND OF CHRIST

READINGS ON THE LIFE, TEACHING, AND PARABLES OF CHRIST

READINGS ON THE LIFE OF CHRIST

The following chart lists events from the life of Jesus. In many cases the references for an event are parallel passages (different accounts of the same event). In some cases a reference may be a related event that may or may not describe the same event. As you read these passages, ask God to help you identify the mind of Christ at work in the way Jesus thought or responded in various situations. The healings have been grouped together. Most of the other events are listed with priority given to the chronology of Matthew's Gospel.

	MATTHEW	MARK	LUKE	JOHN
1. Birth	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-2	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 2:1-40	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:1-18
2. Age 12 at the temple	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 2:41-52	_____
3. Baptism	<input type="checkbox"/> 3:13-17	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:9-11	<input type="checkbox"/> 3:21-22	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:19-34
4. Temptation	<input type="checkbox"/> 4:1-11	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:12-13	<input type="checkbox"/> 4:1-13	_____
5. Begins preaching ministry	<input type="checkbox"/> 4:12-17	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:14-15	<input type="checkbox"/> 3:23	_____
6. Calling the first disciples	<input type="checkbox"/> 4:18-22	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:16-20	<input type="checkbox"/> 5:1-11	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:35-42
7. Calling Philip, Nathaniel	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:43-51
8. Calling of Levi	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:9-13	<input type="checkbox"/> 2:13-17	<input type="checkbox"/> 5:27-32	_____
9. Naming the twelve	<input type="checkbox"/> 10:2-4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3:13-19	<input type="checkbox"/> 6:12-16	_____
10. Turns water to wine	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 2:1-11
11. Jesus heals many	<input type="checkbox"/> 4:23-25 <input type="checkbox"/> 8:14-17 <input type="checkbox"/> 14:34-36	<input type="checkbox"/> 3:7-10 <input type="checkbox"/> 1:29-34 <input type="checkbox"/> 6:53-56	<input type="checkbox"/> 6:17-19 <input type="checkbox"/> 4:38-41	_____
12. Leprosy	<input type="checkbox"/> 8:1-4	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:40-45	<input type="checkbox"/> 5:12-15	_____
13. Evil spirit	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:21-28	<input type="checkbox"/> 4:31-37	_____
14. Centurion's servant	<input type="checkbox"/> 8:5-13	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 7:1-10	_____
15. Official's son	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 4:43-54
16. Invalid at Bethesda pool	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 5:1-15
17. Silences evil spirits	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 3:11-12	_____	_____
18. Demon-possessed man	<input type="checkbox"/> 8:28-34	<input type="checkbox"/> 5:1-20	<input type="checkbox"/> 8:26-39	_____
19. Paralytic	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:1-8	<input type="checkbox"/> 2:1-12	<input type="checkbox"/> 5:17-26	_____
20. Hemorrhaging woman/ dead girl	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:18-26	<input type="checkbox"/> 5:21-43	<input type="checkbox"/> 8:40-56	_____
21. Two blind men	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:27-31	_____	_____	_____
22. Demon-possessed mute	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:32-34	_____	_____	_____
23. Man with withered hand	<input type="checkbox"/> 12:9-14	<input type="checkbox"/> 3:1-6	<input type="checkbox"/> 6:6-11	_____
24. Demon-possessed, blind, mute	<input type="checkbox"/> 12:22-23	_____	_____	_____
25. Raises a widow's son	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 7:11-17	_____
26. Daughter of Canaanite woman	<input type="checkbox"/> 15:21-28	<input type="checkbox"/> 7:24-30	_____	_____

	MATTHEW	MARK	LUKE	JOHN
27. Deaf mute	<input type="checkbox"/> 15:29-31	<input type="checkbox"/> 7:31-37	_____	_____
28. Blind man at Bethsaida	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 8:22-26	_____	_____
29. Man born blind	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:1-41
30. Boy with evil spirit	<input type="checkbox"/> 17:14-21	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:14-29	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:37-43	_____
31. Blind men	<input type="checkbox"/> 20:29-34	<input type="checkbox"/> 10:46-52	<input type="checkbox"/> 18:35-43	_____
32. Crippled woman on Sabbath	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 13:10-17	_____
33. Ten with leprosy	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 17:11-19	_____
34. Works miracles	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 2:23-25
35. Must preach	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 4:42-44	_____
36. Prayer in solitary place	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:35-38	<input type="checkbox"/> 5:16	_____
37. Calms the storm	<input type="checkbox"/> 8:23-27	<input type="checkbox"/> 4:35-41	<input type="checkbox"/> 8:22-25	_____
38. Questioned about fasting	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:14-15	<input type="checkbox"/> 2:18-20	<input type="checkbox"/> 5:33-35	_____
39. Workers are few/ sends out 72	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:35-38	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 10:1-12,17-20	_____
40. Sends out the twelve	<input type="checkbox"/> 10:1-11:1	<input type="checkbox"/> 6:7-13	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:1-6	_____
41. John's testimony	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 3:22-36
42. Samaritan woman at well	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 4:1-42
43. John in prison	<input type="checkbox"/> 11:1-6	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 7:18-23	_____
44. God's chosen servant	<input type="checkbox"/> 12:15-21	_____	_____	_____
45. Visits Mary and Martha	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 10:38-42	_____
46. Accused of working by Satan	<input type="checkbox"/> 12:24-37	<input type="checkbox"/> 3:20-30	<input type="checkbox"/> 11:14-22	_____
47. Refuses to give a sign	<input type="checkbox"/> 12:38-45; 16:1-4	<input type="checkbox"/> 8:11-13	<input type="checkbox"/> 11:29-32	<input type="checkbox"/> 2:18-22
48. Teaches Nicodemus	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 3:1-21
49. Rejected at home/Nazareth	<input type="checkbox"/> 13:53-58	<input type="checkbox"/> 6:1-6	<input type="checkbox"/> 4:14-30	_____
50. Family thinks He's mad	<input type="checkbox"/> 12:46-50	<input type="checkbox"/> 3:20-21,31-34	<input type="checkbox"/> 8:19-21	_____
51. Feeds five thousand	<input type="checkbox"/> 14:13-21	<input type="checkbox"/> 6:32-44	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:10-17	<input type="checkbox"/> 6:1-15
52. Feeds four thousand	<input type="checkbox"/> 15:29-39	<input type="checkbox"/> 8:1-10	_____	_____
53. Walks on water	<input type="checkbox"/> 14:22-33	<input type="checkbox"/> 6:45-52	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 6:16-24
54. Many desert Him	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 6:60-71
55. Jesus anointed	<input type="checkbox"/> 26:6-13	<input type="checkbox"/> 14:3-9	<input type="checkbox"/> 7:36-50	<input type="checkbox"/> 12:1-8
56. Jesus the Christ	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 7:25-44
57. Unbelief of leaders	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 7:45-52
58. Unbelief of Jews	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 10:22-42
59. Woman caught in adultery	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 8:1-11
60. Peter's confession	<input type="checkbox"/> 16:13-20	<input type="checkbox"/> 8:27-30	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:18-21	_____
61. Jesus predicts His death (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> 16:21-28	<input type="checkbox"/> 8:31-9:1	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:22-27	_____
62. Transfiguration	<input type="checkbox"/> 17:1-13	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:2-13	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:28-36	_____
63. Jesus predicts His death (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> 17:22-23	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:30-32	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:43-45	_____
64. Paying the temple tax	<input type="checkbox"/> 17:24-27	_____	_____	_____
65. Blessing little children	<input type="checkbox"/> 19:13-15	<input type="checkbox"/> 10:13-16	<input type="checkbox"/> 18:15-17	_____
66. Rich young ruler	<input type="checkbox"/> 19:16-26	<input type="checkbox"/> 10:17-27	<input type="checkbox"/> 18:18-27	_____
67. Samaritan opposition	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:51-56	_____
68. Zacchaeus	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 19:1-10	_____
69. Lazarus dies, is raised	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 11:1-44
70. Jesus predicts His death (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> 20:17-19	<input type="checkbox"/> 10:32-34	<input type="checkbox"/> 18:31-34	_____
71. Triumphal entry	<input type="checkbox"/> 21:1-11	<input type="checkbox"/> 11:1-10	<input type="checkbox"/> 19:28-40	<input type="checkbox"/> 12:12-19

	MATTHEW	MARK	LUKE	JOHN
72. Sorrow over Jerusalem	_____	_____	❑ 13:31-35	_____
73. Weeps over Jerusalem	_____	_____	❑ 19:41-44	_____
74. Cleans the temple	❑ 21:12-17	❑ 11:12,15-19	❑ 19:45-48	❑ 2:12-17
75. Fig tree withers	❑ 21:18-22	❑ 11:12-14,20-26	_____	_____
76. Jesus' authority questioned	❑ 21:23-27	❑ 11:27-33	❑ 20:1-8	_____
77. Widow's offering	_____	❑ 12:41-44	❑ 21:1-4	_____
78. Predicts crucifixion	❑ 26:1-2	_____	_____	❑ 12:20-36
79. Jews still in unbelief	_____	_____	_____	❑ 12:37-50
80. Plot by priests and elders	❑ 26:3-5	_____	_____	❑ 11:45-57
81. Lord's supper	❑ 26:17-30	❑ 14:12-26	❑ 22:7-23	❑ 13:1-30
82. Predicts Peter's denial	❑ 26:31-35	❑ 14:27-31	❑ 22:31-38	❑ 13:31-38
83. Gethsemane and arrest	❑ 26:36-56	❑ 14:32-52	❑ 22:39-53	❑ 18:1-11
84. Trial before Sanhedrin	❑ 26:57-68	❑ 14:53-65	❑ 22:63-71	❑ 18:12-14,19-24
85. Peter's denial	❑ 26:69-75	❑ 14:66-72	❑ 22:54-62	❑ 18:15-18,25-27
86. Trial before Pilate	❑ 27:11-31	❑ 15:1-20	❑ 23:1-25	❑ 18:28-19:16
87. Crucifixion	❑ 27:32-56	❑ 15:21-41	❑ 23:26-49	❑ 19:17-37
88. Burial	❑ 27:57-66	❑ 15:42-47	❑ 23:50-56	❑ 19:38-42
89. Resurrection	❑ 28:1-15	❑ 16:1-14	❑ 24:1-12	❑ 20:1-9
90. Resurrection appearances	_____	_____	❑ 24:13-49	❑ 20:10-21;14
91. Commissions Peter	_____	_____	_____	❑ 21:15-25
92. Great Commission	❑ 28:16-20	❑ 16:15-16	_____	_____
93. Ascension	_____	❑ 16:19-20	❑ 24:50-53	_____

READINGS ON THE TEACHINGS OF CHRIST

The following passages relate to the teaching ministry of Jesus. Of course, Jesus taught through what He did and through His parables, which are listed in a separate section that follows. Some references identify parallel passages, while others relate to the same or a similar topic.

	MATTHEW	MARK	LUKE	JOHN
1. The Beatitudes	❑ 5:3-12	_____	❑ 6:20-26	_____
2. Salt and light	❑ 5:13-16	❑ 9:50; 4:21-25	❑ 8:16-18; 11:33-36	_____
3. Fulfillment of the law	❑ 5:17-20	_____	_____	_____
4. Murder/hatred	❑ 5:21-26	_____	_____	_____
5. Adultery	❑ 5:27-30	_____	_____	_____
6. Divorce	❑ 5:31-32; 19:1-9	❑ 10:1-12	❑ 16:18	_____
7. Celibacy	❑ 19:10-12	_____	_____	_____
8. Oaths	❑ 5:33-37	_____	_____	_____
9. Eye for eye	❑ 5:38-42	_____	_____	_____
10. Love enemies	❑ 5:43-48	_____	❑ 6:27-36	_____
11. Giving to needy	❑ 6:1-4	_____	_____	_____
12. Prayer	❑ 6:5-13;7:7-11	_____	❑ 11:1-13	_____
13. Forgiveness	❑ 6:14	_____	❑ 17:3-4	_____
14. Fasting	❑ 6:16-18	_____	_____	_____
15. Treasures in heaven	❑ 6:19-24	_____	❑ 18:22	_____
16. Don't worry/seek the Kingdom	❑ 6:25-34	_____	❑ 12:22-34	_____
17. Judging others	❑ 7:1-6	_____	❑ 6:37-42	_____

	MATTHEW	MARK	LUKE	JOHN
18. Narrow gate	<input type="checkbox"/> 7:13-14	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 13:22-30	_____
19. Good and bad fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> 7:15-23	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 6:43-45	_____
20. Cost of following Jesus	<input type="checkbox"/> 8:18-22	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:57-62;14:25-33	_____
21. Rewards for following Jesus	<input type="checkbox"/> 19:27-30	<input type="checkbox"/> 10:28-31	<input type="checkbox"/> 18:28-30	_____
22. Son gives life	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 5:16-30
23. Testimonies about Jesus	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 5:31-47
24. Jesus' testimony	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 8:12-30,48-59
25. Children of Abraham/Devil	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 8:31-47
26. About John the Baptist	<input type="checkbox"/> 11:7-19	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 7:24-35	_____
27. Woe to unrepentant cities	<input type="checkbox"/> 11:20-24	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 10:13-16	_____
28. Jesus reveals the Father	<input type="checkbox"/> 11:25-27	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 10:21-24	_____
29. Rest for the heavy laden	<input type="checkbox"/> 11:28-30	_____	_____	_____
30. Lord of the Sabbath	<input type="checkbox"/> 12:1-8	<input type="checkbox"/> 2:23-28	<input type="checkbox"/> 6:1-5	_____
31. Obedience	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 11:27-28	_____
32. Bread of life	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 6:25-59
33. Clean and unclean	<input type="checkbox"/> 15:1-21	<input type="checkbox"/> 7:1-23	_____	_____
34. Yeast of Pharisees/Sadducees	<input type="checkbox"/> 16:5-12	<input type="checkbox"/> 8:14-21	<input type="checkbox"/> 12:1-12	_____
35. Greatness in the Kingdom	<input type="checkbox"/> 18:1-6	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:33-37	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:46-48	_____
36. James and John	<input type="checkbox"/> 20:20-28	<input type="checkbox"/> 10:35-45	<input type="checkbox"/> 22:24-30	_____
37. For or against us	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:38-41	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:49-50	_____
38. Things that cause sin	<input type="checkbox"/> 18:7-9	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:42-48	<input type="checkbox"/> 17:1-2	_____
39. Reconciliation	<input type="checkbox"/> 18:15-20	_____	_____	_____
40. Faith	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 17:5-6	_____
41. Servanthood	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 17:7-10	_____
42. Humility	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 14:1-14	_____
43. Good news of the Kingdom	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 16:16-17	_____
44. Paying taxes to Caesar	<input type="checkbox"/> 22:15-22	<input type="checkbox"/> 12:13-17	<input type="checkbox"/> 20:20-26	_____
45. Marriage at the resurrection	<input type="checkbox"/> 22:23-33	<input type="checkbox"/> 12:18-27	<input type="checkbox"/> 20:27-40	_____
46. Greatest commandment	<input type="checkbox"/> 22:34-40	<input type="checkbox"/> 12:28-34	<input type="checkbox"/> 10:25-28	_____
47. Whose Son is Christ?	<input type="checkbox"/> 22:41-46	<input type="checkbox"/> 12:35-37	<input type="checkbox"/> 20:41-44	_____
48. Authority of His teaching	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 7:14-24
49. Good Shepherd	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 10:1-21
50. Woes to teachers and Pharisees	<input type="checkbox"/> 23:1-39	<input type="checkbox"/> 12:38-40	<input type="checkbox"/> 20:45-47	_____
51. Six woes	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 11:37-54	_____
52. Division, not peace	<input type="checkbox"/> 10:34-36	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 12:49-53	_____
53. Interpreting the times	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 12:54-59	_____
54. Repent or perish	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 13:1-5	_____
55. Coming of the Kingdom	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 17:20-37	_____
56. Signs of the end of the age	<input type="checkbox"/> 24:1-35	<input type="checkbox"/> 13:1-31	<input type="checkbox"/> 21:5-38	_____
57. Day and hour unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> 24:36-51	<input type="checkbox"/> 13:32-37	_____	_____
58. Teaches disciples at the supper	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 14-17
59. Preparing a place	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 14:1-4
60. Way to the Father	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 14:5-14
61. Promise of Holy Spirit	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 14:15-31
62. The Vine and branches	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 15:1-17
63. World will hate you	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 15:18-16:4

	MATTHEW	MARK	LUKE	JOHN
64. Work of Holy Spirit	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 16:5-16
65. Grief will turn to joy	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 16:17-33
66. Prayer for Himself	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 17:1-5
67. Prayer for disciples	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 17:6-19
68. Prayer for all believers	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 17:20-26

READINGS ON THE PARABLES OF CHRIST

The following list includes most of Jesus' parables. Some of His teachings include comparisons or other stories that some readers consider parables. Most scholars, however, believe each parable usually had only one primary theme. As you read and study a parable, ask God to give you understanding about the primary message.

	MATTHEW	MARK	LUKE
1. About teaching with parables	<input type="checkbox"/> 13:34-35	_____	_____
2. Good Samaritan	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 10:29-37
3. Growing seed	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 4:26-29	_____
4. Hidden treasure	<input type="checkbox"/> 13:44	_____	_____
5. Lost coin	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 15:8-10
6. Lost sheep	<input type="checkbox"/> 18:10-14	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 15:1-7
7. Lost son/prodigal son	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 15:11-32
8. Mustard seed	<input type="checkbox"/> 13:31-32	<input type="checkbox"/> 4:30-32	<input type="checkbox"/> 13:18-19
9. Net	<input type="checkbox"/> 13:47-51	_____	_____
10. New and old treasures	<input type="checkbox"/> 13:52	_____	_____
11. New wine/old wineskins	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:17	<input type="checkbox"/> 2:22	<input type="checkbox"/> 5:37-39
12. Patched garment	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:16	<input type="checkbox"/> 2:21	<input type="checkbox"/> 5:36
13. Pearl of great price	<input type="checkbox"/> 13:45-46	_____	_____
14. Persistent widow	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 18:1-8
15. Pharisee and publican	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 18:9-14
16. Rich fool	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 12:13-21
17. Rich man and Lazarus	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 16:19-31
18. Sheep and Goats	<input type="checkbox"/> 25:31-46	_____	_____
19. Shrewd manager	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 4:1-20	<input type="checkbox"/> 16:1-15
20. Sower	<input type="checkbox"/> 13:1-23	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 8:4-15
21. Talents	<input type="checkbox"/> 25:14-30	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 19:12-27
22. Ten virgins	<input type="checkbox"/> 25:1-13	_____	_____
23. Thief at night/be watchful	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 12:35-48
24. Two sons and obedience	<input type="checkbox"/> 21:28-32	_____	_____
25. Unfruitful fig tree	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 13:6-9
26. Unmerciful servant	<input type="checkbox"/> 18:21-35	_____	_____
27. Wedding banquet	<input type="checkbox"/> 22:1-14	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 14:15-24
28. Weeds	<input type="checkbox"/> 13:24-30,36-43	_____	_____
29. Wicked tenants	<input type="checkbox"/> 21:33-46	<input type="checkbox"/> 12:1-12	<input type="checkbox"/> 20:9-19
30. Wise builder/obedience	<input type="checkbox"/> 7:24-27	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 6:46-49
31. Workers in the vineyard	<input type="checkbox"/> 20:1-16	_____	_____
32. Yeast	<input type="checkbox"/> 13:33	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 13:20-21