# **Help in Understanding God’s Will:** Doctrines 🕮

Virtues 🎖

Problems🌪

## ABUNDANT LIFE 🎖

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. *John 10:10*

## ACCEPTANCE of each other 🕮

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. *Romans 15:7*

You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. *Galatians 3:26-29*

## ADULTERY 🌪

"You have heard that it was said, `Do not commit adultery.' But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell. "It has been said, `Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.' But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, causes her to become an adulteress, and anyone who marries the divorced woman commits adultery. *Matthew 5:27-32*

## ADVERSITY 🌪

Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign LORD is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to go on the heights. *Habakkuk 3:17-19*

I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves… But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you…

All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved… "So do not be afraid of them. There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known... Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

"Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

Matthew 10:16,19,20,22,26,28-33,39

## ANGELS 🕮

"See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven." *Matthew 18:10*

No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. *Mark 13:32*

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in

Christ Jesus our Lord. *Romans 8:38*

In speaking of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, his servants flames of fire." *Hebrews 1:7*

## ANGER 🌪

In your anger do not sin; do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. *Ephesians 4:26,27*

Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. *James 1:19b,20*

A quick-tempered man does foolish things. *Proverbs 14:17*

A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. *Proverbs 15:1*

A hot-tempered man stirs up dissension, but a patient man calms a quarrel. *Proverbs 15:18*

Better a patient man than a warrior, a man who controls his temper than one who takes a city. *Proverbs 16:32*

But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, `You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell. "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift. *Matthew 5:22-24*

## ANXIETY 🌪

Matthew 6:19-34 (see “Anxious” in previous section)

## ATONEMENT: 🕮

### See Romans 5

## APPEARANCES 🕮

But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.” *1st Samuel 16:7*

## BAPTISM 🕮

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. *Mark 16:16*

"I baptize with water," John replied, "but among you stands one you do not know. He is the one who comes after me, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie." *John 1:26-27*

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. *Acts 2:38*

Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus." *Acts 19:4*

There is one body and one Spirit-- just as you were called to one hope when you were called--one Lord, one faith, one baptism. *Ephesians 4:4-5*

## The BEATITUDES 🎖

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.
*Matthew 5:3-11*

## BEAUTY 🎖

Your eyes will see the king in his beauty and view a land that stretches afar. *Isaiah 33:17*

He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. *Isaiah 53:2*

And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" *Romans 10:15*

Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes. Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight. *1 Peter 3:3-4*

## BLESSINGS 🕮

"I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." *Genesis 12:2-3*

Wherever I cause my name to be honored, I will come to you and bless you. *Exodus 20:24*

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace. *Numbers 6:24*

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. *Psalm 1:1*

For surely, O LORD, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield. *Psalm 5:12*

Save your people and bless your inheritance; be their shepherd and carry them forever. *Psalm 28:9*

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us. *Psalm 67:1*

Blessings crown the head of the righteous, but violence overwhelms the mouth of the wicked. *Proverbs 10:6*

While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. *Luke 24:51*

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. *Ephesians 1:3*

They were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have shared in the Jews' spiritual blessings, they owe it to the Jews to share with them their material blessings. *Romans 15:27*

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will never count against him. *Romans 4:7,8*

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. *Revelation 14:13*

## Being “BORN AGAIN” – The New Birth: 🕮

### See: John 3:1-21

## CHILDREN and Infants 🕮

From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise. *Psalm 8:2*

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart." *Jeremiah 1:5*

Then little children were brought to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked those who brought them. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." *Matthew 19:13-14(See also Mark 10:14-15)*

## The CHRISTIAN LIFE 🎖

## Fruitfulness:

### See John 15

## Responsibilities:

*See Romans 12-13*

## Stewardship:

2nd Corinthians 8,9

## Witnessing:

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."
*Matthew 28:18-20*

As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. *John 17:18*

## CITIZENSHIP 🎖

Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience. This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.
*Romans 13:1-7*

Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, to slander no one, to be peaceable and con-siderate, and to show true humility toward all men.

### Titus 3:1

## Citizens of Two Kingdoms 🎖

So the spies questioned him: "Teacher, we know that you speak and teach what is right, and that you do not show partiality but teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. Is it right for us to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" He saw through their duplicity and said to them, “Show me a denarius. Whose portrait and inscription are on it?” "Caesar's," they replied. He said to them, "Then give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." *Luke 20:21-25*

## CONCEIT 🌪

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood up and prayed aboutA himself: `God, I thank you that I am not like other men--robbers, evildoers, adulterers--or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, `God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." *Luke 18:9-14*

## CONTENTMENT 🎖

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. *1st Timothy 6:6-8*

I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circum-stances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. *Philippians 4:11-12*

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." *Hebrews 13:5*

## COURAGE🎖

Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD. *Psalm 27:14*

## CRIME 🌪

“ But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and these make a man `unclean.' For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. *Matthew 15:18-19*

## The CROSS 🕮

Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. *Luke 9:23*

Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). *John 19:17*

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross! *Philippians 2:8*

God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. *Colossians 2:13d-14*

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. *Hebrews 12:2*

## DEATH 🌪

He will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth. The LORD has spoken. *Isaiah 25:8*

"I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life. *John 5:24*

Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." *John 11:23-26a*

This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. *Acts 2:23-24*

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned. *Romans 5:12*

Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life. *Revelation 2:10*

## DILIGENCE 🎖

Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. *Romans 12:11-12*

## DISCOURAGEMENT 🌪

See, the LORD your God has given you the land. Go up and take possession of it as the LORD, the God of your fathers, told you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged." *Deuteronomy 1:21*

I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory. *Ephesians 3:13*

Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged. *Colossians 3:21*

**DIVORCE** 🌪

Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?" "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator `made them male and female,' and said, `For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate." "Why then," they asked, "did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?" Jesus replied, "Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning. I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, and marries another woman commits adultery." *Matthew 19:3-12
Also see Mark 10:2-12*

## DOUBT 🌪

Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" *Matthew 14:28-31*

## EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE RELATIONSHIPS 🎖

Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to win their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for his wrong, and there is no favoritism.Masters, provide your slaves with what is right and fair, because you know that you also have a Master in heaven. *Colossians 3:22-4:1*

## ENCOURAGEMENT 🎖

We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give. *Romans 12:6a, 8*

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus. *Romans 15:4-5*

Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching. *Hebrews 10:25*

I have great confidence in you; I take great pride in you. I am greatly encouraged; in all our troubles my joy knows no bounds. *2 Corinthians 7:4*

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. *1st Thess. 5:11*

## ENVY 🌪

 Do not fret because of evil men or be envious of those who do wrong *Psalm 37:1*

Take your pay and go. I want to give the man who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?'
*Matthew 20:15*

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. *1 Corinthians 13:4*

Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate. *Proverbs 13:40*

## ENDURANCE 🎖

Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. *2nd Timothy 2:3*

## ETERNAL LIFE 🕮

God will redeem my life from the grave; he will surely take me to himself. *Psalm 49:15*

The dust returns to the ground it came from, and the spirit returns to God who gave it. *Ecclesiastes 12:7*

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. *John 10:27,28*

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" *John 11:25,26*

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Romans 6:23*

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. *Romans 8:18*

Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.
*2 Corinthians 5:1*

## EVANGELISM & MISSIONS 🎖

"Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say." *Exodus 4:12*

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns." *Psalm 96:3,10*

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

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." *Matthew 28:18-20*

**EXCUSES** 🌪

When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, "Blessed is the man who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God." Jesus replied: "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, `Come, for everything is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, `I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.' Another said, `I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.' Still another said, `I just got married, so I can't come.' The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, `Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.' `Sir,' the servant said, `what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.' Then the master told his servant, `Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full. I tell you, not one of those men who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.' " *Luke 14:15-24*

## FAITH🎖

When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. "Lord," he said, "my servant lies at home paralyzed and in terrible suffering." Jesus said to him, "I will go and heal him." The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, `Go,' and he goes; and that one, `Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, `Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard this, he was astonished and said to those following him, "I tell you the truth, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith. I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go! It will be done just as you believed it would." And his servant was healed at that very hour. *Matthew 8:5-13*

"Have faith in God," Jesus answered. "I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, `Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. *Mark 11:22-24*

*See especially Hebrews 11*

**FAITHFULNESS** 🎖

"Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. So also, the one with the two talents gained two more. But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. `Master,' he said, `you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.' His master replied, `Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' The man with the two talents also came. `Master,' he said, `you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more.' His master replied, `Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' *Matthew 25:14-23*

## FAMILY 🕮

The LORD then said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and your whole family, because I have found you righteous in this generation. *Genesis 7:1*

She gets up while it is still dark; she provides food for her family. *Proverbs 31:15*

Jesus did not let him, but said, "Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." *Mark 5:19*

Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother. *Mark 3:35*

At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptized. The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God--he and his whole family. *Acts 16:33-34*

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. *Ephesians 6:1*

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. *Galatians 6:10*

Here is a trustworthy saying: If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task. He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?)  *1st Timothy 3:1, 5*

**FAULTFINDING**  🌪

"Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, `Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.” *Matthew 7:1-5*

**FEAR** 🌪

"I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more. But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after the killing of the body, has power to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him. *Luke 12:4-5*

**FIGHTING** 🌪

What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.
*James 4:1-4*

# **Finances** 🕮🎖🌪

 He who keeps the law is a discerning son,
but a companion of gluttons disgraces his father. *Proverbs 28:7*

 The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty. *Proverbs 21:5*

In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil, but a foolish man devours all he has. *Proverbs 21:20*

Humility and the fear of the LORD bring wealth and honor and life. *Proverbs 22:4*

 The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender. *Proverbs 22:7*

 A generous man will himself be blessed,
 for he shares his food with the poor. *Proverbs 22:9*

He who oppresses the poor to increase his wealth and he who gives gifts to the rich—both come to poverty. *Proverbs 22:16*

Do not be a man who strikes hands in pledge or puts up security for debts; if you lack the means to pay, your very bed will be snatched from under you. *Proverbs 22:26,27*

Do not wear yourself out to get rich;

have the wisdom to show restraint. Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like an eagle. *Proverbs 23:4,5*

**FLESH**  🌪

Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature. Rom*ans 13:14*

## FORGIVENESS 🎖

And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.
*Mark 11:25-26*

Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.
*Ephesians 4:31-32*

**Christian FREEDOM** 🕮

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?" Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.
*John 8:31-36*

## FRIENDSHIP 🎖

A friend loves at all times. *Proverbs 17:17*

Wealth brings many friends, but a poor man's friend deserts him. *Proverbs 19:4*

His mouth is sweetness itself; he is altogether lovely. This is my lover, this my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem. *Song of Solomon 5:16*

You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. *John 15:14-15*

## GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT 🎖

*See 1st Corinthians 12:1-31*

## GOD is Constant and True: 🕮

God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill? *Numbers 23:19*

But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations. *Psalm 33:11*

I will sing of the LORD's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations. I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself. *Psalm 89:1-2*

## GOD’s Goodness: 🕮

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?… No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. *Romans 8:35,37*

His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.
*2nd Peter 1:3-4*

## GOD’s Guidance: 🕮

In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps. *Proverbs 16:9*

Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails. *Proverbs 19:21*

The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. *Isaiah 58:11*

## GOD Listens 🕮

God has surely listened and heard my voice in prayer. Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me! *Psalm 66:19-20*

## GOD’s Power 🕮

He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be counted. He bestows rain on the earth; he sends water upon the countryside. The lowly he sets on high, and those who mourn are lifted to safety. *Job 5:9-11*

## GOD’s Presence: 🕮

The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing. *Zephaniah 3:17*

"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"—which means, "God with us." *Matthew 1:23*

## GOD’s Promises: 🕮

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. *Jeremiah 29:11*

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open

 the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. *Malachi 3:10*

*“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard,*
      *Nor have entered into the heart of man*
      *The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” 1st Corinthians 2:9b (NKJV)*

## GOD Provides: 🕮

Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever. He has caused his wonders to be remem-bered; the LORD is gracious and compassionate. He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever. *Psalm 111:2-5*

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” *Matthew 7:7*

## GODLINESS 🎖

I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone--for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. *1st Timothy 2:2*

But godliness with contentment is great gain.
*1st Timothy 6:6*

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope--the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.
*Titus 2:11-14*

**GREED** 🌪

From the least to the greatest, all are greedy for gain. *Jeremiah 6:13a*

"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. *Matthew 23:25*

Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."
*Luke 12:15*

You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed--God is our witness.
*1st Thessalonians 2:5*

## UNDERSTANDING OUR GUILT: 🌪 🕮

My guilt has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear. *Psalms 38:4*

You know my folly, O God; my guilt is not hidden from you. *Psalms 69:5*

Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." *Isaiah 6:6-7*

Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. *Hebrews 10:22*

Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord.*1st Corinthians 11:27*

For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. *James 2:10*

*See also Romans 1:18 – 2:16*

***See also “Original Sin”topic***

**HATRED/ENEMIES** 🌪

"You have heard that it was said, `Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. *Matthew 5:43-48*

## HEAVEN 🕮

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. *Genesis 1:1*

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." *Matthew 3:2*

But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. *Matthew 6:20*

As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." *Mark 1:10-11*

"Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."
*Acts 1:11*

After this I heard what sounded like the roar of a great multitude in heaven shouting: "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God. *Revelation 19:1*

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. *Revelation 21:1*

## Jesus Christ as HIGH PRIEST 🕮

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are--yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.  *Hebrews 4:14-16*

When Christ came as high priest of the good things that are already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not man-made, that is to say, not a part of this creation. He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God! For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance--now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant. *Hebrews 9:11-15*

*Also see Hebrews 7*

## HOLINESS 🎖

Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."
*1st Peter 1:13-16*

## HOME RELATIONSHIPS 🎖

Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church-- for we are members of his body. "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." This is a profound mystery--but I am talking about Christ and the church. However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband. Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother"--which is the first commandment with a promise-- "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. *Ephesians 5:22 – 6:4*

## HONESTY 🎖

Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. *Colossians 3:9-10*

## HONOR to Parents & Authorities 🎖

##### See Ephesians 6:1-3, quoted under “Home Relationships”

Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men. Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God. Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honor the king. Slaves, submit yourselves to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh.
*1st Peter 2:13-18*

## HOPE 🎖

But Christ is faithful as a son over God's house. And we are his house, if we hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast. *Hebrews 3:6*

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead… Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed…. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God. *1st Peter 1:3,13,21*

## Christ’s HUMILIATION and EXALTATION: 🕮

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death--

even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

 *Philippians 2:5-11*

## HUMILITY 🎖

When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom. *Proverbs 11:2*

Seek the LORD, all you humble of the land, you who do what he commands. Seek righteousness, seek humility. *Zephaniah 2:3*

For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." *Luke 18:14b*

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. *Philippians 2:3*

Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."
*1st Peter 5:5*

## HYPOCRISY: 🌪

"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of dead men's bones and everything unclean. In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness. *Matthew 23:27-28*

## JUSTIFICATION 🕮

He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. *Romans 4:25*

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- not by works, so that no one can boast. *Ephesians 2:1-9*

We… know that a man is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by observing the law, because by observing the law no one will be justified. *Galatians 2:16*

## JOY 🎖

Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength. *Nehemiah 8:10*

You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand. *Psalm 16:11*

Then my soul will rejoice in the Lord and delight in his salvation. *Psalm 35:9*

Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy. *Psalm 126:5*

However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven. *Luke 10:20*

I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. *John 15:11*

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
*Romans 15:13*

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! *Philippians 4:4*

## JUDGING Others 🌪

"Do not judge, or you too will be judged.” *Matthew 7:1*

Stop judging by mere appearances, and make a right judgment." *John 7:24*

**KINDNESS**  🎖

"The King will reply, `I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' *Matthew 25:40*

Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off. *Romans 11:22*

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.
*Colossians 3:12*

## KNOWLEDGE 🎖

Can anyone teach knowledge to God, since he judges even the highest? *Job 21:22*

Choose my instruction instead of silver, knowledge rather than choice gold, for wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her*. Proverbs 8:10-11*

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! *Romans 11:33*

Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.
*1st Corinthians 8:1*

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen. *2nd Peter 3:18*

**LIP SERVICE**  🌪

"Not everyone who says to me, `Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. *Matthew 7:21*

## LOVE 🎖

Many waters cannot quench love; rivers cannot wash it away. *Song of Songs 8:7*

If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even "sinners" love those who love them. . . . But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back.
*Luke 6:32,35*

By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. *John 13:35*

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. *John 15:12*

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another. *Romans 13:8*

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.
*1st Corinthians 13:4-7*

May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else.
*1st Thessalonians 3:12*

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.
*Hebrews 10:24*

Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. *1st John 3:18*

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. *1st John 4:7*

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. *1st John 4:11*

###### See also: Mark 10:17-22, Luke 7:36-47, Luke 10:27

**LUST** 🌪

Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. *Colossians 3:5*

Each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God;
*1st Thessalonians 4:5*

## MARRIAGE 🕮

For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. *Genesis 2:24*

He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the LORD. *Proverbs 18:22*

Better to live in a desert than with a quarrelsome and ill-tempered wife. *Proverbs 21:19*

I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, causes her to become an adulteress, and anyone who marries the divorced woman commits adultery. *Matthew 5:32*

What God has joined together, let man not separate. *Mark 10:9*

By law a married woman is bound to her husband as long as he is alive, but if her husband dies, she is released from the law of marriage. *Romans 7:2*

To the married I give this command (not I but the Lord): A wife must not separate from her husband. But if she does she must remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband. And a husband must not divorce his wife. *1st Corinthians 7:10,11*

If the unbeliever leaves, let him do so. A believing man or woman is not bound in such circumstances. *1st Corinthians 7:15*

Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her. *Ephesians 5:22,25*

Each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband. *Ephesians 5:33*

Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. *Colossians 3:19*

Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. *Hebrews 13:4*

Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?" "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator `made them male and female,' and said, `For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."

"Why then," they asked, "did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?" Jesus replied, "Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning. I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, and marries another woman commits adultery." *Matthew 19:3-12*

## MONEY & WEALTH 🕮

Abram had become very wealthy in livestock and in silver and gold. *Genesis 13:2*

You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today. *Deuteronomy 8:17-18*

King Solomon was greater in riches and wisdom than all the other kings of the earth.  *1st Kings 10:23*

For this is what the LORD says: "You were sold for nothing, and without money you will be redeemed." *Isaiah 52:3*

"No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money. *Matthew 6:24*

"But God said to him, `You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' " This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God."

*Luke 12:20-21*

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. *1st Timothy 6:10*

## OBEDIENCE 🎖

"If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever-- the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him." Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, "But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?" Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. *John 14:15-24*

Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than men! *Acts 5:29*

## ORIGINAL SIN / GUILT 🕮

You are free to eat from any tree in the garden, but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die. *Genesis 2:16,17*

Sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned*. Romans 5:12*

Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. *Psalm 51:5*

The soul who sins is the one who will die. *Ezekiel 18:4*

The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Romans 6:23*

## PATIENCE, ENDURANCE 🎖

The end of a matter is better than its beginning, and patience is better than pride. *Ecclesiastes 7:8*

We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised. *Hebrews 6:12*

You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. *Hebrews 10:36*

But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life. *1st Timothy 1:16*

## POVERTY 🌪

Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. *Proverbs 30:8*

They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything--all she had to live on. Mark 12:44

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. 2nd Corinthians 8:9

## POWER 🕮

No man has power over the wind to contain it; so no one has power over the day of his death. *Ecclesiastes 8:8*

Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God. *John 13:3*

With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all. *Acts 4:33*

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. *1st Corinthians 1:18*

## PRAYER 🎖

"And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

"This, then, is how you should pray:

" `Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'

For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins. *Matthew 6:5-15*

“If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.” *Matthew 21:22*

"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. *Luke 11:9-10*

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. *Ephesians 6:18*

*(See also Philippians 4:6-7, under “Anxiety”)*

I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.
*1st Timothy 2:1-2*

Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. *James 5:13-16*

## PRIDE 🌪

I will break down your stubborn pride and make the sky above you like iron and the ground beneath you like bronze. *Leviticus 26:19*

Although you have been forsaken and hated, with no one traveling through, I will make you the everlasting pride and the joy of all generations.
*Isaiah 60:15*

Each one should test his own actions. Then he can take pride in himself, without comparing himself to somebody else. *Galatians 6:4*

**PURE THINKING** 🎖

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things.
*Philippians 4:8*

## PURITY🎖

“You have heard that it was said, `Do not commit adultery.' But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.” *Matthew 5:27-28*

Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.
*2nd Timothy 2:22*

## Jesus’ Work of REDEMPTION 🕮

 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. *2nd Corinthians 5:21*

## RESPECT 🎖

Each of you must respect his mother and father, and you must observe my Sabbaths. I am the LORD your God. *Leviticus 19:3*

However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband. *Ephesians 5:33*

Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live! *Hebrews 12:9*

Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honor the king.
*1st Peter 2:17*

## RESURRECTION 🕮

But your dead will live; their bodies will rise. You who dwell in the dust, wake up and shout for joy. Your dew is like the dew of the morning; the earth will give birth to her dead. *Isaiah 26:19*

`I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'. He is not the God of the dead but of the living. *Matthew 22:32*

"Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out--those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned.” *John 5:28-29*

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. *John 11:25-26*

With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all. *Acts 4:33*

If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. *Romans 6:5*

But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. *1st Corinthians 15:12-20 (See also verses 21-58)*

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." *Revelation 21:1-5*

*See also: 1st Thessalonians 4:13-18*

## RIGHTEOUSNESS 🎖

Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness. *Genesis 15:6*

The LORD rewards every man for his righteousness and faithfulness. *1 Samuel 26:23*

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. *Matthew 5:6*

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. *Matthew 6:33*

But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. *Romans 3:21-22*

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.*1st Peter 2:24*

But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness. *2nd Peter 3:13*

## The Way of SALVATION 🕮

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. *John 14:6*

They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved--you and your household." *Acts 16:31*

That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. *Romans 10:9*

**Studying the SCRIPTURES** 🎖

You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me. *John 5:39*

But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. *Psalm 1:2*

Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long. *Psalm 119:97*

From infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. *2nd Timothy 3:15*

## The SECOND COMING of Christ: 🕮

*See Matthew 24*

God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you. *2 Thessalonians 1:7-2:4 (See also verses 1:11- 2:12)*

## SERVICE 🎖

For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.
*Luke 22:27*

I served the Lord with great humility and with tears. *Acts 20:19a*

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. *Colossians 3:23-24*

If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. *1st Peter 4:11*

## SEXUAL Morality & Immorality 🌪

*See 2nd Corinthians 6:13- 7:9*

## Our SINFUL SELF 🌪

Who can bring what is pure from the impure? No one! *Job 14:4*

If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? *Psalm 130:3*

Who can say, "I have kept my heart pure; I am clean and without sin"? *Proverbs 20:9*

All a man's ways seem right to him, but the LORD weighs the heart. *Proverbs 21:2*

There is not a righteous man on earth who does what is right and never sins. *Ecclesiastes 7:20*

Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. *Romans 3:19*

*See also Romans 7:7-25*

We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some who commend themselves. When they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are not wise. *2nd Corinthians 10:12*

Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.
*John 8:34-36*

## STEADFASTNESS 🎖

Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. *1st Corinthians 15:58*

## STEWARDSHIP & OFFERINGS 🎖

But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast. *Genesis 4:4-5*

"Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me.
      "But you ask, 'How do we rob you?'
      "In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse—the whole nation of you—because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit," says the LORD Almighty. "Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land," says the LORD Almighty. *Malachi 3:8-12*

To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." *Mark 12:33*

There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need. *Acts 4:34-35*

Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful. *1st Corinthians 4:2*

And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints. And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will. *2nd Corinthians 8:1-5*

But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us — see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

 I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others.  For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

And here is my advice about what is best for you in this matter: Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so. Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means.  For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have. *2nd Corinthians 8:7-12*

 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
*2nd Corinthians 9:6-7*

I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. *Philippians 4:18*

## SUBMISSION: 🎖

Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men. Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God. Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honor the king.
*1st Peter 2:13-17*

## SWEARING 🌪

But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. *Colossians 3:8*

## TEMPERANCE 🎖

So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. 1*st Thessalonians 5:6-8*

Stop drinking only water, and use a little wine because of your stomach and your frequent illnesses.  *1st Timothy 5:23*

## Giving THANKS 🎖

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.
*Psalm 100:4-5*

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. *Psalm 107:1*

We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. *1st Thessalonians 1:2*

Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
*1st Thessalonians 5:18*

TIME MANAGEMENT 🕮

Find out what pleases the Lord… Be very careful, then, how you live--not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.*Ephesians 5:10,15-17*

TOMORROW 🕮

Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth. *Proverbs 27:1*

So do not worry, saying, `What shall we eat?' or `What shall we drink?' or `What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. *Matthew 6:31-34*

Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. *James 4:13-14*

## TREASURE 🕮

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. *Matthew 2:11*

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. *Matthew 13:44*

Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. *Luke 12:33-34*

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. *2 Corinthians 4:7*

## TRIUMPH 🕮

So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him.
*1st Samuel 17:50*

When the righteous triumph, there is great elation; but when the wicked rise to power, men go into hiding. *Proverbs 28:12*

But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him. *2 Corinthians 2:14*

**TRUST** 🎖

Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart. *Psalm 37:3-5*

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. *Proverbs 3:5,6*

The LORD is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him. *Nahum 1:7*

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me.” *John 1:1*

**TRUTH**  🕮 🎖

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. *John 14:6*

Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. *John 17:17*

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.
*Ephesians 4:14-15*

## VICTORY through Jesus Christ: 🕮

When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. *1st Corinthians 15:54-57*

For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. *1st John 5:4*

## WATCHFULNESS 🎖

Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. "Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back--whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to everyone: `Watch!' *Mark 13:33-37*

## WEALTH 🕮

 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share*. 1 Timothy 6:17-18*

## WISDOM 🕮

God gave Solomon wisdom and very great insight, and a breadth of understanding as measure-less as the sand on the seashore. Solomon's wisdom was greater than the wisdom of all the men of the East, and greater than all the wisdom of Egypt.
*1st Kings 4:29-30*

For the LORD gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.
*Proverbs 2:6*

The way of a fool seems right to him, but a wise man listens to advice. *Proverbs 12:15*

And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him. *Luke 2:40*

When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power. *1 Corinthians 2:1-5*

If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. *James 1:5*

## WORLDLINESS 🌪

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world--the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does--comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever. *1st John 2:15-17*

Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people."

"Therefore come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you. I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God. *2nd Corinthians 6:14-7:1*

## WORSHIP 🎖

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, `You must observe my Sabbaths. This will be a sign between me and you for the generations to come, so you may know that I am the LORD, who makes you holy. *Exodus 31:12-13*

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness. *Psalm 29:2*

I rejoiced with those who said to me,
       "Let us go to the house of the LORD."
*Psalm 122.1*

"`These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.'"
*Matthew 15:8-9*

"Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" *Luke 2:49*

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our "God is a consuming fire." *Hebrews 12:28-29*

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship. *Romans 12:1,2*

**ZEAL**  🎖

Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. *Romans 12:11*