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Luke 10:27-28 (KJV) And he answering said, **You shall love the Lord your God**
With all your heart, And **with** all your soul,
And **with all** your **strength**, and **with** your entire mind;
And your neighbor as yourself.

[28] **And He said unto** him, you have answered **right**: do **this**, and you **will live**.

Luke 10:27 (NLT) The man answered," You must love **the Lord your God**
With all your heart, all your soul, **all your strength**,
And **all** your mind.' And, '**love** your neighbor **as** yourself.' "

1 John 1:7 (NLT) **But if we are living in the light of God's presence,**
Just as Christ is, then we **have fellowship** with each other,
And the blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanses us from every sin.

Hebrews 10:23 (NLT) **Without wavering, let us hold tightly to the hope**
We say we have, **for God can be trusted to keep his promise.**

Hebrews 10:24-25 (NLT) **Think of ways to encourage one another**
To **outbursts of love** and **good deeds.**

[25] And let us **not neglect our meeting together,**
As some people do, **but encourage and warn each other,**
Especially **now** that **the day of His coming back again is drawing near.**

Philip. 2:3-4 (NLT) **Don't be selfish; Don't live to make a good impression on others.**
Be **humble, thinking of others as better** than yourself.

[4] **Don't** think **only** about your **own** affairs,
But **be interested** in others, too, **and what they are doing.**

Eccles. 9:10 (KJV) **Whatsoever your hand finds to do, get it done with your might;**
For **there is no** work, **Nor** device, **nor** knowledge, **nor** wisdom,
In the grave, where your going.

1 John 1: 7 (ESV) **But if we walk in the Light,**
As He is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another,
And the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Hebrews 10:24-25 (ESV) **And let us consider**

How to stir up one another **to love and good works,**
²⁵ **Not neglecting to meet together,** as is the **habit** of some, but **encouraging** one another,
And all the more as you see the **day drawing near.**

Ecclesiastes 9:10 (ESV) **Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might,**
For **there is no work or thought or knowledge**
Or wisdom in Sheol (the grave), **to which you are going.**

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Col. 3:12-15 (NLT) Since God chose you to be the holy people whom he loves,

You must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy,
Kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

[13] You must make allowance

For each other's faults And forgive the person who offends you.
Remember, the Lord forgave you,
So you must forgive others.

[14] And the most important piece of clothing you must wear is love.

Love is what binds us all together in perfect harmony.

[15] And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts.

For as members of one body

You are all called to live in peace. And always be thankful.

2 Cor. 13:11-13 (NLT) Dear brothers and sisters,

I close my letter with these last words: rejoice. Change your ways.

Encourage each other. Live in harmony and peace.

Then the God of love and peace will be with you.

[12] Greet each other in Christian love.

[13] All the Christians here send you their greetings.

John 13:34-35 (NLT) So now I am giving you a new commandment:

Love each other.

Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.

[35] Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are My disciples."

John 13:34-35 (KJV) A new commandment I give unto you,

That you love one another;

As I have loved you, that you also love one another.

[35] By this shall all men know

That you are My disciples, if you have love one to another.

John 13:34-35 (ESV) A new commandment I give to you,

That you love one another: just as I have loved you,

You also are to love one another.

³⁵ By this all people will know that you are My disciples,

If you have love for one another."

2 Corinthians 13:11-13 (ESV) Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration,

Comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace;

And the God of love and peace will be with you.

¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss.

¹³ All the saints greet you.

¹⁴ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God

And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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2 John 1:5-6 (NLT) **And now I want to urge you, dear lady,**

That we should love one another.

This **is not** a new **commandment, but one** we **had** from the beginning.

[6] **Love** means **doing what God has commanded** us,

And He has commanded us **to love** one another,

Just as you **heard** from the beginning.

James 3:18 (NLT) **And those who are peacemakers**

Will **plant** seeds of **peace** and **reap** a harvest of **goodness**.

1 John 3:23-24 (NLT) **And this is His commandment:**

We must believe **in the Name of His Son, Jesus Christ,**

And **love** one another, **Just as He commanded** us.

[24] Those who **obey God's commandments**

Live in fellowship with Him, and he with them.

And we **know He lives** in us **because the Holy Spirit lives in** us.

2 Tim. 2:22 (NLT) **Run from anything that stimulates youthful lust.**

Follow anything that **makes** you **want to do right**.

Pursue **faith** and **love** and **peace**,

And enjoy the companionship

Of those who call **on the Lord** with **pure** hearts.

Proverbs 4:10-13 (NLT) **My child, listen to Me and do as I say,**

And you will **have** a long, **good** life.

[11] **I will teach** you **wisdom's** ways **and lead** you in **straight** paths.

[12] **If** you live a life **guided** by **wisdom**, you **won't** limp or stumble as you run.

[13] **Carry out My instructions;**

Don't forsake **them. Guard them,**

For they will lead you to a **fulfilled** life.

Philip. 4:6-7 (NLT) **Don't** worry about anything;

Instead, **pray** about **everything**.

Tell God what you **need**, and **thank him for all he has done**.

[7] **If you do this**, you will **experience** **God's peace**,

This is far more wonderful than the human **mind can** understand.

His peace will guard your **hearts** and **minds**

As you live in Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 2:22 (ESV) **So flee** youthful passions

And **pursue** righteousness, **faith, love**, and **peace**,

Along **with** those who call **on the Lord from a pure** (honest) heart.

John 15:17 (NLT) **I command** you to **love** each other.

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1 Peter 1:23 (NLT) For you have **been born again**.

Your **new** life **did not** come from your earthly parents

Because the life they **gave** you will **end** in **death**.

But this new life will last forever

Because it comes **from the eternal, living word of God**.

1 Peter 4:8 (NLT) **Most important of all**, continue to **show deep love** for each other,

For **love covers** a multitude of sins.

1 Peter 4:8 (KJV) **And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves:**

For **charity** (love) shall **cover** the multitude of sins.

1 John 2:4-6 (NLT) **If someone says, "I belong to God,"**

But **doesn't** obey **God's commandments**, **that** person **is** a **liar**

And **does not** live in **the Truth**.

[5] **But those who obey God's word really do love him.**

That is the **way to know** whether **or not** we live in **Him**.

[6] Those who **say** they live in **God**

Should live their lives **as Christ did**.

1 John 2:28 (NLT) **And now, dear children, continue to live in fellowship with Christ**

So that when He returns,

You will be full of courage and **not** shrink back **from Him** in shame.

1 John 2:28 (KJV) **And now, little children, abide in Him;**

That, when He shall appear, we may **have confidence,**

And **not** be ashamed **before Him at his coming**.

1 John 3:19-24 (ESV) **Little children, let us not love in word or talk**

But **in deed** and **in Truth**.

¹⁹ **By this we shall know** that we are **of the Truth** and **reassure** our heart **before Him;**

²⁰ For whenever our heart **condemns** us,

God is greater than our heart, **and he knows** everything.

²¹ Beloved, if our heart **does not** condemn us, we **have confidence before God;**

²² **And whatever we ask** we receive **from Him,**

Because we **keep His commandments** and **do** what **pleases him**.

²³ **And this is His commandment, that** we believe **in the Name of his Son Jesus Christ**

And **love one another, just as He has commanded** us.

²⁴ Whoever **keeps His commandments** abides **in God, and God in** him.

And by **this** we know **that He abides in** us,

By the Spirit whom he has given us.

Proverbs 17:14 (ESV) **The beginning of strife is like letting out water,**

So quit before the quarrel breaks out.

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Luke 6:37 (NLT) "**Stop judging others, and you will not be judged.**
Stop criticizing others **or** it will **all come back on** you.
If you forgive others, you will be **forgiven**.

Luke 6:37 (KJV) Judge **not**, **And you shall not be judged:**
Condemn **not** and you **shall not** be condemned:
Forgive, and you **shall be forgiven:**

Proverbs 3: 5 (NLT) Trust in **the Lord** with all your heart;
Do not depend on your **own** understanding.

Proverbs 21:3 (KJV) To **do justice and judgment**
Is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.

Proverbs 16:3 (NLT) **Commit your work to the Lord,**
And then your **plans will succeed.**

1 Peter 1:22(NLT) Now you can have **sincere love for each other**
As brothers and sisters **because you were cleansed** from your sins
When you accepted the truth of the Good News.
So see to it
That **you really do love each other** intensely **with all** your hearts.

Ephes. 4:1-5 (NLT) **Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord,**
Beg you to lead a life **worthy** of your **calling,**
For you have been **called by God.**

[2] Be **humble** and **gentle.** Be **patient** with each other,
Making **allowance** for each other's **faults** **because of your love.**

[3] Always **keep yourselves united in the Holy Spirit,**
And **bind** yourselves **together** with **peace.**

[4] We are all one **body,**
We have the same Spirit,
And we have all **been called** to the same **glorious future.**

[5] **There is only one Lord,** one **faith,** one **baptism,**

1 John 2:7-8 (NLT) Dear friends, I am not writing a new **commandment,**
For it is an old one you have always **had,**
Right from the beginning. **This commandment—**
To love one another —

Is the same message you heard before.
[8] **Yet it is also new. This commandment**
Is True in Christ and **is true** among you,
Because the darkness is disappearing
And the True Light is already shining.

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Eccles. 9:9-10 (NLT) Live **happily with the woman you love**

Through all the **meaningless** days of life

That God has given you in this world.

The wife **God gives** you **is** your **reward** for all your earthly **toil**.

[10] Whatever you do, **do well.**

For when you go to the grave,

There **will be** no work **or** planning **or** knowledge **or** wisdom.

Eccles. 5:18-20 (NLT) Even so, I have **noticed one thing, at least,**

That is **good.** It is **good** for people to **eat well,**

Drink a good glass of **wine,**

And **enjoy** their **work**—Whatever they **do** under the sun—

For however long **God lets** them live.

[19] And it is a **good** thing **to receive wealth from God** and the **good** health to **enjoy** it.

To **enjoy** your **work**

And accept your lot in life—that **is** indeed **a gift from God.**

[20] People who do **this** rarely **look** with sorrow **on** the past,

For God has given them **reasons for joy.**

Eccles. 11:8 (NLT) **When people live to be very old,**

Let them **rejoice** in every day of **life.**

But **let them also remember** that the **dark days** will be **many.**

Everything still to come **is meaningless.**

Eccles. 11:8 (KJV) **But if a man live many years,**

And **rejoice** in them all;

Yet let him remember the **days** of **darkness;** for they **shall be many.**

All that comes **is vanity** (futile, idle, or worthless).

Eccles. 12:12-13 (NLT) **But, my child, be warned:**

There is **no end** of **opinions** ready to be **expressed.**

Studying them can go on forever and become **very exhausting!**

[13] Here is my **final conclusion:**

Fear God and **obey his commands,** for **this** is **the duty** of every person.

Ecclesiastes 5:18-20 (ESV) **Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting**

Is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the **toil** (to labor continuously,)

With which one **toils** (strenuous labor) under the sun

The **few days** of his life **that God has given** him, **for this is his lot** (fate).

¹⁹ Everyone also to whom **God has given wealth and possessions**

And power to enjoy them, and to **accept** his **lot** (fate)

And **rejoice** in his **toil**—**This is the gift of God.**

²⁰ For he **will not much remember** the days of his life

Because God keeps him **occupied with joy in his heart.**

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Philip. 2:1-4 (NLT) **Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ?**

Any comfort from **His love?**

Any fellowship together in **the Spirit?**

Are your hearts **tender** and sympathetic?

[2] Then **make** me **truly happy**

By **agreeing wholeheartedly with** each other, **loving** one another,

And **working** together **with** one heart and **purpose**.

[3] **Don't** be selfish;

Don't live to **make** a good impression on others.

Be humble, thinking of others as **better** than yourself.

[4] **Don't** think **only** about your **own** affairs,

But be **interested** in others, too, **and what they are doing**.

Philip. 1:8-10 (NLT) **God knows** how much **I love** you

And long for you **with the tender compassion of Christ Jesus**.

[9] **I pray** that your **love** for each other

Will overflow more and more,

And that you **will keep** on **growing in** your **knowledge**

And **understanding**.

[10] For I want you **to understand** **what really matters**,

So that you **may live** **pure** and **blameless** lives **until Christ returns**.

Ephes. 4:24-27 (NLT) **You must display a new nature**

Because you are a new person, created in God's likeness

—**Righteous, holy, and true**.

[25] So **put away** all falsehood

And "**tell** your neighbor the **truth**" because we **belong** to each other.

[26] **And "don't sin"** by letting **anger** gain **control** over you.

"Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry,

[27] For **anger** gives **a mighty foothold** to the **Devil**.

Matthew 22:36-40 (KJV) **Master, which is the great commandment in the law?**

[37] **Jesus said unto** him,

You shall **love the Lord** your **God with** all your heart,

And **with** all your soul, And **with** your entire mind.

[38] **This is the first and great commandment.**

[39] And **the second is like unto it**, You shall **love** your neighbor **as** yourself.

[40] **On these two commandments hang all the law** and the **prophets**.

Psalms 91:14 (NLT) **The Lord says, "I will rescue** those who **love me**.

I will protect those who **trust in my name**.

Ephes. 5:1 (NLT) **Follow God's example in everything you do,**

Because you are His dear children.

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Matthew 7:1-2 (NLT) "**Stop judging others, and you will not be judged.**

[2] For others will treat you as you treat them.

Whatever **measure** you use **in judging** others, **it will be used**
To measure how you are **judged**.

Matthew 18:1-4 (KJV) **At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying,**

Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?

[2] **And Jesus called a little child unto Him,**

And set him in the midst of them,

[3] **And said, Verily I say unto you, **except** you be **converted**,**

And become as little children,

You shall not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

[4] Whosoever therefore **shall humble** himself

As this little child, the same is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Ephes. 6:10-18 (NLT) **A final word: Be strong with the Lord's mighty power.**

[11] Put **on** all **of God's armor**

So that you will be able

To stand firm against all strategies and tricks of the Devil.

[12] For we **are not fighting** against people made of flesh and blood,

But **against** the **evil** rulers and **authorities** of the **unseen** world,

Against those **mighty powers** of **darkness**

Who rule this world,

And against wicked spirits in the Heavenly Realms.

[13] **Use every piece of God's armor**

To resist the enemy in the time of evil,

So that after the battle

You will still be standing firm.

[14] **Stand your ground, putting on the sturdy belt of Truth**

And the body armor of God's righteousness.

[15] For **shoes**, put **on** the **peace that comes from the Good News**,

So that you will be fully prepared.

[16] In every **battle** you will **need faith**

As your shield to stop the fiery arrows aimed at you by Satan.

[17] **Put** on **salvation** as your **helmet**,

And take the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.

[18] **Pray at all times**

And on every occasion in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Stay alert and be persistent

In your prayers for all Christians everywhere.

Matthew 7:1-2 (ESV) "**Judge not, that you be not judged.**

² For **with** **the judgment** you **pronounce** you will be **judged**,

And with the **measure** you **use** **it will be measured to you**.

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Ephes. 6:10-18 (KJV) Finally, my brethren,

Be **strong** in **the Lord**, and **in the power of his might**.

[11] Put **on the whole armor of God**,

That you **may be able** to stand **against** the **wiles** of the **devil**.

[12] For we **wrestle not** against flesh and blood, But against **principalities**,
Against powers, against the **rulers** of the **darkness** of this world,
Against spiritual wickedness in high places.

[13] Wherefore **take unto** you **the whole armor of God**,

That you **may be able to withstand** in the **evil** day,
And having **done** all, to **stand**.

[14] **Stand** therefore, **having** your loins **girt** (fastened) about **with Truth**,

And having **on** the **breastplate of (God's) righteousness**;

[15] And your **feet shod with** the **preparation of the Gospel of peace**;

[16] **Above all, taking** the **shield of faith**,

Wherewith you shall be **able** to **quench** all the **fiery darts** of the **wicked**.

[17] And **take** the **helmet** of **salvation**,

And the **sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God**:

[18] **Praying** always **with all prayer** and **supplication** (to plead earnestly and humbly)

In the Spirit, and watching thereunto **with** all **perseverance**

And **supplication** (urgently and humbly pleading) **for all saints**;

Ephes. 4:24-32 (NLT) You **must display a new nature**

Because you are a new person,

Created **in God's likeness** — **Righteous, holy, and true**.

[25] So **put away** all falsehood and "**tell your neighbor the truth**"

Because we belong to each other.

[26] And "**don't sin** by letting **anger** gain **control over** you."

Don't let the sun go down while you **are still angry**,

[27] For **anger** gives a **mighty foothold** to the **Devil**.

[28] **If you are** a thief, **stop** stealing. **Begin using your hands for honest work**,

And then **give generously** to others **in need**.

[29] **Don't use** foul or abusive language.

Let everything you **say** be **good** and **helpful**,

So that your words will be an encouragement to those who **hear them**.

[30] And **do not** bring **sorrow** to **God's Holy Spirit** by the **way** you live.

Remember, **He is the One who has identified you as his own**,

Guaranteeing that you **will be saved on the day of redemption**.

Matthew 18:1-4 (ESV) At that time the disciples came to **Jesus**, saying,

"**Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?**"

² **And calling to Him** a child, **he put** him in the midst of them

³ **And said, "Truly, I say to you, unless** you **turn and become like children**,

You will **never** enter **the Kingdom of Heaven**.

⁴ Whoever **humbles** himself **like this** child **is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven**.

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Ephes. 4:31-32 (NLT) **Get rid of all bitterness, Rage, anger, harsh words,**
And **slander**, as well as **all** types of **malicious** behavior.

[32] **Instead, be kind** to each other,
Tender hearted, **forgiving** one another,
Just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

Philip. 4:8 (KJV) **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.**

Philip. 4:8 (NLT) **And now, dear brothers and sisters,**
Let me say one more thing as I close this letter.
Fix your thoughts on what is true and honorable and right.
Think **about** things that are **pure** and **lovely** and **admirable.**
Think **about** things that are **excellent** and **worthy of praise.**

Proverbs 8:13 (NLT) **All who fear the Lord will hate evil.** That is why **I hate**
Pride, arrogance, corruption, And **perverted** speech.

Proverbs 8:13 (KJV) **The fear of the Lord**
is to hate evil: pride, and **arrogancy,** and the **evil way,**
And the **forward** mouth, **do I hate.**

James 4:10 (NLT) **When you bow down before the Lord**
And **admit** your dependence **on Him, he will lift** you **up**
And give you **honor.**

James 4:10 (KJV) **Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord,**
And He shall lift you **up.**

1 Corinthians 9:19-22 (ESV) **For though I am free from all,**
I have **made** myself a **servant** to all, **that I might win** more of them.

²⁰ To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to **win** Jews.
To those **under the law** I became as one **under the law**
(though **not being myself under the law**)
That I might **win** those **under the law.**

²¹ To those **outside the law**
I became **as one outside the law**
(**not being outside the law of God** but **under the law of Christ**)
That I might **win** those **outside the law.**

²² **To the weak I became weak,** that I might **win** the weak. I have **become** all things
To all people, **that by all means I might save some.**

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James 1:22-25 (NLT) And remember, It is a Message to obey, not just to listen to.

If you don't obey, you are only fooling yourself.

[23] For if you just listen

And don't obey, it is like looking at your face in a mirror

But doing nothing to improve your appearance.

[24] You see yourself, walk away,

And forget what you look like.

[25] But if you keep looking steadily into God's perfect law—

The law that sets you free—

And if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard,

Then God will bless you for doing it.

James 2:23 (KJV) And the Scripture was fulfilled which says,

Abraham believed God,

And it was imputed unto him for righteousness:

And he was called the friend of God.

James 2:23 (NLT) And so it happened just as the Scriptures say:

"Abraham believed God, so God declared him to be righteous."

He was even called "The friend of God."

Psalms 51:16-17 (KJV) For You desire not sacrifice; Else would I give it:

You delight not in burnt offering.

[17] The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit:

A broken and a contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Psalms 51:16-17 (NLT) You would not be pleased with sacrifices,

Or I would bring them.

If I brought you a burnt offering, You would not accept it.

[17] The sacrifice You want

Is a broken spirit. A broken and repentant heart, O God,

You will not despise.

1 John 2:4-6 (ESV) Whoever says "I know Him"

But does not keep His commandments is a liar,

And the Truth is not in him,

⁵ But whoever keeps His word, in him truly the love of God is perfected.

By this we may know that we are in Him:

⁶ Whoever says he abides in Him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

Proverbs 24:27 (ESV) Prepare your work outside; get everything ready

For yourself in the field, and after that build your house.

Proverbs 24:27 (NLT) Develop your business first before building your house.

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Psalm 41:1-3 (KJV) (A Psalm of David) Blessed is he that considers the poor:

The Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.

[2] The Lord will preserve him,

And keep him alive; And he shall be blessed upon the earth:

And You will not deliver him unto the will of his enemies.

[3] The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing:

You will make all his bed in his sickness.

Psalm 41:1-3 (NLT) **For the choir director: A psalm of David.**

Oh, the joys of those who are kind to the poor.

The Lord rescues them in times of trouble.

[2] The Lord protects them and keeps them alive.

He gives them prosperity and rescues them from their enemies.

[3] The Lord nurses them when they are sick

And eases their pain and discomfort.

Proverbs 8:13 (ESV) The fear of the Lord is hatred of evil.

Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate.

Proverbs 3:5 (NLT) Trust in the Lord with all your heart;

Do not depend on your own understanding.

1 Chron. 28:9 (NLT) "And Solomon, my son, get to know the God of your ancestors.

Worship and serve Him with your whole heart

And with a willing mind.

For the Lord sees every heart

And understands and knows every plan and thought.

If you seek Him, you will find him.

But if you forsake Him, he will reject you forever.

Isaiah 33:13-17 (ESV) Hear, you who are far off,

What I have done;

And you who are near, acknowledge My might.

¹⁴ The sinners in Zion are afraid; trembling has seized the godless:

"Who among us can dwell with the consuming fire?

Who among us can dwell with everlasting burnings?"

¹⁵ He who walks righteously and speaks uprightly,

Who despises the gain of oppressions,

Who shakes his hands, lest they hold a bribe,

Who stops his ears from hearing of bloodshed

And shuts his eyes from looking on evil,

¹⁶ He will dwell on the heights; his place of defense will be the fortresses of rocks;

His bread will be given him; his water will be sure.

¹⁷ Your eyes will behold the King in his beauty; they will see a land that stretches afar.

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James 1:19-20 (NLT) My dear brothers and sisters, be quick to listen, slow to speak,
And slow to get angry.

[20] Your anger can never make things right in God's sight.

James 1:19-20 (KJV) Wherefore, my beloved brothers,

Let every man be swift to hear,

Slow to speak, slow to wrath:

[20] For the wrath of man works not the righteousness of God.

James 2:14 (NLT) Dear brothers and sisters, what's the use of saying you have faith

If you don't prove it by your actions?

That kind of faith can't save anyone.

James 2:14 (KJV) What does it profit, my brothers, though a man say he has faith,

And have not works? Can faith save him?

James 1:12 (NLT) God blesses the people who patiently endure testing.

Afterward they will receive the crown of life

That God has promised to those who love him.

James 1:12 (KJV) Blessed is the man that endures temptation:

For when he is tried,

He shall receive the crown of life,

Which the Lord has promised to them that love him.

James 2:12 (NLT) So whenever you speak, or whatever you do,

Remember that you will be judged

By the law of love, the law that set you free.

James 2:12 (KJV) So speak you, and so do,

As they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.

Matthew 7:1-2 (KJV) Judge not, that you will not be judged.

[2] For with what judgment you judge, you'll be judged:

And with what measure you exact, it shall be measured to you again.

Isaiah 2:22 (NLT) Stop putting your trust in mere humans.

They are as frail as breath. How can they be of help to anyone?

Isaiah 2:22 (ESV) Stop regarding man in whose nostrils is breath,

For of what account is he?

Proverbs 3:5 (KJV) Trust in the Lord with all your heart;

And lean not unto your own understanding.

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Ephes. 5:18-20 (KJV) **And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess;**
But be filled with the Spirit;

[19] **Speaking** to yourselves in **psalms** and **hymns** and **spiritual** songs,
Singing and making **melody** in your heart **to the Lord;**

[20] **Giving** thanks **always** for all things **unto God and the Father**
In the Name of our **Lord Jesus Christ;**

Psalms 35:13 (ESV) **But I, when they were sick--- I wore sackcloth;**
I **afflicted** myself **with fasting**; I **prayed** with head **bowed on** my chest.

Eccles. 5:18 (NLT) **Even so, I have noticed one thing,**
At least, that **is good**. It **is good** for people to **eat well**,
Drink a good glass of wine,
And **enjoy** their **work**—Whatever they **do** under the sun—
For however long **God lets them live**.

Eccles. 9:9 (NLT) **Live happily** with the woman you love **through all**
The meaningless days of life that **God has given** you in this world.
The wife **God gives** you is your **reward** for all your **earthly toil**.

Eccles. 9:9 (KJV) **Live joyfully with the wife whom you love all the days**
Of the life of your **vanity**, which **He has given** you under the sun,
All the days of your vanity:
For **that** is your **portion** in this life, **and in your labor**
Which you **take** under the sun.

Genesis 4:6-7 (NLT) **"Why are you so angry?" The Lord asked him.**
"Why do you look so dejected?"

[7] **You will be accepted**
If you **respond** in the **right way**.
But **if** you **refuse** to **respond** correctly, Then **watch out!**
Sin is waiting to **attack** and **destroy** you, **And you must subdue it**."

Proverbs 24:27 (KJV) **Prepare your work without,**
And **make it fit** for yourself **in the field**;
And afterwards **build** your house.

Proverbs 21:23 (ESV) **Whoever keeps his mouth and his tongue**
Keeps himself **out of trouble**.

Psalms 50:22-23 (NLT) **Repent**, all of you who **ignore Me**, or **I will tear you apart**,
And **no one will** help you.

[23] **But giving thanks** is a **sacrifice** that truly **honors Me**.
If you keep **to My path**, **I will reveal to you** **the salvation of God**."

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James 3:13-17 (NLT) **If you are wise and understand God's ways,**

Live a life of steady goodness so that **only good deeds** will **pour forth**.

And if you don't brag about the **good you do,**

Then you will be truly wise!

[14] But **if** you are bitterly **jealous**

And there is **selfish ambition in** your hearts,

Don't brag about being wise. That **is** the **worst** kind of **lie**.

[15] For **jealousy** and **selfishness** are **not God's kind** of wisdom.

Such things are earthly,

Unspiritual, and motivated by the Devil.

[16] For wherever there is **jealousy** and **selfish** ambition,

There you will **find disorder** and every **kind** of **evil**.

[17] **But the wisdom that comes from Heaven is first of all pure.**

It is also peace loving, gentle at all times,

And willing to yield to others. **It is full of mercy and good deeds.**

It shows no partiality and is always sincere.

Genesis 39:6-12 (NLT) **So Potiphar gave Joseph**

Complete administrative responsibility over everything he owned.

With Joseph there, he **didn't have a worry** in the world,

Except to decide what he wanted to eat!

Now Joseph **was** a very **handsome** and **well-built** young man.

[7] And about this time, **Potiphar's wife began to desire him**

And **invited** him to **sleep with** her.

[8] But Joseph **refused**. "Look," he told her,

"My master **trusts** me with everything in his entire household.

[9] **No one** here **has more authority than I do!**

He **has** held back **nothing** from me **except** you, **because you are his wife.**

How could I ever **do such a wicked thing?**

It would **be** a great **sin against God.**"

[10] She **kept** putting **pressure on** him day after day, but he **refused** to **sleep** with her,

And he **kept out** of her way **as much as possible**.

[11] One day, however,

No one else **was around** when he was doing his work **inside** the house.

[12] **She came** and **grabbed him** by his shirt,

Demanding, "Sleep with me!"

Joseph **tore** himself **away**, but as he did, His shirt **came off**.

She **was left** holding it **as he ran** from the house.

Psalms 50:22-23 (KJV) **Now consider this, you that forget God,**

Lest I tear you in **pieces**, and there **be none** to deliver.

[23] **Whoever offers praise glorifies Me:**

And to him that **orders** his conversation **aright**

Will I show the salvation of God.

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1 Kings 8:22-23 (NLT) Then Solomon stood with his hands lifted toward Heaven
Before the altar of the Lord in front of the entire community of Israel.
[23] **He prayed, "O Lord, God of** Israel,
There is no God like you in all of Heaven or earth.
You keep your promises
And show unfailing love to all who obey You
And are eager to do Your will.

Eccles. 7:16 (KJV) **Be not righteous over much; Neither make yourself over wise:**
Why should you destroy yourself ?

Eccles. 7:16 (NLT) **So don't be too good or too wise!**
Why destroy yourself?

Matthew 7:12 (KJV) **Therefore all things**
Whatsoever you would that men should do to you,
Do you even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

Matthew 7:12 (NLT) "**Do for others** what you would like them to do for you.
This is a summary of all that is taught in the law and the prophets.

1 John 4:17-18 (NLT) **And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect.**
So we **will not** be afraid on the Day of Judgment,
But we **can** face Him with confidence
Because we are like Christ here in this world.

[18] Such love has no fear
Because perfect love expels all fear.
If we are afraid, it is for fear of judgment,
And this shows that His love has not been perfected in us.

1 John 4:17-18 (KJV) **In this is our love made perfect,**
That we may have boldness in the day of judgment:
Because as He is, so are we in this world.

[18] **There is no fear in love;**
But perfect love casts out fear: Because fear has torment.
He that fears is not made perfect in love.

Psalms 51:16-17 (KJV) **For You desire not sacrifice; else would I give it:**
You delight not in burnt offering.
[17] The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit:
A broken and a contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Isaiah 2:22 (KJV) **Cease you from man, whose breath is in his nostrils:**
For in what is he to be accounted of?

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James 4:8 (NLT) **Draw close to God, and God will draw close to you.**

Wash your hands, you **sinners**;
Purify your hearts, you **hypocrites**.

James 4:8 (KJV) **Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.**

Cleanse your hands, you **sinners**;
And **purify** your hearts, you **double** minded.

Deut. 5:1 (NLT) **Moses called all the people of Israel together**

And said, "**Listen** carefully to **all the laws**
And regulations I am **giving** you today. **Learn them**
And be **sure to obey them!**

Deut. 5:1 (KJV) **And Moses called all Israel, and said unto them,**

Hear, O Israel, **the statutes and judgments** which I **speak** in your ears
This day, that you may **learn them** and **keep**, and **do them**.

Matthew 5:21-22 (NLT) "**You have heard that the law of Moses says,**

'Do not murder. If you commit murder, you are subject to judgment.'

[22] **But I say, if you are angry**

With someone, **You are subject to judgment!**

If you **call** someone an **idiot**,

You **are** in **danger** of being brought before **the High Council**.

And **if** you **curse** someone, you **are** in **danger of the fires of hell**.

Matthew 22:36-40 (NLT) "**Teacher, which is the most important commandment**

In **the law** of Moses?"

[37] **Jesus replied**, "**you must love the Lord** your **God** with all your heart,
All your soul, and your entire mind.'

[38] **This is the first and greatest commandment.**

[39] **A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'**

[40] **All the other commandments** and all the **demands of** the prophets
Are based on these two commandments."

2 Tim. 2:24-26 (NLT) **The Lord's servants must not quarrel**

But must be kind to everyone.

They **must** be **able**

To **teach** effectively and be **patient** with **difficult** people.

[25] They should **gently teach** those who **oppose the Truth**.

Perhaps **God will change** those people's hearts,

And they will **believe the Truth**.

[26] **Then** they will **come to their senses**

And **escape** from the **Devil's trap**.

For they **have** been **held captive** by **him** to do whatever **he wants**.

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Deut. 5:6-22 (KJV) **I am the Lord your God,**

Which brought you **out** of the land of Egypt,

From the house of **bondage.**

[7] You shall have **none** other gods **before Me.**

[8] You **shall not** make yourself **any** graven image, or **any likeness** of any thing

That **is in** Heaven above,

Or that **is in** the earth beneath, or that **is in** the waters beneath the earth:

[9] **You shall not bow down** yourself **unto** them, **or** serve them:

For I the Lord your **God**

Am a jealous God,

Visiting the **iniquity** of the fathers **upon** the children

Unto the third and fourth generation

Of them that hate Me,

[10] **And showing mercy unto** thousands of them that **love Me**

And **keep My commandments.**

[11] You **shall not** take **the Name of the Lord** your **God** in **vain:**

For the Lord will not hold him **guiltless**

That **takes His name** in **vain.**

[12] **Keep** the **Sabbath** day to **sanctify** it, **as the Lord** your **God has commanded** you.

[13] Six days you **shall labor**, and **do all** your work:

[14] **But** the **seventh day** is the **Sabbath of the Lord** your **God:**

In it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or daughter,

Or your manservant, or maidservant, or your ox, or ass,

Or any of your cattle, **or** the **stranger** that is within your gates;

That your manservant and maidservant **may rest as well as you.**

[15] And **remember** that you **were** a **servant in** the land of Egypt,

And that **the Lord** your **God brought** you **out** from there

Through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: Therefore

The Lord your **God commanded** you to **keep** the **Sabbath** day.

[16] **Honor** your father and mother, **that** your days **may be prolonged,**

And that it **may go well** with you,

In the land **which the Lord** your **God gives** you.

[17] You **shall not** kill.

[18] **Neither** shall you **commit adultery** (sleeping with another mans wife).

[19] **Neither** shall you **steal.**

[20] **Neither** shall you bear **false** witness **against** your neighbor.

[21] **Neither** shall you **desire** your neighbor's wife, **neither shall you covet**

Your neighbor's house, his field, or his manservant, or his maidservant,

His ox, or his ass, **or** any **thing** that **is** your neighbor's.

[22] **These words the Lord spoke unto** all your assembly In the **mount**

Out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud,

And **of the thick darkness, with a Great Voice:**

And He added no more. **And he wrote them** in **two tables of stone,**

And delivered them unto me.

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Deut. 10:12-14 (NLT) "And now, Israel,

What does the Lord your God **require of you?**

He requires you to **fear him**, to live according to his will,

To love and worship Him with all your heart and soul,

[13] And to **obey the Lord's commands**

And laws that I am **giving** you today **for** your own **good**.

[14] The highest Heavens and the earth and everything in it

All belong to the Lord your God.

Proverbs 4:6-7 (NLT) **Don't turn your back on wisdom,**

For she will protect you. Love her, and she will guard you.

[7] **Getting wisdom is the most important thing** you can **do!**

And whatever else you do, **get good** judgment.

Deut. 6:5-9 (NLT) **And you must love the Lord** your God **with all your heart,**
All your soul, and **all** your strength.

[6] And you **must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands**

I am **giving** you today.

[7] **Repeat them** again and again **to** your children.

Talk about them when you are **at home**

And **when** you are **away** on a journey,

When you are **lying down** and **when** you are getting up again.

[8] **Tie them** to your hands as a **reminder**, and **wear them on** your forehead.

[9] **Write them** on the **doorposts** of your house **and on your gates**.

Deut. 8:10-11 (NLT) **When you have eaten your fill,**

Praise the Lord your God for the **good** land he has given you.

[11] "**But that is the time to be careful!**

Beware that **in** your plenty you **do not** forget the Lord your God

And **disobey His commands, regulations, and laws**.

Deut. 8:10-11 (KJV) **When you have eaten and are full,**

Then you shall **bless the Lord** your God

For the **good** land which He has given you.

[11] **Beware** that you forget **not the Lord** your God,

In **not** keeping His commandments, and his judgments,

And His statutes, which I **command** you this day:

Proverbs 22:24 (KJV) **Make no friendship** with an angry man;

And **with a furious** man you shall **not** go:

2 Tim. 2:4 (NLT) **And as Christ's soldier,**

Do not let yourself become tied up in the **affairs of this life**,

For then you **cannot** satisfy the One who has enlisted you **in his army**.

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Proverbs 4:6-7 (KJV) Forsake her not, and she shall preserve you:

Love her, and she shall keep you.

[7] Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom:

And with all your getting get understanding.

John 15:17 (KJV) These things I command you, that you love one another.

1 Thes. 4:9-12 (NLT) **But I don't need to write to you**

About the Christian love that should be shown among God's people.

For God himself has taught you to love one another.

[10] Indeed, your love is already strong toward all the Christians in all of Macedonia.

Even so, dear brothers and sisters,

We beg you to love them more and more.

[11] This should be your ambition: to live a quiet life,

Minding your own business and working with your hands,

Just as we commanded you before.

[12] As a result, people who are not Christians will respect the way you live,

And you will not need to depend on others

To meet your financial needs.

1 Thes. 4:9-12 (KJV) **But as touching brotherly love**

You need not that I write unto you:

For you yourselves are taught of God to love one another.

[10] And indeed you do it toward all the brethren

Which are in all Macedonia:

But we beseech you, brethren, that you increase more and more;

[11] And that you study to be quiet,

And to do your own business,

And to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;

[12] That you may walk honestly toward them that are without,

And that you may have lack of nothing.

1 Peter 3:8-9 (NLT) **Finally, all of you should be of one mind,**

Full of sympathy toward each other,

Loving one another with tender hearts and humble minds.

[9] Don't repay evil for evil.

Don't retaliate when people say unkind things about you.

Instead, pay them back with a blessing.

That is what God wants you to do, and he will bless you for it.

Proverbs 3:5 (KJV) **Trust in the Lord with all your heart;**

And lean not unto your own understanding.

John 15:17 (ESV) These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

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Psalms 34:1-3 (NLT) A psalm of David, Regarding the time

He pretended to be insane in front of Abimelech,
Who sent him away.

I will praise the Lord at all times. I will constantly speak his praises.

[2] I will boast only in the Lord; Let all who are discouraged take heart.

[3] Come, let us tell of the Lord's Greatness; Let us exalt his name together.

Proverbs 16:3 (KJV) Commit your works unto the Lord,

And your thoughts shall be established.

Ephesians 5:15-20 (NLT) So be careful how you live, not as fools

But as those who are wise.

[16] Make the most of every opportunity for doing good

In these evil days.

[17] Don't act thoughtlessly, but try to understand what the Lord wants you to do.

[18] Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life.

Instead, let the Holy Spirit fill and control you.

[19] Then you will sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves,

Making music to the Lord in your hearts.

[20] And you will always give thanks for everything to God the Father

In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Psalms 91:14 (KJV) Because He has set his love upon Me,

Therefore will I deliver Him:

I will set Him on high, because he has known my name.

Ecclesiastes 2:23-24 (NLT) Their days of labor are filled with pain and grief;

Even at night they cannot rest.

It is all utterly meaningless.

[24] So I decided there is nothing better than to enjoy food and drink

And to find satisfaction in work.

Then I realized that this pleasure is from the hand of God.

John 15:13-14 (KJV) Greater love has no man than this,

That a man lay down his life for his friends.

[14] You are My friends, if you do whatsoever I command you.

2 Timothy 2:24-26 (KJV) And the servant of the Lord must not strive;

But be gentle unto all men, able and ready to teach, patient,

[25] In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves;

If God peradventure (possibly) will give them repentance

To the acknowledging of the Truth;

[26] And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil,

Who are taken captive by him (the devil) at his will.

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Psalm 27:14 (NLT) **Wait patiently for the Lord.**

Be **brave and courageous**. Yes, wait **patiently** for **the Lord**.

Psalm 27:14 (KJV) **Wait on the Lord: be of good courage,**

And He shall strengthen your heart: **wait, I say, on the Lord.**

Hebrews 13:16 (NLT) **Don't forget to do good** and to **share** what you have

With those **in need**, for such **sacrifices are very pleasing to God.**

James 1:26-27 (NLT) **If you claim to be religious** but **don't control your tongue,**

You **are** just **fooling** yourself, and your **religion** is **worthless.**

[27] **Pure and lasting religion in the sight of God** our **Father**

Means that we **must care** for orphans and widows **in their troubles,**
And **refuse** to let **the world corrupt us.**

Ephes. 5:2 (NLT) **Live a life filled with love** for others,

Following the example of Christ, who loved you **and gave himself**

As a sacrifice to take away your sins.

And **God was pleased,**

Because that sacrifice was **like** sweet perfume **to Him.**

Ephes. 4:1-5 (NLT) **Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord,**

Beg you to lead a life **worthy** of your **calling,**

For you have been called by God.

[2] Be **humble** and **gentle.** Be **patient** with each other,

Making **allowance** for each other's **faults** because of your **love.**

[3] **Always** keep yourselves **united**

In the Holy Spirit, and **bind** yourselves **together** with **peace.**

[4] We are **all** one **body,** we **have the same Spirit,**

And we have **all** been **called** to the **same** glorious **future.**

[5] **There is only One Lord,** **one faith,** **one baptism,**

Hebrews 11:6 (KJV) **But without faith it is impossible to please Him:**

For he that comes **to God** **must believe** that **he is,**

And that He is a rewarder of them that diligently **seek him.**

2 Tim. 1:8-9 (NLT) **So you must never be ashamed** to tell others **about our Lord.**

And **don't** be ashamed of me, **either,**

Even though I'm **in prison** for **Christ.** With the **strength God gives** you,

Be **ready to suffer** with me **for the proclamation of the Good News.**

[9] **It is God who saved** us **and chose** us to live a **holy** life.

He did this not because we deserved it,

But **because that was His plan long before** the world began—

To show His love and kindness to us **through Christ Jesus.**

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1 Kings 2:1-3 (KJV) Now the days of David drew close that he should **die**;

And he **charged** Solomon his son, **saying**,

[2] **I go the way of all the earth:**

Be **strong** therefore, and **show** yourself a man;

[3] And **keep** the **charge of the Lord** your **God, to walk in his ways,**

To **keep His statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments,**

And His testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses,

That you **may prosper in all that your doing,**

And **wherever** you **turn** yourself:

Proverbs 21:3 (NLT) **The Lord is more pleased when we do what is just and right**

Than when we give Him sacrifices.

1 Kings 3:5-14 (NLT) **That night the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream,**

And God said, "What do you want?

Ask, and I will give it to you!"

[6] Solomon **replied, "You were wonderfully kind to** my father, David,

Because he was honest and true and faithful to You.

And You have continued this great kindness to him today

By giving him a son **to succeed** him.

[7] **O Lord** my **God, now you have made** me king **instead** of my father, David,

But I am **like** a little child who **doesn't know** his way around.

[8] And here I am among **Your own chosen** people,

A nation so great they are **too numerous** to count!

[9] **Give me an understanding mind**

So that I **can** govern **Your** people **well**

And know the difference between **right** and **wrong.**

For who **by** himself is **able** to govern this great nation **of Yours?"**

[10] **The Lord was pleased with** Solomon's **reply**

And was glad that he had **asked** for **wisdom.**

[11] **So God replied, "Because you have asked** for **wisdom** in governing **my** people

And have **not asked** for a long life **or** riches for yourself

Or the death of your enemies—

[12] **I will give** you **what** you **asked for!**

I will give you a **wise** and **understanding** mind

Such as no one else **has ever had** or **ever will have!**

[13] **And I will also give** you **what** you **did not** ask for—**riches** and **honor!**

No other king in all the world will be **compared to** you

For the rest of your life!

[14] **And if you follow Me and obey my commands** as your father, David, **did,**

I will give you a long **life."**

2 Tim. 2:4 (KJV) **No man that battles entangles himself with the affairs of this life;**

That he may **please Him who has chosen** him to **be a soldier.**

Page # 18x / What does God want me to do?

Deut. 5:6-22 (NLT) " **I am the Lord your God,**

Who rescued you from **slavery** in Egypt.

[7] " **'Do not** worship **any** other gods **besides Me.**

[8] " **'Do not** make **idols** of any kind, whether in the shape of birds or animals or fish.

[9] You **must never** worship or bow **down** to **them,**

For I, the Lord your **God, am a jealous God**

Who will not share your **affection** with any other god!

I do not leave unpunished the **sins** of those who **hate me,**

But I punish the children **for** the **sins** of their parents

To the third and fourth generations.

[10] **But I lavish my love on** those who **love me**

And **obey My commands,** even **for** a thousand generations.

[11] " **'Do not misuse** **the Name of the Lord** your **God.**

The Lord will not let you go unpunished if you **misuse his name.**

[12] " **'Observe** the **Sabbath** day by **keeping it holy,**

As the Lord your **God has commanded** you.

[13] Six days a week **are** set apart **for** your **daily duties** and regular **work,**

[14] But the seventh day **is a day of rest**

Dedicated to the Lord your **God.**

On that day **no one** in your household **may do** any kind of work.

This includes you, your sons and daughters,

Your male and female servants, your oxen and donkeys

And other livestock, **and any foreigners** living among you.

All your male and female servants **must rest** as you **do.**

[15] **Remember** that you were **once slaves** in Egypt

And that the Lord your **God brought** you **out with amazing power**

And mighty deeds.

That is why **the Lord** your **God has commanded** you

To **observe** the **Sabbath** day.

[16] " **'Honor** your father and mother, **as the Lord** your **God commanded** you.

Then you will live a long, **full** life

In the land **the Lord** your **God will give** you.

[17] " **'Do not** murder.

[18] " **'Do not commit** adultery.

[19] " **'Do not** steal.

[20] " **'Do not** testify **falsely** against your neighbor.

[21] " **'Do not** covet your neighbor's wife. **Do not** covet your neighbor's house or land,

Male or female servant, ox or donkey,

Or anything else your neighbor owns.'

[22] "**The Lord spoke these words**

With a loud voice to all of you

From the heart of the fire, surrounded by clouds and deep darkness.

This was all He said at that time,

And **He wrote his words on** two stone **tablets** **and gave them** to me.

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Deut. 5:32-33 (NLT) So Moses told the people,

"You must **obey** **all the commands of the Lord** your **God**,
Following **His instructions** in every detail.

[33] **Stay on the path that the Lord** your **God has commanded** you to **follow**.
Then you will **live long** and **prosperous** lives
In the **land** you are **about** to **enter** and **occupy**.

Deut. 10:12-14 (KJV) And now, Israel, **what does the Lord** your **God require of** you,
But to **fear the Lord** your **God**, **to walk in all his ways**, and to **love him**,
And to serve the Lord your **God with** all of your heart
And **with** all your soul,

[13] To **keep the commandments of the Lord**,
And His statutes, which I **command** you this day **for your good**?

[14] Behold, the Heaven **and the Heaven of heavens is the Lord's** your **God**,
The earth also, **with all** that is **in it**.

1 John 4:7-12 (NLT) Dear friends, let us **continue to love** one another,
For love comes from God.

Anyone who **loves is born of God** and **knows God**.

[8] But anyone who **does not** love **does not** know **God—for God is love**.

[9] **God showed how much he loved** us

By sending His only Son into the world

So that we might have **eternal life through Him**.

[10] **This is real love. It is not** that we loved **God**,

But that He loved us

And **sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away** our sins.

[11] Dear friends, **since God loved** us that **much**, we **surely** ought to **love** each other.

[12] **No one** has ever seen **God**.

But if we love each other, God lives in us,

And His love has been brought to full expression through us.

Eccles. 3:12-14 (NLT) So I concluded that there is **nothing better for people**

Than to be happy

And to **enjoy** themselves **as long** as they can.

[13] And people **should eat** and **drink** and **enjoy** the **fruits** of their **labor**,

For these are gifts from God.

[14] And I **know** that **whatever God does is final**.

Nothing can be added to **it** or **taken** from **it**.

God's purpose in this is that people **should fear him**.

Hebrews 11:6 (NLT) So, you see, it is **impossible** to please **God** **without faith**.

Anyone who **wants** to come to **Him**

Must believe that there **is a God**

And that He rewards those who **sincerely seek him**.

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Proverbs 25:28 (KJV) He that has no rule over his own spirit
Is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.

Proverbs 25:28 (NLT) A person without self-control
Is as defenseless as a city with broken-down walls.

Proverbs 27:1-2 (NLT) Don't brag about tomorrow,
Since you don't know what the day will bring.
[2] Don't praise yourself; let others do it!

Proverbs 27:1-2 (KJV) Boast not yourself of tomorrow;
For you know not what a day may bring forth.
[2] Let another man praise you, and not your own mouth;
A stranger, and not your own lips.

Proverbs 20:22 (KJV) Say not to yourself, I will recompense evil;
But wait on the Lord, and he shall save you.

Proverbs 20:22 (NLT) Don't say, "I will get even for this wrong.
"Wait for the Lord to handle the matter.

Proverbs 21:2-3 (KJV) Every way of a man is right in his own eyes;
But the Lord ponders the heart.
[3] To do justice and judgment is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.

Proverbs 21:2-3 (NLT) People may think they are doing what is right,
But the Lord examines the heart.
[3] The Lord is more pleased when we do what is just and right
Than when we give Him sacrifices.

Proverbs 21:13 (KJV) Whoever stops his ears at the cry of the poor,
He also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.

James 4:4 (NLT) You adulterers! Don't you realize that friendship with this world
Makes you an enemy of God?
I say it again, that if your aim is to enjoy this world,
You can't be a friend of God.

Proverbs 21:23 (KJV) Whoever keeps his mouth and his tongue
Keeps his soul from troubles.

Proverbs 21:23 (NLT) If you keep your mouth shut; you will stay out of trouble.

Proverbs 22:24 (NLT) Keep away from angry, short-tempered people,

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Proverbs 23:4-5 (KJV) **Labor not to be rich: Cease from your own wisdom.**

[5] Will you set your eyes upon that which is not?

For riches certainly make themselves wings;
They fly away as an eagle toward Heaven.

Proverbs 23:4-5 (NLT) **Don't weary yourself trying to get rich.**

Why waste your time?

[5] For riches can disappear as though they had the wings of a bird!

Proverbs 23:9 (KJV) **Speak not in the ears of a fool:**

For he will despise the wisdom of your words.

Proverbs 23:9 (NLT) **Don't waste your breath on fools,**

For they will despise the wisest advice.

Proverbs 23:12 (KJV) **Apply your heart unto instruction,**

And your ears to the words of knowledge.

Proverbs 23:12 (NLT) **Commit yourself to instruction;**

Attune your ears to hear words of knowledge.

Proverbs 3:11-12 (KJV) My son, **despise not the chastening of the Lord;**

Neither be weary of His correction:

[12] For whom the Lord loves he corrects;

Even as a father the son in whom he delights.

Proverbs 3:11-12 (NLT) My child, **don't ignore it when the Lord disciplines you,**

And don't be discouraged when He corrects you.

[12] For the Lord corrects those he loves,

Just as a father corrects a child in whom he delights.

Mark 8:33 (KJV) **But when He had turned about and looked on his** disciples,

He rebuked Peter, **saying, get you behind me, Satan:**

For you savor not the things that be of God,

But the things that be of men.

Mark 8:33 (NLT) **Jesus turned and looked at his** disciples

And then said to Peter **very sternly, "Get away from Me, Satan!**

You are seeing things merely from a human point of view,

Not from God's."

John 15:13-14 (NLT) **And here is how to measure it—The greatest love is shown**

When people lay down their lives for their friends.

[14] **You are My** friends **if you obey me.**

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Joshua 23:8-11 (NLT) **But be faithful to the Lord your God**

As you have done until now.

[9] "**For the Lord has driven out** great and powerful nations for you,
And no one has yet been able to defeat you.

[10] Each one of you **will put** to flight a thousand of the **enemy**,
For the Lord your **God fights** for you, **just as he has promised**.

[11] **So be very careful to love the Lord** your **God**.

Joshua 22:5 (KJV) **But take diligent effort to do the commandment and the law,**

Which Moses the servant **of the Lord charged** you,

To **love the Lord** your **God**,

And to walk in all His ways, And to **keep his commandments**,

And to cleave **unto Him**,

And to **serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul**.

Joshua 22:5 (NLT) **But be very careful to obey all the commands**

And the law that Moses **gave** to you.

Love the Lord your **God**, walk **in all his ways**, **obey his commands**,

Be faithful to Him,

And **serve Him with all your heart and all your soul**."

Joshua 24:14 (NLT) "**So honor the Lord and serve him wholeheartedly.**

Put away forever the **idols** your ancestors worshiped

When they lived beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt.

Serve the Lord alone.

2 Kings 13:14-19 (NLT) **When Elisha was in his last illness,**

King Jehoash of Israel **visited** him and **wept** over him.

"My father! My father! The **chariots** and **charioteers** of Israel!" he **cried**.

[15] **Elisha told him, "Get a bow** and some **arrows**." And the king **did** as he was **told**.

[16] **Then Elisha told** the king of Israel to **put his hand on** the bow,
And Elisha **laid** his own **hands on** the king's hands.

[17] **Then he commanded, "Open** that eastern window," and he **opened** it.

Then he said, "Shoot!" So he **did**.

Then Elisha **proclaimed, "This is the Lord's arrow,**

Full of victory over Aram,

For you **will** completely **conquer** the Arameans at Aphek.

[18] Now **pick up** the other **arrows** and **strike them against the ground**.

"So the king **picked** them **up**

And **struck** the ground **three times**.

[19] **But** the man **of God** was **angry** with him.

"You **should** have **struck** the ground **five or six times!**" he **exclaimed**.

"**Then you would have** beaten Aram **until** they were entirely **destroyed**.

Now you will be victorious **only** three times."

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Joshua 24:14 (KJV) Now therefore **fear the Lord,**

And **serve Him in sincerity and in truth:** And **put away the gods**
Which your fathers **served** on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt;
And **serve you the Lord.**

2 Kings 5:10-15 (KJV) And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying,

Go and wash in the Jordan **seven times,**
And your **flesh shall come again** to you, and you **shall be clean.**

[11] But Naaman was **wroth,** and went away, and **said,**

Behold, I **thought,** He **will surely come out** to me, and stand,

And call on **the Name of the Lord** his **God,**

And **strike** his hand over the place, **and recover the leper.**

[12] **Are not** Abana and Pharpar, **rivers of Damascus,**

Better than all the waters of Israel?

May I not **wash in them,** and be clean?

So he **turned** and **went away** in a **rage.**

[13] And his servants **came near,** **and spoke unto him,** and **said,**

My father, **if** the prophet **had bid** you **do some great thing,**

Wouldn't you not have **done it?**

How much rather then, when he **says** to you, **wash,** and **be clean?**

[14] Then **went** he **down,** And **dipped** himself **seven times** in Jordan,

According to the **saying of** the man of **God:**

And his flesh **came again like unto the flesh of** a little child,

And he **was clean.**

[15] And he **returned** to the man of **God,**

He and all his company, and came, and stood before him:

And he **said,** Behold, now I **know** that there is **no** god in all earth,

But in Israel: now therefore, I pray you, **take a blessing** of your servant.

[16] But Elisha **replied,** "As surely as **the Lord lives,**

Whom I serve, I **will not** accept any gifts."

And though Naaman **urged** him to **take** the gifts, Elisha **refused.**

Proverbs 6:16-20 (KJV) **These six things does the Lord hates:**

Yes, **seven are an abomination unto Him:**

[17] **A proud look,** a **lying tongue,** and **hands that shed innocent blood,**

[18] An heart that **devises wicked** imaginations,

Feet **that be swift in** running to **mischief,**

[19] A **false** witness that **speaks lies,** and he **that sows discord** among brethren (society).

[20] **My son, keep** your **Father's commandment,**

And forsake **not the law of** your **Mother** (metaphor for **God's wisdom**):

John 15:13-14 (ESV) **Greater love has no one than this,**

That someone **lay down his life for** his friends.

¹⁴ You **are My** friends **if you do what I command** you.

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Proverbs 6:16-20 (NLT) **There are six things the Lord hates—**

No, **seven things He detests:**

[17] **Haughty** eyes, a **lying** tongue, hands that **kill** the innocent,

[18] A heart that **plots evil**, feet that race to **do wrong**,

[19] A **false** witness who **pours out lies**,

A person who **sows discord** among brothers.

[20] My son, **obey your Father's commands**,

And **don't neglect your Mother's teaching**.

Proverbs 10:17-18 (KJV) **He is in the way of life that keeps instruction:**

But he that **refuses reproof** (God's criticism) **makes an error**.

[18] He **that hides hatred with lying lips**, And he **that utters a slander, is a fool**.

Proverbs 10:17-18 (NLT) **People who accept correction are on the pathway to life,**

But those who **ignore it** will lead others **astray**.

[18] **To hide hatred is to be a liar**; to **slander** is to **be a fool**.

Proverbs 11:30 (KJV) **The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life;**

And he that **wins** souls **is wise**.

Proverbs 11:30 (NLT) **The godly are like trees that bear life-giving fruit,**

And those who **save** lives **are wise**.

Proverbs 12:14 (NLT) **People can get many good things by the words they say;**

The **work** of their hands **also gives** them **many benefits**.

Proverbs 12:14 (KJV) **A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth:**

And the **recompense** (return) of a man's hands **shall be rendered unto** him.

Proverbs 14:7 (NLT) **Stay away from fools**, for you **won't** find knowledge **there**.

Proverbs 14:7 (KJV) **Go from the presence of a foolish man,**

When you perceive **not** in him **the lips of knowledge**.

Proverbs 14:29 (KJV) **He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding:**

But he that is **hasty** of spirit **exalts folly**.

Proverbs 14:29 (NLT) **Those who control their anger have great understanding;**

Those with a hasty temper will make **mistakes**.

James 4:4 (KJV) **You adulterers and adulteresses, know you not**

That the friendship of the world is **enmity** (deep seated dislike) **with God?**

Whosoever therefore **will** be a **friend** of the world

Is the enemy of **God**.

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Matthew 25:14-30 (KJV) For the Kingdom of Heaven is as

A man travelling into a far country, who **called** his own servants,
And **delivered** unto them his **goods**.

[15] And unto one he **gave five talents**, to another **two**, and to another **one**;

To every man according to his several ability;

And straightway **took** his **journey**.

[16] Then he that **had received** the **five talents**

Went and **traded** with the same, and **made** them **other five** talents.

[17] And **likewise** he that **had received two talents**, he also **gained other two**.

[18] **But** he that **had received one talent** went and **digged in** the earth,

And **hid** his lord's money.

[19] **After a long time** the lord of those servants comes, **And reckoned with them**.

[20] **And so he that had received five talents** came

And **brought** other **five talents**, **saying**,

Lord, you **delivered** unto me **five talents**:

Behold, I have **gained** beside them **five talents more**.

[21] His lord **said** unto him, **well done**, you **good** and **faithful** servant:

You have been faithful over a few things, I will **make** you **ruler**

Over **many things**:

You **can** enter **into** the **joy** of your lord.

[22] **He also that had received two talents** came and **said**,

Lord, you **delivered** unto me **two talents**:

Behold, I have **gained two** other talents **beside them**.

[23] His lord **said** unto him, **well done, good** and **faithful** servant;

You have been faithful over a few things, I will **make** you **ruler**

Over **many things**:

You **can** enter **into** the **joy** of your lord.

[24] **Then he which had received** the **one** talent came

And **said**, Lord, I **knew** that you **are** a **hard** man,

Reaping where you have not sown,

And **gathering where you have not strawed**:

[25] And I was **afraid**, and **went** and **hid** your talent **in** the earth:

Over, there you can have what is yours.

[26] His lord **answered** and **said** unto him, you **wicked** and **slothful** (lazy) servant,

You **knew** that I **reap** where I **sowed not**,

And **gather** where I have **not strawed**:

[27] You **should have** put my money **to the exchangers**,

And **then at my coming** I **should have** received mine own **with interest**.

[28] **Take** therefore the **talent from** him, and **give it** unto him which has **ten talents**.

[29] **For unto every one that has shall be given**, and he shall **have abundance**:

But **from him that has not**

Shall be taken away even that **which he has**.

[30] And **cast** you the **unprofitable** servant **into outer darkness**:

There shall **be weeping and gnashing of teeth**.

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Proverbs 16:24 (KJV) Pleasant words are as an honeycomb,
Sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.

Proverbs 16:24 (NLT) Kind words are like honey—
Sweet to the soul and healthy for the body.

Proverbs 17:14 (KJV) The beginning of strife is as when one lets out water:
Therefore leave off contention, before it be meddled with.

Proverbs 17:14 (NLT) Beginning a quarrel is like opening a floodgate,
So drop the matter before a dispute breaks out.

Mark 8:35 (KJV) For whosoever will save his life shall lose it;
But whosoever shall lose his life for My sake and the Gospel's,
The same shall save it.

Mark 8:35 (NLT) If you try to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it.
But if you give up your life for My sake
And for the sake of the Good News, you will find true life.

Mark 8:38 (NLT) If a person is ashamed of Me and my message
In these adulterous and sinful days,
I, the Son of Man,
Will be ashamed of that person
When I return in the Glory of my Father with the holy angels."

Mark 8:38 (KJV) Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of Me and of my words
In this adulterous and sinful generation;
Of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed,
When He comes in the Glory of his Father with the holy angels.

Mark 9:7 (KJV) And there was a cloud that overshadowed them:
And a voice came out of the cloud, saying,
This is My beloved Son: hear him.

Mark 9:7 (NLT) Then a cloud came over them, and a voice from the cloud said,
"This is My beloved Son. Listen to him."

Mark 10:15 (KJV) Truly I say unto you,
Whosoever shall not receive the Kingdom of God as a little child,
He shall not enter into it.

Mark 10:15 (ESV) Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive
The Kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."

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Mark 10:42-45 (NLT) So Jesus called them together

And said, "You know that in this world kings are tyrants,
And officials lord it over the people beneath them.

[43] But among you it should be quite different.

Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant,

[44] And whoever wants to be first must be the slave of all.

[45] For even I, the Son of Man,

Came here not to be served but to serve others,
And to give My life as a ransom for many."

Mark 10:42-45 (KJV) But Jesus called them to him, and said unto them,

You know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles
Exercise lordship over them;
And their great ones exercise authority upon them.

[43] But so shall it not be among you:

But whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister:

[44] And whosoever of you will be the chiefest,

Shall be servant of all.

[45] For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto,

But to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many.

Mark 10:21 (KJV) Then Jesus beholding him loved him, And said unto him,

One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have,
And give to the poor, and you shall have treasure in Heaven:
And come, take up the cross, and follow Me.

Mark 11:25-26 (KJV) And when you stand praying, forgive,

If you have anything against any:
That your Father also which is in Heaven
May forgive you your trespasses.

[26] But if you do not forgive,

Neither will your Father which is in Heaven forgive your trespasses.

Mark 11:25-26 (NLT) But when you are praying,

First forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against,
So that your Father in Heaven will forgive your sins, too."

Mark 14:36 (KJV) And He said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto you;

Take away this cup from Me:
Nevertheless not what I will, but what You will.

Mark 14:36 (NLT) "Abba, Father," He said, "everything is possible for you.

Please take this cup of suffering away from Me.
Yet I want Your will, not mine."

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1 John 3:23-24 (KJV) And this is His commandment, that we should (warning)

Believe on the Name of His Son Jesus Christ,

And love one another, as He gave us commandment.

[24] And he that keeps His commandments dwells in him,

And He in him.

And hereby we know that He abides in us,

By the Spirit which He has given us.

1 Peter 1:22-23 (KJV) Seeing you have purified your souls in obeying the Truth

Through the Spirit

Unto unfeigned (genuine emotion) love of the brethren,

See that you love one another with a pure heart fervently:

[23] Being born again, not of corruptible seed,

But of incorruptible, by the Word of God,

Which lives and abides forever.

James 1:22-25 (KJV) But be you doers of the Word,

And not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

[23] For if any be a hearer of the Word, and not a doer,

He is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

[24] For he beholds himself, and goes his way,

And straightway forgets what manner of man he was.

[25] But whoever looks into the perfect law of liberty, and continues therein,

He being not a forgetful hearer,

But a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

1 Chron. 28:9 (KJV) And you, Solomon my son, know the God of your father,

And serve Him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind:

For the Lord searches all hearts,

And understands all the imaginations of the thoughts:

If you seek Him, he will be found of you;

But if you forsake Him,

He will cast you off forever.

Deut. 6:5-9 (KJV) And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,

And with all your soul, and with all your might.

[6] And these words, which I command you this day, shall be in your heart:

[7] And you shall teach them diligently unto your children,

And shall talk of them when you sit in your house,

And when you walk by the way,

And when you lie down, and when you rise up.

[8] And you shall bind them for a sign upon your hand, And they

Shall be as frontlets (a band worn on the forehead) between your eyes.

[9] And you shall write them upon the posts of your house, and on your gates.

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James 5:7-8 (KJV) **Be patient therefore, Brethren, unto the coming of the Lord.**

Behold, the husbandman **waits** for the precious **fruit** of the earth,
And has long **patience** for **it**,
Until he **receive** the early and latter rain.

[8] **Be patient; establish** your hearts: **For the coming of the Lord draws near.**

Proverbs 14:7 (ESV) **Leave the presence of a fool,**

For there you **do not** meet **words of knowledge.**

2 Tim. 1:8-9 (KJV) **Be not ashamed** of the **testimony** of our **Lord,**

Or of me **His** prisoner:

But be a partaker of the **afflictions** of **the Gospel**

According to **the power of God;**

[9] **Who has saved** us, **and called** us with an **holy** calling, **not according** to our works,

But according to His own purpose and grace,

Which was **given** us **in Christ Jesus** **before** the world began,

Mark 14:32-36 (ESV) **And they went to a place called Gethsemane.**

And He said to his disciples, "Sit here **while I pray.**"

³³ **And He took with him** Peter and James and John,

And began to be greatly distressed and troubled.

³⁴ **And He said** to them, "**My soul is very sorrowful, even to death.**

Remain here and **watch.**"

³⁵ And going a little farther, **He fell on the ground and prayed that,**

If it were possible,

The hour might pass from Him.

³⁶ **And He said, "Abba, Father,** all things **are possible for you.**

Remove **this cup from Me.**

Yet not what I will, but what You will."

2 Timothy 1:5-7 (ESV) **I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first**

In your grandmother Lois **and** your mother Eunice **and now,**

I am sure, **dwells in** you as well.

⁶ For this reason **I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God,**

Which is in you **through** the **laying on of** my hands,

⁷ **For God gave** us **a Spirit** not of fear **but of power** and **love** and self-control.

2 Timothy 1:8-9 (ESV) Therefore **do not be ashamed** of the **testimony**

About our **Lord,** or of me **his** prisoner,

But **share in suffering** for **the Gospel** **by the power of God,**

⁹ **Who saved** us **and called** us to a **holy** calling,

Not because of our works

But because of His own purpose and grace,

Which He gave us **in Christ Jesus** **before** the ages began,

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Romans 15:3-7 (NLT) For even Christ didn't please himself.

As the Scriptures say, "Those who insult You are also insulting Me."

[4] Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us.

They give us hope and encouragement

As we wait patiently for God's promises.

[5] May God, who gives this patience

And encouragement,

Help you live in complete harmony with each other—

Each with the attitude

Of Christ Jesus toward the other.

[6] Then all of you can join together with one voice, giving praise and glory to God,

The Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

[7] So accept each other just as Christ has accepted you; then God will be glorified.

Galatians 5:6 (ESV) For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision

Nor uncircumcision counts for anything,

But only faith working through love.

Genesis 2:15 (ESV) The Lord God took the man and put him

In the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

Genesis 2:15 (NLT) The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden

To tend and care for it.

2 Thes. 3:10 (NLT) Even while we were with you, we gave you this rule:

"Whoever does not work should not eat."

2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13 (ESV) Now we command you, brothers,

In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

That you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness

And not in accord with the tradition that you received from us.

⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us,

Because we were not idle when we were with you,

⁸ Nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor

We worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you.

⁹ It was not because we do not have that right,

But to give you in ourselves an example to imitate.

¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we would give you this command:

If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat.

¹¹ For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies.

¹² Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ

To do their work quietly

And to earn their own living.

¹³ As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

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Isaiah 66:1-2 (ESV) **Thus says the Lord: "Heaven is my throne,**

And the earth **is My footstool;**

What is the house that you would build for **Me,**

And **what is** the place of **My** rest?

² All these things **My hand has made, and so** all these things **came to be,**

Declares the Lord. But **this is** the **one** to whom **I will look:**

He who is **humble** and **contrite** (sorry) in spirit and **trembles** at **My word.**

Colossians 3:16 (ESV) **Let *the word of Christ dwell in you richly,***

Teaching and **admonishing** one another

In all **wisdom, singing psalms** and **hymns** and **spiritual** songs,

With thankfulness in your hearts **to God.**

James 5:7-8 (NLT) **Dear brothers and sisters, you must be patient**

As you **wait** for **the Lord's return.**

Consider the farmers who **eagerly look** for the **rains**

In the fall and in the spring.

They **patiently wait** for the **precious harvest** to **ripen.**

[8] **You, too, must be patient.** And **take courage,** for **the coming of the Lord is near.**