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To ease this process, I have collected the referenced verses into one document. The references for each chapter are expanded to include the entire verse from the New American Standard Bible (1978 edition). I chose the New American Standard Bible since it is widely considered to be one of the most literal English translations. As such, it provides a good check and balance for some of the more interpretive translations and paraphrases quoted within *The Purpose Driven Life*.

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Introduction – A Journey with Purpose

1. (**Rom 12:2**) And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.
2. (**2 Tim 2:7**) Consider what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

Day 1: It All Starts with God

1. (**Job 12:10**) In whose hand is the life of every living thing, And the breath of all mankind?

2. **(Rom 8:6)** For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace,
3. **(Mat 16:25)** "For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake shall find it.
4. Not scripture; see notes.
5. **(1 Cor 2:7)** but we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the hidden wisdom, which God predestined before the ages to our glory;
6. **(Eph 1:11)** also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will,
7. Not scripture; see notes.

Day 2: You Are Not an Accident

1. **(Psa 138:8)** The LORD will accomplish what concerns me; Thy lovingkindness, O LORD, is everlasting; Do not forsake the works of Thy hands.
2. **(Psa 139:15-16)** My frame was not hidden from Thee, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶ Thine eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Thy book they were all written, The days that were ordained for me, When as yet there was not one of them.
3. Psa 139:16. See above.
4. **(Acts 17:26)** and He made from one, every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times, and the boundaries of their habitation,
5. **(Eph 1:4)** just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love
6. **(James 1:18)** In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we might be, as it were, the first fruits among His creatures.
7. Not scripture; see notes.
8. **(Isa 45:18)** For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens (He is the God who formed the earth and made it, He established it and did not create it a waste place, But formed it to be inhabited), "I am the LORD, and there is none else.
9. **(1 John 4:8)** The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.
10. **(Isa 46:3-4)** "Listen to Me, O house of Jacob, And all the remnant of the house of Israel, You who have been borne by Me from birth, And have been carried from the womb; ⁴ Even to your old age, I shall be the same, And even to your graying years I shall bear you! I have done it, and I shall carry you; And I shall bear you, and I shall deliver you.
11. Not scripture; see notes.

Day 3: What Drives Your Life

1. **(Gen 4:12)** "When you cultivate the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you; you shall be a vagrant and a wanderer on the earth."
2. **(Psa 32:1)** (A Psalm of David. A Maskil.) How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered!
3. **(Job 5:2)** "For vexation slays the foolish man, And anger kills the simple.
4. **(1 John 4:18)** There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love.
5. **(Mat 6:24)** "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.
6. **(Isa 49:4)** But I said, "I have toiled in vain, I have spent My strength for nothing and vanity; Yet surely the justice due to Me is with the LORD, And My reward with My God."
7. **(Job 7:6)** "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, And come to an end without hope.
8. **(Job 7:16)** "I waste away; I will not live forever. Leave me alone, for my days are but a breath.
9. **(Jer 29:11)** 'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.
10. **(Eph 3:20)** Now to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,
11. **(Prov 13:7)** There is one who pretends to be rich, but has nothing; Another pretends to be poor, but has great wealth.
12. **(Isa 26:3)** "The steadfast of mind Thou wilt keep in perfect peace, Because he trusts in Thee.
13. **(Eph 5:17)** So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.
14. **(Phil 3:13)** Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,
15. **(Phil 3:15)** Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, have this attitude; and if in anything you have a different attitude, God will reveal that also to you;
16. **(Rom 14:10)** But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you regard your brother with contempt? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God.
(Rom 14:12) So then each one of us shall give account of himself to God.

17. (**John 14:6**) Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.

Day 4: Made to Last Forever

1. (**Ecc1 3:11**) He has made everything appropriate in its time. He has also set eternity in their heart, yet so that man will not find out the work which God has done from the beginning even to the end.
2. (**2 Cor 5:1**) For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.
3. (**Phil 3:7**) But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ.
4. (**1 Cor 2:9**) but just as it is written, "THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, AND WHICH HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM."
5. (**Mat 25:34**) "Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.
6. Not scripture; see notes.
7. (**Psa 33:11**) The counsel of the LORD stands forever, The plans of His heart from generation to generation.
8. (**Ecc1 7:2**) It is better to go to a house of mourning Than to go to a house of feasting, Because that is the end of every man, And the living takes it to heart.
9. (**Heb 13:14**) For here we do not have a lasting city, but we are seeking the city which is to come.
10. (**2 Cor 5:6**) Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord—

Day 5: Seeing Life from God's View

1. (**Rom 12:2**) And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.
2. (**2 Chr 32:31**) And even in the matter of the envoys of the rulers of Babylon, who sent to him to inquire of the wonder that had happened in the land, God left him alone only to test him, that He might know all that was in his heart.
3. (**1 Cor 10:13**) No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the

temptation will provide the way of escape also, that you may be able to endure it.

4. (**James 1:12**) Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.
5. (**Psa 24:1**) (A Psalm of David.) The earth is the LORD'S, and all it contains, The world, and those who dwell in it.
6. (**Gen 1:28**) And God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."
7. (**1 Cor 4:7**) For who regards you as superior? And what do you have that you did not receive? But if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?
8. (**1 Cor 4:2**) In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy.
9. (**Mat 25:14-29**) "For it is just like a man about to go on a journey, who called his own slaves, and entrusted his possessions to them. ¹⁵ "And to one he gave five talents, to another, two, and to another, one, each according to his own ability; and he went on his journey. ¹⁶ "Immediately the one who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and gained five more talents. ¹⁷ "In the same manner the one who had received the two talents gained two more. ¹⁸ "But he who received the one talent went away and dug in the ground, and hid his master's money. ¹⁹ "Now after a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ "And the one who had received the five talents came up and brought five more talents, saying, 'Master, you entrusted five talents to me; see, I have gained five more talents.' ²¹ "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave; you were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things, enter into the joy of your master.' ²² "The one also who had received the two talents came up and said, 'Master, you entrusted to me two talents; see, I have gained two more talents.' ²³ "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave; you were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴ "And the one also who had received the one talent came up and said, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed. ²⁵ 'And I was afraid, and went away and hid your talent in the ground; see, you have what is yours.' ²⁶ "But his master answered and said to him, 'You wicked, lazy slave, you knew that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I scattered no seed. ²⁷

'Then you ought to have put my money in the bank, and on my arrival I would have received my money back with interest. ²⁸ 'Therefore take away the talent from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talents.' ²⁹ 'For to everyone who has shall more be given, and he shall have an abundance; but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away.

10. **(Mat 25:21)** "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave; you were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things, enter into the joy of your master.'
11. **(Luke 16:11)** "If therefore you have not been faithful in the use of unrighteous mammon, who will entrust the true riches to you?"
12. **(Luke 12:48)** but the one who did not know it, and committed deeds worthy of a flogging, will receive but few. And from everyone who has been given much shall much be required; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more.

Day 6: Life Is a Temporary Assignment

1. **(Job 8:9)** "For we are only of yesterday and know nothing, Because our days on earth are as a shadow.
2. **(Psa 39:4)** "LORD, make me to know my end, And what is the extent of my days, Let me know how transient I am.
3. **(Psa 119:19)** I am a stranger in the earth; Do not hide Thy commandments from me.
4. **(1 Pet 1:17)** And if you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each man's work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay upon earth;
5. **(Phil 3:19-20)** whose end is destruction, whose god is their appetite, and whose glory is in their shame, who set their minds on earthly things. ²⁰ For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;
6. **(James 4:4)** You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.
7. **(2 Cor 5:20)** Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were entreating through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.
8. **(1 Pet 2:11)** Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts, which wage war against the soul.
9. **(1 Cor 7:31)** and those who use the world, as though they did not make full use of it; for the form of this world is passing away.
10. **(2 Cor 4:18)** while we look not at the things

seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

11. **(John 16:33)** "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."
- (John 16:20)** "Truly, truly, I say to you, that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned to joy.
- (John 15:18-19)** "If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before it hated you. ¹⁹ "If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.
12. **(2 Cor 4:18)** while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.
13. **(1 Pet 2:11)** Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts, which wage war against the soul.
14. **(Heb 11:13)** All these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.
(Heb 11:16) But as it is, they desire a better country, that is a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He has prepared a city for them.

Day 7: The Reason for Everything

1. **(Psa 19:1)** (For the choir director. A Psalm of David.) The heavens are telling of the glory of God; And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.
2. **(Gen 3:8)** And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.
(Exo 33:13-23) "Now therefore, I pray Thee, if I have found favor in Thy sight, let me know Thy ways, that I may know Thee, so that I may find favor in Thy sight. Consider too, that this nation is Thy people." ¹⁴ And He said, "My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest." ¹⁵ Then he said to Him, "If Thy presence does not go with us, do not lead us up from here. ¹⁶ "For how then can it be known that I have found favor in Thy sight, I and Thy people? Is it not by Thy going with us, so that we, I and Thy people, may be distinguished from all the other people who are upon the face of the earth?" ¹⁷ And the LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing of which you have spoken; for you have

found favor in My sight, and I have known you by name." ¹⁸ Then Moses said, "I pray Thee, show me Thy glory!" ¹⁹ And He said, "I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you, and will proclaim the name of the LORD before you; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show compassion on whom I will show compassion." ²⁰ But He said, "You cannot see My face, for no man can see Me and live!" ²¹ Then the LORD said, "Behold, there is a place by Me, and you shall stand there on the rock; ²² and it will come about, while My glory is passing by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with My hand until I have passed by. ²³ "Then I will take My hand away and you shall see My back, but My face shall not be seen." **(Exo 40:33-38)** And he erected the court all around the tabernacle and the altar, and hung up the veil for the gateway of the court. Thus Moses finished the work. ³⁴ Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. ³⁵ And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. ³⁶ And throughout all their journeys whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the sons of Israel would set out; ³⁷ but if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out until the day when it was taken up. ³⁸ For throughout all their journeys, the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and there was fire in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel. **(1 Ki 7:51)** Thus all the work that King Solomon performed in the house of the LORD was finished. And Solomon brought in the things dedicated by his father David, the silver and the gold and the utensils, and he put them in the treasuries of the house of the LORD. **(1 Ki 8:10-13)** And it came about when the priests came from the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD, ¹¹ so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD. ¹² Then Solomon said, "The LORD has said that He would dwell in the thick cloud. ¹³ "I have surely built Thee a lofty house, A place for Thy dwelling forever." **(John 1:14)** And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. **(Eph 2:21-22)** in whom the whole building, being fitted together is growing into a holy temple in the Lord; ²² in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit. **(2 Cor 4:6-7)** For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has

- shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. ⁷ But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the surpassing greatness of the power may be of God and not from ourselves;
3. **(Exo 24:17)** And to the eyes of the sons of Israel the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a consuming fire on the mountain top. **(Exo 40:34)** Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. **(Psa 29:1)** (A Psalm of David.) Ascribe to the LORD, O sons of the mighty, Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. **(Isa 6:3-4)** And one called out to another and said, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts, The whole earth is full of His glory." ⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds trembled at the voice of him who called out, while the temple was filling with smoke. **(Isa 60:1)** "Arise, shine; for your light has come, And the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. **(Luke 2:9)** And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened.
 4. **(Rev 21:23)** And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb.
 5. **(Heb 1:3)** And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high; **(2 Cor 4:6)** For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.
 6. **(John 1:14)** And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.
 7. **(1 Chr 16:24)** Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples. **(Psa 29:1)** (A Psalm of David.) Ascribe to the LORD, O sons of the mighty, Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. **(Psa 66:2)** Sing the glory of His name; Make His praise glorious. **(Psa 96:7)** Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. **(2 Cor 3:18)** But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord,

- are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.
8. **(Rev 4:11)** "Worthy art Thou, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for Thou didst create all things, and because of Thy will they existed, and were created."
 9. **(Rom 3:23)** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
 10. **(Isa 43:7)** Everyone who is called by My name, And whom I have created for My glory, Whom I have formed, even whom I have made."
 11. **(John 17:4)** "I glorified Thee on the earth, having accomplished the work which Thou hast given Me to do.
 12. **(Rom 6:13)** and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.
 13. **(1 John 3:14)** We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death.
 14. **(Rom 15:7)** Wherefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God.
 15. **(John 13:34-35)** "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵ "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."
 16. **(2 Cor 3:18)** But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.
 17. **(Phil 1:11)** having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.
(John 15:8) "By this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.
 18. **(1 Pet 4:10-11)** As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. ¹¹ Whoever speaks, let him speak, as it were, the utterances of God; whoever serves, let him do so as by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.
(2 Cor 8:19) and not only this, but he has also been appointed by the churches to travel with us in this gracious work, which is being administered by us for the glory of the Lord Himself, and to show our readiness,
 19. **(2 Cor 4:15)** For all things are for your sakes, that the grace which is spreading to more and more people may cause the giving of thanks to abound to the glory of God.

20. **(John 12:27-28)** "Now My soul has become troubled; and what shall I say, 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour. ²⁸ "Father, glorify Thy name." There came therefore a voice out of heaven: "I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again."
21. **(John 12:25)** "He who loves his life loses it; and he who hates his life in this world shall keep it to life eternal.
22. **(2 Pet 1:3)** seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.
23. **(John 1:12)** But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,
24. **(John 3:36)** "He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

Day 8: Planned for God's Pleasure

1. **(Eph 1:5)** He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will,
2. **(Gen 6:6)** And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.
(Exo 20:5) "You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me,
(Deu 32:36) "For the LORD will vindicate His people, And will have compassion on His servants; When He sees that their strength is gone, And there is none remaining, bond or free.
(Judg 2:20) So the anger of the LORD burned against Israel, and He said, "Because this nation has transgressed My covenant which I commanded their fathers, and has not listened to My voice,
(1 Ki 10:9) "Blessed be the LORD your God who delighted in you to set you on the throne of Israel; because the LORD loved Israel forever, therefore He made you king, to do justice and righteousness."
(1 Chr 16:27) Splendor and majesty are before Him, Strength and joy are in His place.
(Psa 2:4) He who sits in the heavens laughs, The Lord scoffs at them.
(Psa 5:5) The boastful shall not stand before Thine eyes; Thou dost hate all who do iniquity.
(Psa 18:19) He brought me forth also into a broad place; He rescued me, because He delighted in me.
(Psa 35:27) Let them shout for joy and rejoice, who favor my vindication; And let them

say continually, "The LORD be magnified, Who delights in the prosperity of His servant."

(Psa 37:23) The steps of a man are established by the LORD; And He delights in his way.

(Psa 103:13) Just as a father has compassion on his children, So the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him.

(Psa 104:31) Let the glory of the LORD endure forever; Let the LORD be glad in His works;

(Ezek 5:13) "Thus My anger will be spent, and I will satisfy My wrath on them, and I shall be appeased; then they will know that I, the LORD, have spoken in My zeal when I have spent My wrath upon them.

(1 John 4:16) And we have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

3. (Psa 147:11) The LORD favors those who fear Him, Those who wait for His lovingkindness.
4. (John 4:23) "But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.
5. (Isa 29:13) Then the Lord said, "Because this people draw near with their words And honor Me with their lip service, But they remove their hearts far from Me, And their reverence for Me consists of tradition learned by rote,
6. (Psa 105:4) Seek the LORD and His strength; Seek His face continually.
7. (Psa 113:3) From the rising of the sun to its setting The name of the LORD is to be praised.
8. (Psa 119:147) I rise before dawn and cry for help; I wait for Thy words.
(Psa 5:3) In the morning, O LORD, Thou wilt hear my voice; In the morning I will order my prayer to Thee and eagerly watch.
(Psa 63:6) When I remember Thee on my bed, I meditate on Thee in the night watches,
(Psa 119:62) At midnight I shall rise to give thanks to Thee Because of Thy righteous ordinances.
9. (Psa 34:1) (A Psalm of David when he feigned madness before Abimelech, who drove him) (away and he departed.) I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
10. (1 Cor 10:31) Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.
11. (Col 3:23) Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men;
12. (Rom 12:1) I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a

living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

Day 9: What Makes God Smile?

1. (Eph 5:10) trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.
2. (Gen 6:8) But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.
3. (Gen 6:9) These are the records of the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God.
4. (Hosea 6:6) For I delight in loyalty rather than sacrifice, And in the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.
5. (Mat 22:37-38) And He said to him, "'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.'"³⁸ "This is the great and foremost commandment.
6. (Heb 11:7) By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.
7. (Gen 2:5-6) Now no shrub of the field was yet in the earth, and no plant of the field had yet sprouted, for the LORD God had not sent rain upon the earth; and there was no man to cultivate the ground. ⁶ But a mist used to rise from the earth and water the whole surface of the ground.
8. (Psa 147:11) The LORD favors those who fear Him, Those who wait for His lovingkindness.
9. (Heb 11:6) And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.
10. (Gen 6:22) Thus Noah did; according to all that God had commanded him, so he did.
(Heb 11:7) By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.
11. (Psa 100:2) Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before Him with joyful singing.
12. (Psa 119:33) Teach me, O LORD, the way of Thy statutes, And I shall observe it to the end.
13. (James 2:24) You see that a man is justified by works, and not by faith alone.
14. (John 14:15) "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.
15. (Gen 8:20) Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of

- every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar.
16. **(Heb 13:15)** Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name.
 17. **(Psa 116:17)** To Thee I shall offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving, And call upon the name of the LORD.
 18. **(Psa 69:30-31)** I will praise the name of God with song, And shall magnify Him with thanksgiving. ³¹ And it will please the LORD better than an ox Or a young bull with horns and hoofs.
 19. **(Psa 68:3)** But let the righteous be glad; let them exult before God; Yes, let them rejoice with gladness.
 20. **(Gen 9:1)** And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.
(Gen 9:3) "Every moving thing that is alive shall be food for you; I give all to you, as I gave the green plant.
 21. **(Psa 37:23)** The steps of a man are established by the LORD; And He delights in his way.
 22. **(Psa 33:15)** He who fashions the hearts of them all, He who understands all their works.
 23. **(Isa 45:9)** "Woe to the one who quarrels with his Maker-- An earthenware vessel among the vessels of earth! Will the clay say to the potter, 'What are you doing?' Or the thing you are making say, 'He has no hands'?"
 24. **(1 Tim 6:17)** Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy.
 25. **(Psa 103:14)** For He Himself knows our frame; He is mindful that we are but dust.
 26. **(2 Cor 5:9)** Therefore also we have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him.
 27. **(Psa 14:2)** The LORD has looked down from heaven upon the sons of men, To see if there are any who understand, Who seek after God.
- living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.
3. **(Psa 145:9)** The LORD is good to all, And His mercies are over all His works.
 4. **(Psa 139:3)** Thou dost scrutinize my path and my lying down, And art intimately acquainted with all my ways.
 5. **(Mat 10:30)** "But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.
 6. **(1 Tim 6:17)** Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy.
 7. **(Jer 29:11)** 'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.
 8. **(Psa 86:5)** For Thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive, And abundant in lovingkindness to all who call upon Thee.
 9. **(Psa 145:8)** The LORD is gracious and merciful; Slow to anger and great in lovingkindness.
 10. **(Rom 5:8)** But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
 11. **(Gen 3:5)** "For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."
 12. **(Luke 5:5)** And Simon answered and said, "Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing, but at Your bidding I will let down the nets."
 13. **(Psa 37:7)** Rest in the LORD and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who carries out wicked schemes.
 14. **(Mat 6:24)** "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.
 15. **(Mat 6:21)** for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.
 16. **(Mark 14:36)** And He was saying, "Abba! Father! All things are possible for Thee; remove this cup from Me; yet not what I will, but what Thou wilt."
 17. **(Job 22:21)** "Yield now and be at peace with Him; Thereby good will come to you.
 18. **(Rom 6:17)** But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed,
 19. **(Josh 5:13-15)** Now it came about when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing opposite him with his sword drawn in his hand,

Day 10: The Heart of Worship

1. **(1 John 4:9-10)** By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.
(1 John 4:19) We love, because He first loved us.
2. **(Rom 12:1)** I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a

and Joshua went to him and said to him, "Are you for us or for our adversaries?" ¹⁴ And he said, "No, rather I indeed come now as captain of the host of the LORD." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and bowed down, and said to him, "What has my lord to say to his servant?" ¹⁵ And the captain of the LORD'S host said to Joshua, "Remove your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so.

20. **(Luke 1:38)** And Mary said, "Behold, the bondservant of the Lord; be it done to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.
21. **(James 4:7)** Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.
22. **(Rom 12:1)** I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.
23. **(Rom 12:1)** See above.
24. **(2 Cor 5:9)** Therefore also we have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him.
25. **(Phil 4:13)** I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.
26. **(1 Cor 15:31)** I protest, brethren, by the boasting in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.
27. **(Luke 9:23)** And He was saying to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

Day 11: Becoming Best Friends with God

1. **(Psa 95:6)** Come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker. **(Psa 136:3)** Give thanks to the Lord of lords, For His lovingkindness is everlasting. **(John 13:13)** "You call Me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. **(Jude 1:4)** For certain persons have crept in unnoticed, those who were long beforehand marked out for this condemnation, ungodly persons who turn the grace of our God into licentiousness and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ. **(1 John 3:1)** See how great a love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. **(Isa 33:22)** For the LORD is our judge, The LORD is our lawgiver, The LORD is our king; He will save us-- **(Isa 47:4)** Our Redeemer, the LORD of hosts is His name, The Holy One of Israel. **(Psa 89:26)** "He will cry to Me, 'Thou art my Father, My God, and the rock of my salvation.'

2. **(Exo 33:11)** Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, just as a man speaks to his friend. When Moses returned to the camp, his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart from the tent. **(Exo 33:17)** And the LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing of which you have spoken; for you have found favor in My sight, and I have known you by name." **(2 Chr 20:7)** "Didst Thou not, O our God, drive out the inhabitants of this land before Thy people Israel, and give it to the descendants of Abraham Thy friend forever? **(Isa 41:8)** "But you, Israel, My servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, Descendant of Abraham My friend, **(James 2:23)** and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "AND ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS," and he was called the friend of God. **(Acts 13:22)** "And after He had removed him, He raised up David to be their king, concerning whom He also testified and said, 'I HAVE FOUND DAVID the son of Jesse, A MAN AFTER MY HEART, who will do all My will.' **(Gen 6:8)** But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD. **(Gen 5:22)** Then Enoch walked with God three hundred years after he became the father of Methuselah, and he had other sons and daughters. **(Job 29:4)** As I was in the prime of my days, When the friendship of God was over my tent;
3. **(Rom 5:11)** And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.
4. **(2 Cor 5:18)** Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation,
5. **(1 John 1:3)** what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, that you also may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.
6. **(1 Cor 1:9)** God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
7. **(2 Cor 13:14)** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
8. **(John 15:15)** "No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.

9. **(John 3:29)** "He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. And so this joy of mine has been made full.
10. **(Exo 34:14)** --for you shall not worship any other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God--
11. **(Acts 17:26-27)** and He made from one, every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times, and the boundaries of their habitation, ²⁷ that they should seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;
12. **(Jer 9:24)** but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD who exercises lovingkindness, justice, and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things," declares the LORD.
13. Not scripture; see notes.
14. **(1 Th 5:17)** pray without ceasing;
15. **(Eph 4:6)** one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.
16. Not scripture; see notes.
17. **(1 Th 5:17)** pray without ceasing;
18. **(Psa 23:4)** Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.
(Psa 143:5) I remember the days of old; I meditate on all Thy doings; I muse on the work of Thy hands.
(Psa 145:5) On the glorious splendor of Thy majesty, And on Thy wonderful works, I will meditate.
(Josh 1:8) "This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success.
(Psa 1:2) But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.
19. **(1 Sam 3:21)** And the LORD appeared again at Shiloh, because the LORD revealed Himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the LORD.
20. **(Job 23:12)** "I have not departed from the command of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food.
21. **(Psa 119:97)** O how I love Thy law! It is my meditation all the day.
22. **(Psa 77:12)** I will meditate on all Thy work, And muse on Thy deeds.
23. **(Gen 18:17)** And the LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do,
(Dan 2:19) Then the mystery was revealed to

Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven;

(1 Cor 2:7-10) but we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the hidden wisdom, which God predestined before the ages to our glory; ⁸ the wisdom which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory; ⁹ but just as it is written, "THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, AND WHICH HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM." ¹⁰ For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.

24. **(Psa 25:14)** The secret of the LORD is for those who fear Him, And He will make them know His covenant.

Day 12: Developing Your Friendship with God

1. **(Mat 11:19)** "The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Behold, a gluttonous man and a drunkard, a friend of tax-gatherers and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."
2. **(Job 42:7)** And it came about after the LORD had spoken these words to Job, that the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "My wrath is kindled against you and against your two friends, because you have not spoken of Me what is right as My servant Job has.
3. **(Exo 33:1-17)** Then the LORD spoke to Moses, "Depart, go up from here, you and the people whom you have brought up from the land of Egypt, to the land of which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'To your descendants I will give it.' ² "And I will send an angel before you and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, the Hittite, the Perizzite, the Hivite and the Jebusite. ³ "Go up to a land flowing with milk and honey; for I will not go up in your midst, because you are an obstinate people, lest I destroy you on the way." ⁴ When the people heard this sad word, they went into mourning, and none of them put on his ornaments. ⁵ For the LORD had said to Moses, "Say to the sons of Israel, 'You are an obstinate people; should I go up in your midst for one moment, I would destroy you. Now therefore, put off your ornaments from you, that I may know what I will do with you.'" ⁶ So the sons of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments from Mount Horeb onward. ⁷ Now Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, a good distance from the camp, and he called it the tent of meeting. And it came about, that everyone who sought the LORD would go out to the tent of meeting which was outside the camp.

- ⁸ And it came about, whenever Moses went out to the tent, that all the people would arise and stand, each at the entrance of his tent, and gaze after Moses until he entered the tent. ⁹ And it came about, whenever Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent; and the LORD would speak with Moses. ¹⁰ When all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would arise and worship, each at the entrance of his tent. ¹¹ Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, just as a man speaks to his friend. When Moses returned to the camp, his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart from the tent. ¹² Then Moses said to the LORD, "See, Thou dost say to me, 'Bring up this people!' But Thou Thyself hast not let me know whom Thou wilt send with me. Moreover, Thou hast said, 'I have known you by name, and you have also found favor in My sight.' ¹³ "Now therefore, I pray Thee, if I have found favor in Thy sight, let me know Thy ways, that I may know Thee, so that I may find favor in Thy sight. Consider too, that this nation is Thy people." ¹⁴ And He said, "My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest." ¹⁵ Then he said to Him, "If Thy presence does not go with us, do not lead us up from here. ¹⁶ "For how then can it be known that I have found favor in Thy sight, I and Thy people? Is it not by Thy going with us, so that we, I and Thy people, may be distinguished from all the other people who are upon the face of the earth?" ¹⁷ And the LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing of which you have spoken; for you have found favor in My sight, and I have known you by name."
4. (**Exo 33:12-17**) Then Moses said to the LORD, "See, Thou dost say to me, 'Bring up this people!' But Thou Thyself hast not let me know whom Thou wilt send with me. Moreover, Thou hast said, 'I have known you by name, and you have also found favor in My sight.' ¹³ "Now therefore, I pray Thee, if I have found favor in Thy sight, let me know Thy ways, that I may know Thee, so that I may find favor in Thy sight. Consider too, that this nation is Thy people." ¹⁴ And He said, "My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest." ¹⁵ Then he said to Him, "If Thy presence does not go with us, do not lead us up from here. ¹⁶ "For how then can it be known that I have found favor in Thy sight, I and Thy people? Is it not by Thy going with us, so that we, I and Thy people, may be distinguished from all the other people who are upon the face of the earth?" ¹⁷ And the LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing of which you have spoken; for you have found favor in My sight, and I have known you by name."
5. Consider Job:
(**Job 7:17-21**) "What is man that Thou dost magnify him, And that Thou art concerned about him, ¹⁸ That Thou dost examine him every morning, And try him every moment? ¹⁹ "Wilt Thou never turn Thy gaze away from me, Nor let me alone until I swallow my spittle? ²⁰ "Have I sinned? What have I done to Thee, O watcher of men? Why hast Thou set me as Thy target, So that I am a burden to myself? ²¹ "Why then dost Thou not pardon my transgression And take away my iniquity? For now I will lie down in the dust; And Thou wilt seek me, but I will not be."
Consider Asaph:
(**Psa 83:13**) O my God, make them like the whirling dust; Like chaff before the wind.
Consider Jeremiah:
(**Jer 20:7**) O LORD, Thou hast deceived me and I was deceived; Thou hast overcome me and prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; Everyone mocks me.
Consider Ruth:
(**Ruth 1:20**) And she said to them, "Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me.
6. (**Psa 142:2-3**) I pour out my complaint before Him; I declare my trouble before Him. ³ When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, Thou didst know my path. In the way where I walk They have hidden a trap for me.
7. (**John 15:14**) "You are My friends, if you do what I command you.
8. (**John 15:9-11**) "Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love. ¹⁰ "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love. ¹¹ "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.
9. (**1 Sam 15:22**) And Samuel said, "Has the LORD as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams.
10. (**Mat 3:17**) and behold, a voice out of the heavens, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased."
11. (**2 Cor 11:2**) For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I betrothed you to one husband, that to Christ I might present you as a pure virgin.
12. (**Psa 69:9**) For zeal for Thy house has consumed me, And the reproaches of those who reproach Thee have fallen on me.
13. (**Psa 27:4**) One thing I have asked from the LORD, that I shall seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to meditate in His temple.

14. **(Psa 63:3)** Because Thy lovingkindness is better than life, My lips will praise Thee.
15. **(Gen 32:26)** Then he said, "Let me go, for the dawn is breaking." But he said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."
16. **(Phil 3:10)** that I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;
17. **(Jer 29:13)** 'And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.
18. **(1 Tim 6:21)** which some have professed and thus gone astray from the faith. Grace be with you.

Day 13: Worship That Pleases God

1. **(Heb 12:28)** Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe;
2. **(John 4:23)** "But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.
3. **(1 Sam 16:7)** But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."
4. **(Heb 13:15)** Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name.
(Psa 7:17) I will give thanks to the LORD according to His righteousness, And will sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High.
(Ezra 3:11) And they sang, praising and giving thanks to the LORD, saying, "For He is good, for His lovingkindness is upon Israel forever." And all the people shouted with a great shout when they praised the LORD because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.
(Psa 149:3) Let them praise His name with dancing; Let them sing praises to Him with timbrel and lyre.
(Psa 150:3) Praise Him with trumpet sound; Praise Him with harp and lyre.
(Neh 8:6) Then Ezra blessed the LORD the great God. And all the people answered, "Amen, Amen!" while lifting up their hands; then they bowed low and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.
5. Not Scripture; see notes.
6. **(John 4:23)** "But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.
7. **(Mat 6:7)** "And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition, as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words.
8. Not Scripture; see notes.
9. **(1 Cor 14:40)** But let all things be done properly and in an orderly manner.
10. **(1 Cor 14:16-17)** Otherwise if you bless in the spirit only, how will the one who fills the place of the ungifted say the "Amen" at your giving of thanks, since he does not know what you are saying? ¹⁷ For you are giving thanks well enough, but the other man is not edified.
11. **(Rom 12:1)** I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.
12. **(Psa 50:14)** "Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, And pay your vows to the Most High;
(Heb 13:15) Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name.
(Psa 51:17) The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.
(Psa 54:6) Willingly I will sacrifice to Thee; I will give thanks to Thy name, O LORD, for it is good.
(Phil 4:18) But I have received everything in full, and have an abundance; I am amply supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent, a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God.
(Psa 141:2) May my prayer be counted as incense before Thee; The lifting up of my hands as the evening offering.
(Heb 13:16) And do not neglect doing good and sharing; for with such sacrifices God is pleased.
(Mark 12:33) AND TO LOVE HIM WITH ALL THE HEART AND WITH ALL THE UNDERSTANDING AND WITH ALL THE STRENGTH, AND TO LOVE ONE'S NEIGHBOR AS HIMSELF, is much more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."
13. **(2 Sam 24:24)** However, the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will surely buy it from you for a price, for I will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God which cost me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.
14. Not Scripture; see notes.

Day 14: When God Seems Distant

1. Not Scripture; see notes.
2. **(1 Sam 13:14)** "But now your kingdom shall not endure. The LORD has sought out for Himself a man after His own heart, and the LORD has appointed him as ruler over His people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you."
(Acts 13:22) "And after He had removed him, He raised up David to be their king, concerning whom He also testified and said, 'I HAVE FOUND DAVID the son of Jesse, A MAN AFTER MY HEART, who will do all My will.'
3. **(Psa 10:1)** Why dost Thou stand afar off, O LORD? Why dost Thou hide Thyself in times of trouble?
4. **(Psa 22:1)** (For the choir director; upon Aijeleth Hashshahar. A Psalm of David.) My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me? Far from my deliverance are the words of my groaning.
5. **(Psa 43:2)** For Thou art the God of my strength; why hast Thou rejected me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?
(Psa 44:23) Arouse Thyself, why dost Thou sleep, O Lord? Awake, do not reject us forever.
(Psa 74:11) Why dost Thou withdraw Thy hand, even Thy right hand? From within Thy bosom, destroy them!
(Psa 88:14) O LORD, why dost Thou reject my soul? Why dost Thou hide Thy face from me?
(Psa 89:49) Where are Thy former lovingkindnesses, O Lord, Which Thou didst swear to David in Thy faithfulness?
6. **(Deu 31:8)** "And the LORD is the one who goes ahead of you; He will be with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear, or be dismayed."
(Psa 37:28) For the LORD loves justice, And does not forsake His godly ones; They are preserved forever; But the descendants of the wicked will be cut off.
(John 14:16-18) "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; ¹⁷ that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you, and will be in you. ¹⁸ "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.
(Heb 13:5) Let your character be free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU,"
7. **(Isa 45:15)** Truly, Thou art a God who hides Himself, O God of Israel, Savior!
8. Not Scripture; see notes.
9. **(Job 23:8-10)** "Behold, I go forward but He is not there, And backward, but I cannot perceive Him; ⁹ When He acts on the left, I cannot behold Him; He turns on the right, I cannot see Him. ¹⁰ "But He knows the way I take; When He has tried me, I shall come forth as gold.
10. **(Psa 51)** (For the choir director. A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came to him,) (after he had gone in to Bathsheba.) Be gracious to me, O God, according to Thy lovingkindness; According to the greatness of Thy compassion blot out my transgressions. ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin. ³ For I know my transgressions, And my sin is ever before me. ⁴ Against Thee, Thee only, I have sinned, And done what is evil in Thy sight, So that Thou art justified when Thou dost speak, And blameless when Thou dost judge. ⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me. ⁶ Behold, Thou dost desire truth in the innermost being, And in the hidden part Thou wilt make me know wisdom. ⁷ Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. ⁸ Make me to hear joy and gladness, Let the bones which Thou hast broken rejoice. ⁹ Hide Thy face from my sins, And blot out all my iniquities. ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. ¹¹ Do not cast me away from Thy presence, And do not take Thy Holy Spirit from me. ¹² Restore to me the joy of Thy salvation, And sustain me with a willing spirit. ¹³ Then I will teach transgressors Thy ways, And sinners will be converted to Thee. ¹⁴ Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation: Then my tongue will joyfully sing of Thy righteousness. ¹⁵ O Lord, open my lips, That my mouth may declare Thy praise. ¹⁶ For Thou dost not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it; Thou art not pleased with burnt offering. ¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise. ¹⁸ By Thy favor do good to Zion; Build the walls of Jerusalem. ¹⁹ Then Thou wilt delight in righteous sacrifices, In burnt offering and whole burnt offering; Then young bulls will be offered on Thine altar.
(Eph 4:29-30) Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.
(1 Th 5:19) Do not quench the Spirit;
(Jer 2:32) "Can a virgin forget her ornaments, Or a bride her attire? Yet My people have forgotten Me Days without number.

- (1 Cor 8:12) And thus, by sinning against the brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ.
(James 4:4) You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.
11. (Job 1:20-21) Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head, and he fell to the ground and worshiped. ²¹ And he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked I shall return there. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away. Blessed be the name of the LORD."
 12. (Job 7:11) "Therefore, I will not restrain my mouth; I will speak in the anguish of my spirit, I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.
 13. (Job 29:4) As I was in the prime of my days, When the friendship of God was over my tent;
 14. (Psa 116:10) I believed when I said, "I am greatly afflicted."
 15. (Job 10:12) "Thou hast granted me life and lovingkindness; And Thy care has preserved my spirit.
 16. (Job 42:2) "I know that Thou canst do all things, And that no purpose of Thine can be thwarted.
(Job 37:5) "God thunders with His voice wondrously, Doing great things which we cannot comprehend.
(Job 37:23) "The Almighty-- we cannot find Him; He is exalted in power; And He will not do violence to justice and abundant righteousness.
 17. (Job 23:10) "But He knows the way I take; When He has tried me, I shall come forth as gold.
(Job 31:4) "Does He not see my ways, And number all my steps?
 18. (Job 34:13) "Who gave Him authority over the earth? And who has laid on Him the whole world?
 19. (Job 23:14) "For He performs what is appointed for me, And many such decrees are with Him.
 20. (Job 19:25) "And as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, And at the last He will take His stand on the earth.
 21. (Job 23:12) "I have not departed from the command of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food.
 22. (Job 13:15) "Though He slay me, I will hope in Him. Nevertheless I will argue my ways before Him.
 23. (2 Cor 5:21) He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Day 15: Formed for God's Family

1. (Eph 1:5) He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will,
2. (James 1:18) In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we might be, as it were, the first fruits among His creatures.
3. (1 Pet 1:3) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
(Rom 8:15-16) For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,
4. (Mark 8:34) And He summoned the multitude with His disciples, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.
(Acts 2:21) 'AND IT SHALL BE, THAT EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED.'
(Rom 10:13) for "WHOEVER WILL CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED."
(2 Pet 3:9) The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.
5. (Gal 3:26) For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.
6. (Eph 3:14-15) For this reason, I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name,
7. (1 John 3:1) See how great a love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.
(Rom 8:29) For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren;
(Gal 4:6-7) And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷ Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.
(Rom 5:2) through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.
(1 Cor 3:23) and you belong to Christ; and Christ belongs to God.

- (**Eph 3:12**) in whom we have boldness and confident access through faith in Him.
- (**1 Pet 1:3-5**) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, ⁵ who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
- (**Rom 8:17**) and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.
8. (**Gal 4:7**) Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.
 9. (**Phil 4:19**) And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
 10. (**Eph 1:7**) In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, (**Rom 2:4**) Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?
(**Rom 9:23**) And He did so in order that He might make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory,
(**Rom 11:33**) Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!
(**Eph 3:16**) that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man;
(**Eph 2:4**) But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,
 11. (**Eph 1:18**) I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,
 12. (**1 Th 5:10**) who died for us, that whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with Him.
(**1 Th 4:17**) Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord.
 13. (**1 John 3:2**) Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be. We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is.
- (**2 Cor 3:18**) But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.
14. (**Rev 21:4**) and He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there shall no longer be any death; there shall no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."
 15. (**Mark 9:41**) "For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because of your name as followers of Christ, truly I say to you, he shall not lose his reward.
(**Mark 10:30**) but that he shall receive a hundred times as much now in the present age, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and farms, along with persecutions; and in the age to come, eternal life.
(**1 Cor 3:8**) Now he who plants and he who waters are one; but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor.
(**Heb 10:35**) Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward.
(**Mat 25:21**) "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave; you were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things, enter into the joy of your master.'
(**Mat 25:23**) "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave; you were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'
 16. (**Rom 8:17**) and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.
(**Col 3:4**) When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.
(**2 Th 2:14**) And it was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
(**2 Tim 2:12**) If we endure, we shall also reign with Him; If we deny Him, He also will deny us;
(**1 Pet 5:1**) Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as your fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed,
 17. (**1 Pet 1:4**) to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,
 18. (**Col 3:23-24**) Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men; ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.

19. **(Mat 28:19)** "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
20. **(1 Cor 12:13)** For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.
21. **(Acts 2:41)** So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and there were added that day about three thousand souls.
(Acts 8:12-13) But when they believed Philip preaching the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were being baptized, men and women alike.
¹³ And even Simon himself believed; and after being baptized, he continued on with Philip; and as he observed signs and great miracles taking place, he was constantly amazed.
(Acts 8:35-38) And Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him. ³⁶ And as they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?" ³⁷ <And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."> ³⁸ And he ordered the chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch; and he baptized him.
22. **(Heb 2:11)** For both He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one Father; for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren,
23. **(Mat 12:49-50)** And stretching out His hand toward His disciples, He said, "Behold, My mother and My brothers! ⁵⁰ "For whoever does the will of My Father who is in heaven, he is My brother and sister and mother."

Day 16: What Matters Most

1. **(Gal 5:14)** For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."
2. **(1 Pet 2:17)** Honor all men; love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.
3. **(Gal 6:10)** So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.
4. **(John 13:35)** "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."
5. **(1 Cor 14:1)** Pursue love, yet desire earnestly spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.
6. **(1 Cor 13:3)** And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I deliver my body to be

burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing.

7. **(Mat 22:37-40)** And He said to him, "'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.' ³⁸ "This is the great and foremost commandment. ³⁹ "The second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' ⁴⁰ "On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."
8. **(1 Cor 13:13)** But now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.
9. **(Mat 25:34-46)** "Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵ 'For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; ³⁶ naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.' ³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You drink? ³⁸ 'And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? ³⁹ 'And when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' ⁴⁰ "And the King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.' ⁴¹ "Then He will also say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴² for I was hungry, and you gave Me nothing to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me nothing to drink; ⁴³ I was a stranger, and you did not invite Me in; naked, and you did not clothe Me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit Me.' ⁴⁴ "Then they themselves also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of You?' ⁴⁵ "Then He will answer them, saying, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' ⁴⁶ "And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."
10. **(Mat 25:40)** "And the King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.'
11. **(Gal 5:6)** For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but faith working through love.
12. **(1 John 3:18)** Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.

13. **(Eph 5:2)** and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you, and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.
14. **(John 3:16)** "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.
15. **(Gal 6:10)** So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.
16. **(Eph 5:16)** making the most of your time, because the days are evil.
17. **(Prov 3:27)** Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, When it is in your power to do it.

Day 17: A Place to Belong

1. **(Gen 2:18)** Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him."
2. **(1 Cor 12:12)** For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ.
(Eph 2:21-22) in whom the whole building, being fitted together is growing into a holy temple in the Lord; ²² in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.
(Eph 3:6) to be specific, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel,
(Eph 4:16) from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by that which every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.
(Col 2:19) and not holding fast to the head, from whom the entire body, being supplied and held together by the joints and ligaments, grows with a growth which is from God.
(1 Th 4:17) Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord.
3. **(Rom 12:5)** so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.
4. **(Rom 12:4-5)** For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.
(1 Cor 6:15) Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take

away the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? May it never be!

- (1 Cor 12:12-17)** For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. ¹³ For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴ For the body is not one member, but many. ¹⁵ If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?
5. **(Rom 12:4-5)** For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.
 6. **(Eph 4:16)** from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by that which every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.
 7. **(Mat 16:18)** "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades shall not overpower it.
 8. **(Eph 5:25)** Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her;
 9. **(2 Cor 11:2)** For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I betrothed you to one husband, that to Christ I might present you as a pure virgin.
(Eph 5:27) that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she should be holy and blameless.
(Rev 19:7) "Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready."
 10. **(1 Pet 2:17)** Honor all men; love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.
 11. **(1 Cor 5)** It is actually reported that there is immorality among you, and immorality of such a kind as does not exist even among the Gentiles, that someone has his father's wife. ² And you have become arrogant, and have not mourned instead, in order that the one who had done this deed might be removed from your midst. ³ For I, on my part, though absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged him who has so

- committed this, as though I were present. ⁴ In the name of our Lord Jesus, when you are assembled, and I with you in spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus, ⁵ I have decided to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of his flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough? ⁷ Clean out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, just as you are in fact unleavened. For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed. ⁸ Let us therefore celebrate the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. ⁹ I wrote you in my letter not to associate with immoral people; ¹⁰ I did not at all mean with the immoral people of this world, or with the covetous and swindlers, or with idolaters; for then you would have to go out of the world. ¹¹ But actually, I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he should be an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler-- not even to eat with such a one. ¹² For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Do you not judge those who are within the church? ¹³ But those who are outside, God judges. REMOVE THE WICKED MAN FROM AMONG YOURSELVES.
- (Gal 6:1-5) Brethren, even if a man is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, lest you too be tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴ But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have reason for boasting in regard to himself alone, and not in regard to another. ⁵ For each one shall bear his own load.
12. (Eph 2:19) So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household,
 13. (John 13:35) "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."
 14. (Gal 3:28) There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.
(John 17:21) that they may all be one; even as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be in Us; that the world may believe that Thou didst send Me.
 15. (1 Cor 12:27) Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it.
 16. (1 Cor 12:26) And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.
 17. (Eph 4:16) from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by that which every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.
(Rom 12:4-5) For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.
(Col 2:19) and not holding fast to the head, from whom the entire body, being supplied and held together by the joints and ligaments, grows with a growth which is from God.
(1 Cor 12:25) that there should be no division in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another.
 18. (1 John 3:16) We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.
 19. (Eph 4:16) from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by that which every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.
 20. (1 Cor 12:7) But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.
 21. (Eph 2:10) For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.
 22. (1 Cor 10:12) Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.
(Jer 17:9) "The heart is more deceitful than all else And is desperately sick; Who can understand it?
(1 Tim 1:19) keeping faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and suffered shipwreck in regard to their faith.
 23. (Heb 3:13) But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today," lest any one of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.
 24. (James 5:19) My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth, and one turns him back,
 25. (Acts 20:28-29) "Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. ²⁹ "I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock;
(1 Pet 5:1-4) Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as your fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed, ² shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to

the will of God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness; ³ nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

(Heb 13:7) Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith.

(Heb 13:17) Obey your leaders, and submit to them; for they keep watch over your souls, as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.

26. **(Heb 13:17)** Obey your leaders, and submit to them; for they keep watch over your souls, as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.
27. **(Acts 2:42)** And they were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.
28. **(2 Cor 8:5)** and this, not as we had expected, but they first gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God.

Day 18: Experiencing Life Together

1. **(Mat 18:20)** "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, there I am in their midst."
2. **(1 John 1:7-8)** but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
3. **(James 5:16)** Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.
4. **(1 Cor 12:25)** that there should be no division in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another.
5. **(Rom 1:12)** that is, that I may be encouraged together with you while among you, each of us by the other's faith, both yours and mine.
6. **(Rom 12:20)** "BUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM, AND IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS UPON HIS HEAD."
7. **(Rom 14:9)** For to this end Christ died and lived again, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.
8. **(Col 3:12)** And so, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart

of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience;

9. **(Phil 3:10)** that I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;
10. **(Heb 10:33-34)** partly, by being made a public spectacle through reproaches and tribulations, and partly by becoming sharers with those who were so treated. ³⁴ For you showed sympathy to the prisoners, and accepted joyfully the seizure of your property, knowing that you have for yourselves a better possession and an abiding one.
11. **(Gal 6:2)** Bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ.
12. **(Job 6:14)** "For the despairing man there should be kindness from his friend; Lest he forsake the fear of the Almighty.
13. **(2 Cor 2:7)** so that on the contrary you should rather forgive and comfort him, lest somehow such a one be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow.
14. **(Col 3:13)** bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.

Day 19: Cultivating Community

1. **(Eph 4:3)** being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
2. **(1 Tim 3:14-15)** I am writing these things to you, hoping to come to you before long; ¹⁵ but in case I am delayed, I write so that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.
3. **(Eph 4:15)** but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him, who is the head, even Christ,
4. **(Prov 24:26)** He kisses the lips Who gives a right answer.
5. **(Gal 6:1-2)** Brethren, even if a man is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, lest you too be tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ.
6. **(Eph 4:25)** Therefore, laying aside falsehood, SPEAK TRUTH, EACH ONE of you, WITH HIS NEIGHBOR, for we are members of one another.
7. **(Prov 28:23)** He who rebukes a man will afterward find more favor Than he who flatters with the tongue.
8. **(Eccl 8:6)** For there is a proper time and procedure for every delight, when a man's trouble is heavy upon him.
9. **(1 Tim 5:1-2)** Do not sharply rebuke an older man, but rather appeal to him as a father,

- to the younger men as brothers, ² the older women as mothers, and the younger women as sisters, in all purity.
10. (1 Cor 5:3-12) For I, on my part, though absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged him who has so committed this, as though I were present. (4) In the name of our Lord Jesus, when you are assembled, and I with you in spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus, (5) I have decided to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of his flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. (6) Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough? (7) Clean out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, just as you are in fact unleavened. For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed. (8) Let us therefore celebrate the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. (9) I wrote you in my letter not to associate with immoral people; (10) I did not at all mean with the immoral people of this world, or with the covetous and swindlers, or with idolaters; for then you would have to go out of the world. (11) But actually, I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he should be an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler-- not even to eat with such a one. (12) For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Do you not judge those who are within the church?
11. (1 Pet 5:5) You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.
12. (1 Pet 5:5) See above.
13. (Rom 12:16) Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation.
14. (Phil 2:3-4) Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; ⁴ do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.
15. (Rom 15:2) Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to his edification.
16. (Titus 3:2) to malign no one, to be uncontentious, gentle, showing every consideration for all men.
17. (Rom 12:10) Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor;
18. (Prov 16:28) A perverse man spreads strife, And a slanderer separates intimate friends.

19. (Titus 3:10) Reject a factious man after a first and second warning,
20. (Heb 10:25) not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near.
21. (Acts 2:46) And day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart,

Day 20: Restoring Broken Fellowship

1. (2 Cor 5:18) Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation,
2. (Phil 2:1-2) If therefore there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, ² make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.
3. (Rom 15:5) Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus;
4. (John 13:35) "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."
5. (1 Cor 6:5) I say this to your shame. Is it so, that there is not among you one wise man who will be able to decide between his brethren,
6. (1 Cor 1:10) Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree, and there be no divisions among you, but you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment.
7. (Mat 5:9) "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
8. (2 Cor 5:18) Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation,
9. (James 4:1-2) What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members? ² You lust and do not have; so you commit murder. And you are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask.
10. (Mat 5:23-24) "If therefore you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴ leave your offering there before the altar, and go your way; first be reconciled to

- your brother, and then come and present your offering.
11. **(1 Pet 3:7)** You husbands likewise, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with a weaker vessel, since she is a woman; and grant her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.
(Prov 28:9) He who turns away his ear from listening to the law, Even his prayer is an abomination.
 12. **(Job 5:2)** "For vexation slays the foolish man, And anger kills the simple.
(Job 18:4) "O you who tear yourself in your anger-- For your sake is the earth to be abandoned, Or the rock to be moved from its place?
 13. **(Phil 2:4)** do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.
 14. **(Psa 73:21-22)** When my heart was embittered, And I was pierced within, ²² Then I was senseless and ignorant; I was like a beast before Thee.
 15. **(Prov 19:11)** A man's discretion makes him slow to anger, And it is his glory to overlook a transgression.
 16. **(Rom 15:2-3)** Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to his edification. ³ For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "THE REPROACHES OF THOSE WHO REPROACHED THEE FELL UPON ME."
 17. **(Mat 7:5)** "You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.
 18. **(1 John 1:8)** If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
 19. **(Prov 15:1)** A gentle answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger.
 20. **(Prov 16:21)** The wise in heart will be called discerning, And sweetness of speech increases persuasiveness.
 21. **(Eph 4:29)** Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, that it may give grace to those who hear.
 22. **(Rom 12:18)** If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.
 23. **(Rom 12:10)** Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor;
 24. **(Phil 2:3)** Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself;

25. **(Mat 5:9)** "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
26. **(1 Pet 3:11)** "AND LET HIM TURN AWAY FROM EVIL AND DO GOOD; LET HIM SEEK PEACE AND PURSUE IT.
27. **(Mat 5:9)** "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Day 21: Protecting Your Church

1. **(John 17:20-23)** "I do not ask in behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; ²¹ that they may all be one; even as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be in Us; that the world may believe that Thou didst send Me. ²² "And the glory which Thou hast given Me I have given to them; that they may be one, just as We are one; ²³ I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, that the world may know that Thou didst send Me, and didst love them, even as Thou didst love Me.
2. **(Eph 4:3)** being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
3. **(Rom 14:19)** So then let us pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another.
4. **(Rom 10:12)** For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call upon Him;
(Rom 12:4-5) For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.
(1 Cor 1:10) Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree, and there be no divisions among you, but you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment.
(1 Cor 8:6) yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom are all things, and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him.
(1 Cor 12:13) For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.
(Eph 4:4) There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling;
(Eph 5:5) For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.
(Phil 2:2) make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

5. **(Rom 14:1)** Now accept the one who is weak in faith, but not for the purpose of passing judgment on his opinions.
(2 Tim 2:23) But refuse foolish and ignorant speculations, knowing that they produce quarrels.
6. **(1 Cor 1:10)** Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree, and there be no divisions among you, but you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment.
7. **(Eph 4:2)** with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing forbearance to one another in love,
8. Not Scripture; see notes.
9. **(Rom 14:13)** Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather determine this-- not to put an obstacle or a stumbling block in a brother's way.
(James 4:11) Do not speak against one another, brethren. He who speaks against a brother, or judges his brother, speaks against the law, and judges the law; but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law, but a judge of it.
(Eph 4:29) Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, that it may give grace to those who hear.
(Mat 5:9) "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
(James 5:9) Do not complain, brethren, against one another, that you yourselves may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing right at the door.
10. **(Rom 14:4)** Who are you to judge the servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls; and stand he will, for the Lord is able to make him stand.
11. **(Rom 14:10)** But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you regard your brother with contempt? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God.
12. **(Rev 12:10)** And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, who accuses them before our God day and night.
13. **(Rom 14:19)** So then let us pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another.
14. **(Prov 17:4)** An evildoer listens to wicked lips, A liar pays attention to a destructive tongue.
(Prov 16:28) A perverse man spreads strife, And a slanderer separates intimate friends.
(Prov 26:20) For lack of wood the fire goes out, And where there is no whisperer, contention quiets down.
(Prov 25:9) Argue your case with your neighbor, And do not reveal the secret of another,
(Prov 20:19) He who goes about as a slanderer reveals secrets, Therefore do not associate with a gossip.
15. **(Prov 17:4)** An evildoer listens to wicked lips, A liar pays attention to a destructive tongue.
16. **(Jude 1:19)** These are the ones who cause divisions, worldly-minded, devoid of the Spirit.
17. **(Gal 5:15)** But if you bite and devour one another, take care lest you be consumed by one another.
18. **(Prov 20:19)** He who goes about as a slanderer reveals secrets, Therefore do not associate with a gossip.
19. **(Prov 26:20)** For lack of wood the fire goes out, And where there is no whisperer, contention quiets down.
20. **(Mat 18:15-17)** "And if your brother sins, go and reprove him in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother. ¹⁶ "But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that BY THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY FACT MAY BE CONFIRMED. ¹⁷ "And if he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax-gatherer.
21. **(Mat 18:17)** "And if he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax-gatherer.
(1 Cor 5:5) I have decided to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of his flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.
22. **(Heb 13:17)** Obey your leaders, and submit to them; for they keep watch over your souls, as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.
23. **(Heb 13:17)** See above.
24. **(2 Tim 2:14)** Remind them of these things, and solemnly charge them in the presence of God not to wrangle about words, which is useless, and leads to the ruin of the hearers.
(2 Tim 2:23-26) But refuse foolish and ignorant speculations, knowing that they produce quarrels. ²⁴ And the Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, ²⁵ with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, ²⁶ and they may come to their senses and

escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will.

(Phil 4:2) I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to live in harmony in the Lord.

(Titus 2:15-3:2) These things speak and exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

¹ Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed, ² to malign no one, to be uncontentious, gentle, showing every consideration for all men.

(Titus 3:10-11) Reject a factious man after a first and second warning, ¹¹ knowing that such a man is perverted and is sinning, being self-condemned.

25. (1 Th 5:12-13) But we request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction, ¹³ and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another.
26. (1 Cor 10:24) Let no one seek his own good, but that of his neighbor.

Day 22: Created to Become Like Christ

1. (Gen 1:26) Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."
2. (Gen 6:9) These are the records of the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God. (Psa 139:13-16) For Thou didst form my inward parts; Thou didst weave me in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ I will give thanks to Thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Thy works, And my soul knows it very well. ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from Thee, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶ Thine eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Thy book they were all written, The days that were ordained for me, When as yet there was not one of them. (James 3:9) With it we bless our Lord and Father; and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God;
3. (2 Cor 4:4) in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. (Col 1:15) And He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation. (Heb 1:3) And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and

upholds all things by the word of His power.

When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high;

4. (Eph 4:24) and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.
5. (Gen 3:5) "For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."
6. (Eph 4:22) that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit,
7. (Mat 5:1-12) And when He saw the multitudes, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him. ² And opening His mouth He began to teach them, saying, ³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵ "Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰ "Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ "Blessed are you when men cast insults at you, and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, on account of Me. ¹² "Rejoice, and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.
8. (Gal 5:22-23) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.
9. (1 Cor 13) If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing. ⁴ Love is patient, love is kind, and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, ⁵ does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, ⁶ does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; ⁷ bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never fails; but if there are gifts of prophecy, they will be done away; if there are tongues, they will cease; if there is knowledge, it will be done away. ⁹ For

- we know in part, and we prophesy in part; ¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away. ¹¹ When I was a child, I used to speak as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things. ¹² For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I shall know fully just as I also have been fully known. ¹³ But now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.
10. (2 **Pet 1:5-8**) Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge; ⁶ and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness; ⁷ and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love. ⁸ For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 11. (**John 10:10**) "The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly.
 12. (2 **Cor 3:18**) But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.
 13. (**Phil 2:13**) for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.
 14. (1 **Ki 19:12**) And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of a gentle blowing.
 15. (**Col 1:27**) to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.
 16. (**Josh 3:13-17**) "And it shall come about when the soles of the feet of the priests who carry the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off, and the waters which are flowing down from above shall stand in one heap." ¹⁴ So it came about when the people set out from their tents to cross the Jordan with the priests carrying the ark of the covenant before the people, ¹⁵ and when those who carried the ark came into the Jordan, and the feet of the priests carrying the ark were dipped in the edge of the water (for the Jordan overflows all its banks all the days of harvest), ¹⁶ that the waters which were flowing down from above stood and rose up in one heap, a great distance away at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan; and those which were flowing down toward the sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. So the people crossed opposite Jericho. ¹⁷ And the priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan while all Israel crossed on dry ground, until all the nation had finished crossing the Jordan.
 17. (**Luke 13:24**) "Strive to enter by the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able.
(**Rom 14:19**) So then let us pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another.
(**Eph 4:3**) being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
(2 **Tim 2:15**) Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth.
(**Heb 4:11**) Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall through following the same example of disobedience.
(**Heb 12:14**) Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord.
(2 **Pet 1:5**) Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge;
(2 **Pet 3:14**) Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless,
 18. (**Eph 4:22**) that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit,
 19. (**Eph 4:23**) and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind,
 20. (**Rom 12:2**) And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.
 21. (**Eph 4:24**) and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.
 22. (**Eph 4:13**) until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ.
 23. (1 **John 3:2**) Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be. We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is.
 24. (1 **Cor 10:31**) Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.
(1 **Cor 16:14**) Let all that you do be done in love.
(**Col 3:17**) And whatever you do in word or

deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father. (Col 3:23) Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men;

25. (Rom 12:2) And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Day 23: How We Grow

1. (Mat 9:9) And as Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man, called Matthew, sitting in the tax office; and He said to him, "Follow Me!" And he rose, and followed Him.
2. (2 Pet 3:11) Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,
3. (Phil 2:12-13) So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.
4. (Prov 4:23) Watch over your heart with all diligence, For from it flow the springs of life.
5. (Rom 12:2) And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.
6. (Eph 4:23) and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind,
7. (Phil 2:5) Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,
8. (1 Cor 14:20) Brethren, do not be children in your thinking; yet in evil be babes, but in your thinking be mature.
9. (Rom 8:5) For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.
10. (1 Cor 13:11) When I was a child, I used to speak as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things.
11. (Rom 15:2-3) Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to his edification. ³ For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "THE REPROACHES OF THOSE WHO REPROACHED THEE FELL UPON ME."
12. (1 Cor 2:12) Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things freely given to us by God,

Day 24: Transformed by Truth

1. (John 17:17) "Sanctify them in the truth; Thy word is truth.
2. (2 Tim 3:17) that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.
3. (Heb 4:12) For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. (Acts 7:38) "This is the one who was in the congregation in the wilderness together with the angel who was speaking to him on Mount Sinai, and who was with our fathers; and he received living oracles to pass on to you. (1 Pet 1:23) for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and abiding word of God.
4. (John 6:63) "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.
5. (James 1:18) In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we might be, as it were, the first fruits among His creatures.
6. (Job 23:12) "I have not departed from the command of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food.
7. (1 Pet 2:2) like newborn babes, long for the pure milk of the word, that by it you may grow in respect to salvation, (Mat 4:4) But He answered and said, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.'" (1 Cor 3:2) I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able to receive it. Indeed, even now you are not yet able, (Psa 119:103) How sweet are Thy words to my taste! Yes, sweeter than honey to my mouth!
8. (1 Pet 2:2) like newborn babes, long for the pure milk of the word, that by it you may grow in respect to salvation,
9. (John 8:31) Jesus therefore was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you abide in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine;
10. (Prov 30:5) Every word of God is tested; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him.
11. (2 Tim 3:16) All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;
12. (Acts 24:14) "But this I admit to you, that according to the Way which they call a sect I do serve the God of our fathers, believing everything that is in accordance with the Law, and that is written in the Prophets;

13. **(Luke 8:18)** "Therefore take care how you listen; for whoever has, to him shall more be given; and whoever does not have, even what he thinks he has shall be taken away from him."
14. **(James 1:21)** Therefore putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls.
15. **(Deu 17:19)** "And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, by carefully observing all the words of this law and these statutes,
16. Not Scripture; see notes.
17. **(James 1:25)** But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man shall be blessed in what he does.
18. **(Psa 119:11)** Thy word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against Thee.
(Psa 119:105) Thy word is a lamp to my feet, And a light to my path.
(Psa 119:49-50) Remember the word to Thy servant, In which Thou hast made me hope. ⁵⁰ This is my comfort in my affliction, That Thy word has revived me.
(Jer 15:16) Thy words were found and I ate them, And Thy words became for me a joy and the delight of my heart; For I have been called by Thy name, O LORD God of hosts.
(Prov 22:18) For it will be pleasant if you keep them within you, That they may be ready on your lips.
(1 Pet 3:15) but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;
19. **(Co1 3:16)** Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.
20. **(2 Cor 3:18)** But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.
21. **(Acts 13:22)** "And after He had removed him, He raised up David to be their king, concerning whom He also testified and said, 'I HAVE FOUND DAVID the son of Jesse, A MAN AFTER MY HEART, who will do all My will.'
22. **(Psa 119:97)** O how I love Thy law! It is my meditation all the day.
23. **(John 15:7)** "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it shall be done for you.

(Josh 1:8) "This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success.

(Psa 1:2-3) But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. ³ And he will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season, And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers.

24. **(James 1:22)** But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.
25. **(Mat 7:24)** "Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine, and acts upon them, may be compared to a wise man, who built his house upon the rock.
26. **(John 13:17)** "If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

Day 25: Transformed by Trouble

1. **(John 16:33)** "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."
2. **(1 Pet 4:12)** Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you;
3. **(Psa 34:18)** The LORD is near to the brokenhearted, And saves those who are crushed in spirit.
4. **(Gen 39:20-22)** So Joseph's master took him and put him into the jail, the place where the king's prisoners were confined; and he was there in the jail. ²¹ But the LORD was with Joseph and extended kindness to him, and gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer. ²² And the chief jailer committed to Joseph's charge all the prisoners who were in the jail; so that whatever was done there, he was responsible for it.
5. **(Dan 6:16-23)** Then the king gave orders, and Daniel was brought in and cast into the lions' den. The king spoke and said to Daniel, "Your God whom you constantly serve will Himself deliver you." ¹⁷ And a stone was brought and laid over the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the signet rings of his nobles, so that nothing might be changed in regard to Daniel. ¹⁸ Then the king went off to his palace and spent the night fasting, and no entertainment was brought before him; and his sleep fled from him. ¹⁹ Then the king arose with the dawn, at the break of day, and went in haste to the lions' den. ²⁰ And when he had come near the den to Daniel, he

cried out with a troubled voice. The king spoke and said to Daniel, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you constantly serve, been able to deliver you from the lions?" ²¹ Then Daniel spoke to the king, "O king, live forever!" ²² "My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths, and they have not harmed me, inasmuch as I was found innocent before Him; and also toward you, O king, I have committed no crime." ²³ Then the king was very pleased and gave orders for Daniel to be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no injury whatever was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

6. **(Jer 38:6)** Then they took Jeremiah and cast him into the cistern of Malchijah the king's son, which was in the court of the guardhouse; and they let Jeremiah down with ropes. Now in the cistern there was no water but only mud, and Jeremiah sank into the mud.
7. **(2 Cor 11:25)** Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent in the deep.
8. **(Dan 3:1-26)** Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, the height of which was sixty cubits and its width six cubits; he set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. ² Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent word to assemble the satraps, the prefects and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges, the magistrates and all the rulers of the provinces to come to the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up. ³ Then the satraps, the prefects and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges, the magistrates and all the rulers of the provinces were assembled for the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up. ⁴ Then the herald loudly proclaimed: "To you the command is given, O peoples, nations and men of every language, ⁵ that at the moment you hear the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, trigon, psaltery, bagpipe, and all kinds of music, you are to fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king has set up. ⁶ "But whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be cast into the midst of a furnace of blazing fire." ⁷ Therefore at that time, when all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, trigon, psaltery, bagpipe, and all kinds of music, all the peoples, nations and men of every language fell down and worshiped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up. ⁸ For this reason at that time certain Chaldeans came forward and brought charges against the Jews. ⁹ They responded and said to

Nebuchadnezzar the king: "O king, live forever!" ¹⁰ "You yourself, O king, have made a decree that every man who hears the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, trigon, psaltery, and bagpipe, and all kinds of music, is to fall down and worship the golden image. ¹¹ "But whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast into the midst of a furnace of blazing fire. ¹² "There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the administration of the province of Babylon, namely Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego. These men, O king, have disregarded you; they do not serve your gods or worship the golden image which you have set up." ¹³ Then Nebuchadnezzar in rage and anger gave orders to bring Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego; then these men were brought before the king. ¹⁴ Nebuchadnezzar responded and said to them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the golden image that I have set up?" ¹⁵ "Now if you are ready, at the moment you hear the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, trigon, psaltery, and bagpipe, and all kinds of music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, very well. But if you will not worship, you will immediately be cast into the midst of a furnace of blazing fire; and what god is there who can deliver you out of my hands?" ¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to give you an answer concerning this matter. ¹⁷ "If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire; and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king. ¹⁸ "But even if He does not, let it be known to you, O king, that we are not going to serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up." ¹⁹ Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with wrath, and his facial expression was altered toward Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego. He answered by giving orders to heat the furnace seven times more than it was usually heated. ²⁰ And he commanded certain valiant warriors who were in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, in order to cast them into the furnace of blazing fire. ²¹ Then these men were tied up in their trousers, their coats, their caps and their other clothes, and were cast into the midst of the furnace of blazing fire. ²² For this reason, because the king's command was urgent and the furnace had been made extremely hot, the flame of the fire slew those men who carried up Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego. ²³ But these three men, Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, fell into the midst of the furnace of blazing fire still tied up. ²⁴ Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astounded and stood up in haste; he responded and said to his high officials, "Was it

- not three men we cast bound into the midst of the fire?" They answered and said to the king, "Certainly, O king." ²⁵ He answered and said, "Look! I see four men loosed and walking about in the midst of the fire without harm, and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods!" ²⁶ Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the door of the furnace of blazing fire; he responded and said, "Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, come out, you servants of the Most High God, and come here!" Then Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego came out of the midst of the fire.
9. **(2 Cor 1:9)** indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves in order that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead;
 10. **(Psa 139:16)** Thine eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Thy book they were all written, The days that were ordained for me, When as yet there was not one of them.
 11. **(Rom 8:28-29)** And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. ²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren;
 12. **(Mat 6:10)** 'Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.
 13. **(Mat 1:1-16)** The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. ² To Abraham was born Isaac; and to Isaac, Jacob; and to Jacob, Judah and his brothers; ³ and to Judah were born Perez and Zerah by Tamar; and to Perez was born Hezron; and to Hezron, Ram; ⁴ and to Ram was born Amminadab; and to Amminadab, Nahshon; and to Nahshon, Salmon; ⁵ and to Salmon was born Boaz by Rahab; and to Boaz was born Obed by Ruth; and to Obed, Jesse; ⁶ and to Jesse was born David the king. And to David was born Solomon by her who had been the wife of Uriah; ⁷ and to Solomon was born Rehoboam; and to Rehoboam, Abijah; and to Abijah, Asa; ⁸ and to Asa was born Jehoshaphat; and to Jehoshaphat, Joram; and to Joram, Uzziah; ⁹ and to Uzziah was born Jotham; and to Jotham, Ahaz; and to Ahaz, Hezekiah; ¹⁰ and to Hezekiah was born Manasseh; and to Manasseh, Amon; and to Amon, Josiah; ¹¹ and to Josiah were born Jeconiah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. ¹² And after the deportation to Babylon, to Jeconiah was born Shealtiel; and to Shealtiel, Zerubbabel; ¹³ and to Zerubbabel was born Abihud; and to Abihud, Eliakim; and to Eliakim, Azor; ¹⁴ and to Azor was born Zadok; and to Zadok, Achim; and to Achim, Eliud; ¹⁵ and to Eliud was born Eleazar; and to Eleazar, Matthan; and to Matthan, Jacob; ¹⁶ and to Jacob was born Joseph the husband of Mary, by whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.
 14. **(Rom 5:3-4)** And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; ⁴ and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope;
 15. **(1 Pet 1:7)** that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;
 16. **(James 1:3)** knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.
 17. **(Heb 5:8-9)** Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered. ⁹ And having been made perfect, He came to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation,
 18. **(Rom 8:17)** and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.
 19. **(Jer 29:11)** 'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.
 20. **(Gen 50:20)** "And as for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.
 21. **(Isa 38:17)** "Lo, for my own welfare I had great bitterness; It is Thou who hast kept my soul from the pit of nothingness, For Thou hast cast all my sins behind Thy back.
 22. **(Heb 12:10)** For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, that we may share His holiness.
 23. **(Heb 12:2)** fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
 24. **(Heb 11:26)** considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward.
 25. **(2 Cor 4:17)** For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison,
 26. **(Rom 8:17-18)** and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him. ¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

27. **(1 Th 5:18)** in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
28. **(Phil 4:4)** Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!
29. **(Luke 6:23)** "Be glad in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for in the same way their fathers used to treat the prophets.
30. **(James 1:3-4)** knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. ⁴ And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.
31. **(Heb 10:36)** For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised.

Day 26: Growing through Temptation

1. **(Gal 5:22-23)** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.
2. **(2 Cor 2:11)** in order that no advantage be taken of us by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his schemes.
3. **(Mark 7:21-23)** "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, ²² deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness. ²³ "All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man."
4. **(James 4:1)** What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members?
5. **(Heb 3:12)** Take care, brethren, lest there should be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart, in falling away from the living God.
6. **(John 8:44)** "You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature; for he is a liar, and the father of lies.
7. **(James 1:14-16)** But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. ¹⁵ Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death. ¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.
8. **(1 Cor 10:13)** No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, that you may be able to endure it.
9. **(Heb 4:15)** For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses,

- but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.
10. **(1 Pet 5:8)** Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.
 11. **(Mat 26:41)** "Keep watching and praying, that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."
(Eph 6:10-18) Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore, take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand firm therefore, HAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH, and HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, ¹⁵ and having shod YOUR FEET WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE; ¹⁶ in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming missiles of the evil one. ¹⁷ And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,
(1 Th 5:6) so then let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert and sober.
(1 Th 5:8) But since we are of the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation.
(1 Pet 1:13) Therefore, gird your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.
(1 Pet 4:7) The end of all things is at hand; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer.
(1 Pet 5:8) Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.
 12. **(Eph 4:27)** and do not give the devil an opportunity.
 13. **(Prov 4:26-27)** Watch the path of your feet, And all your ways will be established. ²⁷ Do not turn to the right nor to the left; Turn your foot from evil.
 14. **(Prov 16:17)** The highway of the upright is to depart from evil; He who watches his way preserves his life.

15. (**Psa 50:15**) And call upon Me in the day of trouble; I shall rescue you, and you will honor Me."
16. (**Heb 4:15**) For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.
17. (**Heb 4:16**) Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need.
18. (**James 1:12**) Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

Day 27: Defeating Temptation

1. (**James 4:7**) Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.
2. (**Job 31:1**) "I Have made a covenant with my eyes; How then could I gaze at a virgin?"
3. (**Psa 119:37**) Turn away my eyes from looking at vanity, And revive me in Thy ways.
4. (**Rom 12:21**) Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.
5. (**Heb 3:1**) Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession.
6. (**2 Tim 2:8**) Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descendant of David, according to my gospel,
7. (**Phil 4:8**) Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things.
8. (**Prov 4:23**) Watch over your heart with all diligence, For from it flow the springs of life.
9. (**2 Cor 10:5**) We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,
10. (**Eccl 4:9-10**) Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor. ¹⁰ For if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not another to lift him up.
11. (**James 5:16**) Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.
12. (**1 Cor 10:13**) No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, that you may be able to endure it.

13. (**Rom 3:23**) for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
14. (**James 4:6-7**) But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, "GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE." ⁷ Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.
15. (**Eph 6:17**) And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.
16. (**Jer 17:9**) "The heart is more deceitful than all else And is desperately sick; Who can understand it?"
17. (**Prov 14:16**) A wise man is cautious and turns away from evil, But a fool is arrogant and careless.
18. (**1 Cor 10:12**) Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

Day 28: It Takes Time

1. (**Phil 1:6**) For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.
2. (**Eph 4:13**) until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ.
3. (**Col 3:10**) and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him
4. (**2 Cor 3:18**) But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.
5. (**Deu 7:22**) "And the LORD your God will clear away these nations before you little by little; you will not be able to put an end to them quickly, lest the wild beasts grow too numerous for you.
6. (**Rom 13:12**) The night is almost gone, and the day is at hand. Let us therefore lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. (**Eph 4:22-25**) that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, ²³ and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴ and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth. ²⁵ Therefore, laying aside falsehood, SPEAK TRUTH, EACH ONE of you, WITH HIS NEIGHBOR, for we are members of one another. (**Col 3:7-10**) and in them you also once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸ But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices, ¹⁰ and

- have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him
(**Col 3:14**) And beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.
7. (**1 Tim 4:15**) Take pains with these things; be absorbed in them, so that your progress may be evident to all.
 8. (**Ecc1 3:1**) There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven-
 9. (**Psa 102:18**) This will be written for the generation to come; That a people yet to be created may praise the LORD.
(**2 Tim 3:14**) You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them;
 10. (**Heb 2:1**) For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it.
 11. (**James 1:4**) And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.
 12. (**Hab 2:3**) "For the vision is yet for the appointed time; It hastens toward the goal, and it will not fail. Though it tarries, wait for it; For it will certainly come, it will not delay.

Day 29: Accepting Your Assignment

1. (**Eph 2:10**) For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.
2. (**Col 3:23-24**) Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men; ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.
(**Mat 25:34-35**) "Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵ 'For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in;
(**Eph 6:7**) With good will render service, as to the Lord, and not to men,
3. (**Jer 1:5**) "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations."
4. (**2 Tim 1:9**) who has saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity,
5. (**1 Cor 6:20**) For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.
6. (**Rom 12:1**) I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.
7. (**1 John 3:14**) We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death.
8. (**Mat 8:15**) And He touched her hand, and the fever left her; and she arose, and waited on Him.
9. (**Eph 4:4-14**) There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷ But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it says, "WHEN HE ASCENDED ON HIGH, HE LED CAPTIVE A HOST OF CAPTIVES, AND HE GAVE GIFTS TO MEN." ⁹ (Now this expression, "He ascended," what does it mean except that He also had descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) ¹¹ And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ. ¹⁴ As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming;
(**Rom 1:6-7**) among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ; ⁷ to all who are beloved of God in Rome, called as saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
(**Rom 8:28-30**) And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. ²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren; ³⁰ and whom He predestined, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.
(**1 Cor 1:2**) to the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints by calling, with all who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours:
(**1 Cor 1:9**) God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

- (1 **Cor 1:26**) For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble;
- (1 **Cor 7:17**) Only, as the Lord has assigned to each one, as God has called each, in this manner let him walk. And thus I direct in all the churches.
- (**Phil 3:14**) I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.
- (1 **Pet 2:9**) But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;
- (2 **Pet 1:3**) seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.
10. (2 **Tim 1:9**) who has saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity,
 11. (1 **Pet 2:9**) But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;
 12. (**Rom 7:4**) Therefore, my brethren, you also were made to die to the Law through the body of Christ, that you might be joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, that we might bear fruit for God.
 13. (1 **Cor 12:27**) Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it.
 14. (**Mat 20:28**) just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."
 15. (**Rom 14:12**) So then each one of us shall give account of himself to God.
 16. (**Rom 2:8**) but to those who are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, wrath and indignation.
 17. (**Mark 8:35**) "For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's shall save it.
See also:
(**Mat 10:39**) "He who has found his life shall lose it, and he who has lost his life for My sake shall find it.
(**Mat 16:25**) "For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake shall find it.
(**Luke 9:24**) "For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it, but whoever loses his life for My

sake, he is the one who will save it.

(**Luke 17:33**) "Whoever seeks to keep his life shall lose it, and whoever loses his life shall preserve it.

18. (**Rom 12:5**) so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.
19. (1 **Cor 12:14**) For the body is not one member, but many.
(1 **Cor 12:19**) And if they were all one member, where would the body be?

Day 30: Shaped for Serving God

1. (**Eph 2:10**) For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.
2. (**Psa 139:13-14**) For Thou didst form my inward parts; Thou didst weave me in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ I will give thanks to Thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Thy works, And my soul knows it very well.
3. (**Psa 139:16**) Thine eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Thy book they were all written, The days that were ordained for me, When as yet there was not one of them.
4. (**Rom 12:4-8**) For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶ And since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let each exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; ⁷ if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.
(1 **Cor 12**) Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware. ² You know that when you were pagans, you were led astray to the dumb idols, however you were led. ³ Therefore I make known to you, that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus is accursed"; and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵ And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. ⁶ And there are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons. ⁷ But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ and to another the effecting of miracles,

and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills. ¹² For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. ¹³ For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴ For the body is not one member, but many. ¹⁵ If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired. ¹⁹ And if they were all one member, where would the body be? ²⁰ But now there are many members, but one body. ²¹ And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; or again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²² On the contrary, it is much truer that the members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary; ²³ and those members of the body, which we deem less honorable, on these we bestow more abundant honor, and our unseemly members come to have more abundant seemliness, ²⁴ whereas our seemly members have no need of it. But God has so composed the body, giving more abundant honor to that member which lacked, ²⁵ that there should be no division in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another. ²⁶ And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. ²⁷ Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ All are not apostles, are they? All are not prophets, are they? All are not teachers, are they? All are not workers of miracles, are they? ³⁰ All do not have gifts of healings, do they? All do not speak with tongues, do they? All do not interpret, do they? ³¹ But earnestly desire the greater gifts. And I show you a still more excellent way. **(Eph 4:8-15)** Therefore it says, "WHEN HE ASCENDED ON HIGH, HE LED CAPTIVE A HOST OF CAPTIVES, AND HE GAVE GIFTS TO MEN." ⁹ (Now this expression, "He

ascended," what does it mean except that He also had descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) ¹¹ And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ. ¹⁴ As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; ¹⁵ but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him, who is the head, even Christ, **(1 Cor 7:7)** Yet I wish that all men were even as I myself am. However, each man has his own gift from God, one in this manner, and another in that.

5. **(1 Cor 2:14)** But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.
6. **(Eph 4:7)** But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.
7. **(1 Cor 12:11)** But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.
8. **(1 Cor 12:29-30)** All are not apostles, are they? All are not prophets, are they? All are not teachers, are they? All are not workers of miracles, are they? ³⁰ All do not have gifts of healings, do they? All do not speak with tongues, do they? All do not interpret, do they?
9. **(1 Cor 12:7)** But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.
10. **(1 Cor 12:5)** And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord.
11. **(Prov 27:19)** As in water face reflects face, So the heart of man reflects man.
12. **(Mat 12:34)** "You brood of vipers, how can you, being evil, speak what is good? For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart. **(Psa 34:7)** The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him, And rescues them. **(Prov 4:23)** Watch over your heart with all diligence, For from it flow the springs of life.
13. **(Deu 11:13)** "And it shall come about, if you listen obediently to my commandments which I am commanding you today, to love the LORD your God and to serve Him with all your heart and all your soul, **(1 Sam 12:20)** And Samuel said to the

people, "Do not fear. You have committed all this evil, yet do not turn aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart.

(Rom 1:9) For God, whom I serve in my spirit in the preaching of the gospel of His Son, is my witness as to how unceasingly I make mention of you,

(Eph 6:6) not by way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart.

14. (Prov 15:16) Better is a little with the fear of the LORD, Than great treasure and turmoil with it.

Day 31: Understanding Your Shape

1. (1 Cor 12:4-6) Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵ And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. ⁶ And there are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons.

2. (Exo 31:3-5) "And I have filled him with the Spirit of God in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all kinds of craftsmanship, ⁴ to make artistic designs for work in gold, in silver, and in bronze, ⁵ and in the cutting of stones for settings, and in the carving of wood, that he may work in all kinds of craftsmanship.

3. (Rom 12:6) And since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let each exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith;

4. (1 Cor 10:31) Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

5. (1 Cor 12:6) And there are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons.

6. (Deu 8:18) "But you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth, that He may confirm His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

7. (Deu 14:23) "And you shall eat in the presence of the LORD your God, at the place where He chooses to establish His name, the tithe of your grain, your new wine, your oil, and the first-born of your herd and your flock, in order that you may learn to fear the LORD your God always.

(Mal 3:8-11) "Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, 'How have we robbed Thee?' In tithes and offerings. ⁹ "You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing Me, the whole nation of you! ¹⁰ "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of heaven, and pour out for you a

blessing until it overflows. ¹¹ "Then I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it may not destroy the fruits of the ground; nor will your vine in the field cast its grapes," says the LORD of hosts.

8. (Heb 13:21) equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

9. (1 Pet 4:10) As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

10. (1 Cor 12:6) And there are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons.

11. (Rom 8:28-29) And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. ²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren;

12. (2 Cor 1:4) who comforts us in all our affliction so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

13. (2 Cor 1:8-10) For we do not want you to be unaware, brethren, of our affliction which came to us in Asia, that we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life; ⁹ indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves in order that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead; ¹⁰ who delivered us from so great a peril of death, and will deliver us, He on whom we have set our hope. And He will yet deliver us,

14. Not Scripture; see notes.

Day 32: Using What God Gave You

1. (Eph 5:17) So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

2. (Rom 12:3) For through the grace given to me I say to every man among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.

3. (Gal 6:4) But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have reason for boasting in regard to himself alone, and not in regard to another.

4. (Deu 11:2) "And know this day that I am not speaking with your sons who have not known and who have not seen the discipline of the LORD your God-- His greatness, His mighty hand, and His outstretched arm,

5. (Gal 3:4) Did you suffer so many things in vain-- if indeed it was in vain?

6. **(John 13:7)** Jesus answered and said to him, "What I do you do not realize now, but you shall understand hereafter."
7. Not Scripture; see notes.
8. **(Rom 9:20-21)** On the contrary, who are you, O man, who answers back to God? The thing molded will not say to the molder, "Why did you make me like this," will it? ²¹ Or does not the potter have a right over the clay, to make from the same lump one vessel for honorable use, and another for common use?
9. **(Eph 4:7)** But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.
10. **(Gal 2:7-8)** But on the contrary, seeing that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been to the circumcised ⁸ (for He who effectually worked for Peter in his apostleship to the circumcised effectually worked for me also to the Gentiles),
11. **(2 Cor 10:13)** But we will not boast beyond our measure, but within the measure of the sphere which God apportioned to us as a measure, to reach even as far as you.
12. **(Heb 12:1)** Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,
13. **(Gal 6:4)** But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have reason for boasting in regard to himself alone, and not in regard to another.
14. **(2 Cor 10:12)** For we are not bold to class or compare ourselves with some of those who commend themselves; but when they measure themselves by themselves, and compare themselves with themselves, they are without understanding.
15. **(1 Cor 10:12-18)** Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, that you may be able to endure it. ¹⁴ Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. ¹⁵ I speak as to wise men; you judge what I say. ¹⁶ Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? Is not the bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ? ¹⁷ Since there is one bread, we who are many are one body; for we all partake of the one bread. ¹⁸ Look at the nation Israel; are not those who eat the sacrifices sharers in the altar?
16. **(Phil 1:9)** And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment,
17. **(2 Tim 1:6)** And for this reason I remind you to kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.
18. **(Mat 25:28)** "Therefore take away the talent from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talents."
19. **(1 Tim 4:14-15)** Do not neglect the spiritual gift within you, which was bestowed upon you through prophetic utterance with the laying on of hands by the presbytery. ¹⁵ Take pains with these things; be absorbed in them, so that your progress may be evident to all.
20. **(Mat 25:28)** "Therefore take away the talent from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talents."
21. **(1 Tim 4:14-15)** Do not neglect the spiritual gift within you, which was bestowed upon you through prophetic utterance with the laying on of hands by the presbytery. ¹⁵ Take pains with these things; be absorbed in them, so that your progress may be evident to all.
22. **(2 Tim 2:15)** Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth.
(1 Cor 9:25) And everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.

Day 33: How Real Servants Act

1. **(Mat 7:16)** "You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor figs from thistles, are they?"
2. **(2 Tim 2:4)** No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier.
3. **(Gal 6:10)** So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.
4. **(Prov 3:28)** Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come back, And tomorrow I will give it," When you have it with you.
5. **(Eccl 11:4)** He who watches the wind will not sow and he who looks at the clouds will not reap.
6. **(Col 3:23)** Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men;
7. **(Gal 6:3)** For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself.
8. **(John 13:15)** "For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you.
9. **(Acts 28:3)** But when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and laid them on the fire, a

- viper came out because of the heat, and fastened on his hand.
10. **(Luke 16:10-12)** "He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much. ¹¹ "If therefore you have not been faithful in the use of unrighteous mammon, who will entrust the true riches to you? ¹² "And if you have not been faithful in the use of that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own?"
 11. **(Psa 12:1)** (For the choir director; upon an eight-stringed lyre. A Psalm of David.) Help, LORD, for the godly man ceases to be, For the faithful disappear from among the sons of men. **(Prov 20:6)** Many a man proclaims his own loyalty, But who can find a trustworthy man? **(Phil 2:19-22)** But I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, so that I also may be encouraged when I learn of your condition. ²⁰ For I have no one else of kindred spirit who will genuinely be concerned for your welfare. ²¹ For they all seek after their own interests, not those of Christ Jesus. ²² But you know of his proven worth that he served with me in the furtherance of the gospel like a child serving his father.
 12. **(Mat 25:23)** "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave; you were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'
 13. **(1 Pet 5:5)** You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for **GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.**
 14. **(Eph 6:6)** not by way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart. **(Col 3:22)** Slaves, in all things obey those who are your masters on earth, not with external service, as those who merely please men, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord.
 15. **(Mat 6:1)** "Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven.
 16. **(Gal 1:10)** For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ.
 17. **(Col 3:4)** When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.
 18. **(1 Cor 12:22-24)** On the contrary, it is much truer that the members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary; ²³ and those members of the body, which we deem less

- honorable, on these we bestow more abundant honor, and our unseemly members come to have more abundant seemliness, ²⁴ whereas our seemly members have no need of it. But God has so composed the body, giving more abundant honor to that member which lacked,
19. **(1 Cor 15:58)** Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.
 20. **(Mat 10:42)** "And whoever in the name of a disciple gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink, truly I say to you he shall not lose his reward."

Day 34: Thinking Like a Servant

1. **(2 Chr 25:2)** And he did right in the sight of the LORD, yet not with a whole heart.
2. **(Phil 2:4)** do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.
3. **(Phil 2:7)** but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.
4. **(Phil 2:20-21)** For I have no one else of kindred spirit who will genuinely be concerned for your welfare. ²¹ For they all seek after their own interests, not those of Christ Jesus.
5. **(Mat 5:41)** "And whoever shall force you to go one mile, go with him two.
6. **(1 Cor 4:1)** Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.
7. **(1 Cor 4:2)** In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy.
8. **(Luke 16:13)** "No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other, or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."
9. **(Luke 16:11)** "If therefore you have not been faithful in the use of unrighteous mammon, who will entrust the true riches to you?"
10. **(Gal 5:26)** Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another.
11. **(Rom 14:4)** Who are you to judge the servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls; and stand he will, for the Lord is able to make him stand.
12. **(Neh 6:3)** So I sent messengers to them, saying, "I am doing a great work and I cannot come down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and come down to you?"
13. **(Mat 26:10)** But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you bother the woman? For she has done a good deed to Me.
14. **(John 13:3-4)** Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and

that He had come forth from God, and was going back to God, ⁴ rose from supper, and laid aside His garments; and taking a towel, He girded Himself about.

15. **(2 Cor 10:18)** For not he who commends himself is approved, but whom the Lord commends.
16. **(James 1:1)** James, a bond-servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes who are dispersed abroad, greetings.
17. **(Psa 100:2)** Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before Him with joyful singing.
18. **(John 12:26)** "If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there shall My servant also be; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.
19. **(Heb 6:10)** For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints.

Day 35: God's Power in Your Weakness

1. **(Isa 55:9)** "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.
2. **(1 Cor 1:27)** but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong,
3. **(Mat 5:3)** "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4. **(2 Cor 12:7)** And because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to buffet me-- to keep me from exalting myself!
5. **(2 Cor 4:7)** But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the surpassing greatness of the power may be of God and not from ourselves;
6. **(Mat 16:16)** And Simon Peter answered and said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."
7. **(Acts 14:15)** and saying, "Men, why are you doing these things? We are also men of the same nature as you, and preach the gospel to you in order that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, WHO MADE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA, AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM.
8. **(2 Cor 12:9-10)** And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰ Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.
9. **(2 Cor 12:10)** Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.
10. **(2 Cor 12:7)** And because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to buffet me-- to keep me from exalting myself!
11. **(Num 12:3)** (Now the man Moses was very humble, more than any man who was on the face of the earth.)
12. **(Judg 6:12)** And the angel of the LORD appeared to him and said to him, "The LORD is with you, O valiant warrior."
13. **(Rom 4:11)** and he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while uncircumcised, that he might be the father of all who believe without being circumcised, that righteousness might be reckoned to them,
14. **(Mat 16:18)** "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades shall not overpower it.
15. **(Acts 13:22)** "And after He had removed him, He raised up David to be their king, concerning whom He also testified and said, 'I HAVE FOUND DAVID the son of Jesse, A MAN AFTER MY HEART, who will do all My will.'
16. **(Heb 11:32-34)** And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who by faith conquered kingdoms, performed acts of righteousness, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.
17. **(Rom 7:19)** For the good that I wish, I do not do; but I practice the very evil that I do not wish.
18. **(2 Cor 6:11)** Our mouth has spoken freely to you, O Corinthians, our heart is opened wide.
19. **(2 Cor 1:8)** For we do not want you to be unaware, brethren, of our affliction which came to us in Asia, that we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life;
20. **(1 Cor 2:3)** And I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling.
21. **(2 Cor 12:5)** On behalf of such a man will I boast; but on my own behalf I will not boast, except in regard to my weaknesses.
22. **(Heb 4:1)** Therefore, let us fear lest, while a promise remains of entering His rest, any one of you should seem to have come short of it.
23. **(Rom 8:26)** And in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how

to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words;

Day 36: Made for a Mission

1. **(Co1 1:25)** Of this church I was made a minister according to the stewardship from God bestowed on me for your benefit, that I might fully carry out the preaching of the word of God, **(1 Cor 12:5)** And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord.
2. **(John 20:21)** Jesus therefore said to them again, "Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you."
3. **(Luke 2:49)** And He said to them, "Why is it that you were looking for Me? Did you not know that I had to be in My Father's house?"
4. **(John 19:30)** When Jesus therefore had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head, and gave up His spirit.
5. **(2 Cor 5:18)** Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation,
6. **(2 Cor 5:20)** Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were entreating through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.
7. **(Mat 28:19-20)** "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."
(Mark 16:15) And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."
(Luke 24:47) and that repentance for forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.
(John 20:21) Jesus therefore said to them again, "Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you."
(Acts 1:8) but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."
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9. **(Ezek 3:18)** "When I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die'; and you do not warn him or speak out to warn the wicked from his wicked

way that he may live, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand.

10. **(2 Cor 5:18)** Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation,
11. **(2 Cor 6:1)** And working together with Him, we also urge you not to receive the grace of God in vain--
12. **(2 Cor 5:20)** Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were entreating through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.
13. **(Acts 4:12)** "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved."
14. **(John 9:4)** "We must work the works of Him who sent Me, as long as it is day; night is coming, when no man can work.
15. **(Acts 20:24)** "But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, in order that I may finish my course, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God.
16. **(Acts 1:7-8)** He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; ⁸ but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."
17. **(Mat 24:36)** "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.
18. **(Mat 24:14)** "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a witness to all the nations, and then the end shall come.
19. **(Luke 9:62)** But Jesus said to him, "No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."
20. **(Luke 22:42)** saying, "Father, if Thou art willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Thine be done."
21. **(Rom 6:13)** and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.
22. **(Mat 6:33)** "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you.

Day 37: Sharing Your Life Message

1. **(2 Cor 2:17)** For we are not like many, peddling the word of God, but as from sincerity,

- but as from God, we speak in Christ in the sight of God.
2. **(1 John 5:10)** The one who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; the one who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the witness that God has borne concerning His Son.
 3. **(1 Pet 2:9)** But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;
 4. **(Acts 1:8)** but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."
 5. **(Acts 22 to 26)** Not listed due to length.
 6. **(1 Pet 3:15-16)** but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence; ¹⁶ and keep a good conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.
 7. **(Psa 119:33)** Teach me, O LORD, the way of Thy statutes, And I shall observe it to the end.
 8. **(Psa 106:43)** Many times He would deliver them; They, however, were rebellious in their counsel, And so sank down in their iniquity.
 9. **(Prov 25:12)** Like an earring of gold and an ornament of fine gold Is a wise reprov-er to a listening ear.
 10. For some biblical examples of each of these, see:
(Psa 51) (For the choir director. A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came to him,) (after he had gone in to Bathsheba.) Be gracious to me, O God, according to Thy lovingkindness; According to the greatness of Thy compassion blot out my transgressions. ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin. ³ For I know my transgressions, And my sin is ever before me. ⁴ Against Thee, Thee only, I have sinned, And done what is evil in Thy sight, So that Thou art justified when Thou dost speak, And blameless when Thou dost judge. ⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me. ⁶ Behold, Thou dost desire truth in the innermost being, And in the hidden part Thou wilt make me know wisdom. ⁷ Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. ⁸ Make me to hear joy and gladness, Let the bones which Thou hast broken rejoice. ⁹ Hide Thy face from my sins, And blot out all my iniquities. ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. ¹¹ Do

not cast me away from Thy presence, And do not take Thy Holy Spirit from me. ¹² Restore to me the joy of Thy salvation, And sustain me with a willing spirit. ¹³ Then I will teach transgressors Thy ways, And sinners will be converted to Thee. ¹⁴ Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation; Then my tongue will joyfully sing of Thy righteousness. ¹⁵ O Lord, open my lips, That my mouth may declare Thy praise. ¹⁶ For Thou dost not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it; Thou art not pleased with burnt offering. ¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise. ¹⁸ By Thy favor do good to Zion; Build the walls of Jerusalem. ¹⁹ Then Thou wilt delight in righteous sacrifices, In burnt offering and whole burnt offering; Then young bulls will be offered on Thine altar.

(Phil 4:11-13) Not that I speak from want; for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. ¹² I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. ¹³ I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

(2 Cor 1:4-10) who comforts us in all our affliction so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. ⁵ For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ. ⁶ But if we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; or if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which is effective in the patient enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer; ⁷ and our hope for you is firmly grounded, knowing that as you are sharers of our sufferings, so also you are sharers of our comfort. ⁸ For we do not want you to be unaware, brethren, of our affliction which came to us in Asia, that we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life; ⁹ indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves in order that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead; ¹⁰ who delivered us from so great a peril of death, and will deliver us, He on whom we have set our hope. And He will yet deliver us,

(Psa 40) (For the choir director. A Psalm of David.) I waited patiently for the LORD; And He inclined to me, and heard my cry. ² He brought me up out of the pit of destruction, out of the miry clay; And He set my feet upon a rock making my footsteps firm. ³ And He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; Many will see and fear, And will trust in the

LORD. ⁴ How blessed is the man who has made the LORD his trust, And has not turned to the proud, nor to those who lapse into falsehood. ⁵ Many, O LORD my God, are the wonders which Thou hast done, And Thy thoughts toward us; There is none to compare with Thee; If I would declare and speak of them, They would be too numerous to count. ⁶ Sacrifice and meal offering Thou hast not desired; My ears Thou hast opened; Burnt offering and sin offering Thou hast not required. ⁷ Then I said, "Behold, I come; In the scroll of the book it is written of me; ⁸ I delight to do Thy will, O my God; Thy Law is within my heart." ⁹ I have proclaimed glad tidings of righteousness in the great congregation; Behold, I will not restrain my lips, O LORD, Thou knowest. ¹⁰ I have not hidden Thy righteousness within my heart; I have spoken of Thy faithfulness and Thy salvation; I have not concealed Thy lovingkindness and Thy truth from the great congregation. ¹¹ Thou, O LORD, wilt not withhold Thy compassion from me; Thy lovingkindness and Thy truth will continually preserve me. ¹² For evils beyond number have surrounded me; My iniquities have overtaken me, so that I am not able to see; They are more numerous than the hairs of my head; And my heart has failed me. ¹³ Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me; Make haste, O LORD, to help me. ¹⁴ Let those be ashamed and humiliated together Who seek my life to destroy it; Let those be turned back and dishonored Who delight in my hurt. ¹⁵ Let those be appalled because of their shame Who say to me, "Aha, aha!" ¹⁶ Let all who seek Thee rejoice and be glad in Thee; Let those who love Thy salvation say continually, "The LORD be magnified!" ¹⁷ Since I am afflicted and needy, Let the Lord be mindful of me; Thou art my help and my deliverer; Do not delay, O my God.

(Psa 119:71) It is good for me that I was afflicted, That I may learn Thy statutes.

(Gen 50:20) "And as for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.

11. (Mat 12:34) "You brood of vipers, how can you, being evil, speak what is good? For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart.
12. (Psa 69:9) For zeal for Thy house has consumed me, And the reproaches of those who reproach Thee have fallen on me.
13. (Jer 20:9) But if I say, "I will not remember Him Or speak anymore in His name," Then in my heart it becomes like a burning fire Shut up in my bones; And I am weary of holding it in, And I cannot endure it.

14. (Gal 4:18) But it is good always to be eagerly sought in a commendable manner, and not only when I am present with you.
15. (Rom 1:17) For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."
16. (2 Cor 5:19) namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.
17. (2 Cor 5:14) For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died;
18. (1 John 4:18) There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love.
19. (2 Pet 3:9) The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.
20. (Col 4:5) Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity.

Day 38: Becoming a World-Class Christian

1. Not Scripture; see notes.
2. (Rev 7:9) After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands;
3. (1 Cor 14:20) Brethren, do not be children in your thinking; yet in evil be babes, but in your thinking be mature.
4. (Phil 2:4) do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.
5. (1 Cor 2:12) Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things freely given to us by God,
6. (1 Cor 10:33) just as I also please all men in all things, not seeking my own profit, but the profit of the many, that they may be saved.
7. (John 3:16) "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.
8. (Acts 17:26-27) and He made from one, every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times, and the boundaries of their habitation, ²⁷ that they should seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;

9. (Col 1:6) which has come to you, just as in all the world also it is constantly bearing fruit and increasing, even as it has been doing in you also since the day you heard of it and understood the grace of God in truth;
10. (Psa 2:8) 'Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Thine inheritance, And the very ends of the earth as Thy possession.
11. (Col 4:3) praying at the same time for us as well, that God may open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned;
12. (Rom 1:10) always in my prayers making request, if perhaps now at last by the will of God I may succeed in coming to you.
13. (Eph 6:19) and pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel,
14. (John 17:20) "I do not ask in behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word;
15. (2 Th 3:1) Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be glorified, just as it did also with you;
16. (Mat 9:38) "Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."
17. (2 Cor 1:11) you also joining in helping us through your prayers, that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the favor bestowed upon us through the prayers of many.
18. (Acts 1:8) but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."
19. (2 Cor 4:18) while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.
20. (Luke 9:62) But Jesus said to him, "No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."
21. (1 Cor 7:31) and those who use the world, as though they did not make full use of it; for the form of this world is passing away.
22. (Heb 12:1) Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,
23. (Mat 6:20-21) "But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; ²¹ for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.
24. (Luke 16:9) "And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by means of the mammon of

unrighteousness; that when it fails, they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

25. (1 Tim 6:19) storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed.
26. (Jer 1:7-8) But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am a youth,' Because everywhere I send you, you shall go, And all that I command you, you shall speak. ⁸ "Do not be afraid of them, For I am with you to deliver you," declares the LORD.
27. (Mark 8:35) "For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's shall save it.

Day 39: Balancing Your Life

1. (Prov 27:17) Iron sharpens iron, So one man sharpens another.
2. (Phil 4:9) The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things; and the God of peace shall be with you.
3. (1 Th 5:11) Therefore encourage one another, and build up one another, just as you also are doing.
4. (Lam 3:40) Let us examine and probe our ways, And let us return to the LORD.
(1 Cor 11:28) But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.
(1 Cor 11:31) But if we judged ourselves rightly, we should not be judged.
(1 Cor 13:5) does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered,
(Gal 6:4) But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have reason for boasting in regard to himself alone, and not in regard to another.
5. (2 Cor 13:5) Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you-- unless indeed you fail the test?
6. (Lam 3:40) Let us examine and probe our ways, And let us return to the LORD.
7. (2 Cor 8:11) But now finish doing it also; that just as there was the readiness to desire it, so there may be also the completion of it by your ability.
8. (Heb 2:1) For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it.
9. (Num 33:2) And Moses recorded their starting places according to their journeys by the command of the LORD, and these are their journeys according to their starting places.

10. (**Psa 56:8**) Thou hast taken account of my wanderings; Put my tears in Thy bottle; Are they not in Thy book?
11. (**Psa 102:18**) This will be written for the generation to come; That a people yet to be created may praise the LORD.
12. (**Prov 11:25**) The generous man will be prosperous, And he who waters will himself be watered.
13. (**2 Tim 2:2**) And the things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, these entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.
14. (**James 4:17**) Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do, and does not do it, to him it is sin.
15. (**1 Tim 4:6**) In pointing out these things to the brethren, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, constantly nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound doctrine which you have been following.
16. (**John 17:4**) "I glorified Thee on the earth, having accomplished the work which Thou hast given Me to do.
17. (**John 17:6-26**) "I manifested Thy name to the men whom Thou gavest Me out of the world; Thine they were, and Thou gavest them to Me, and they have kept Thy word. ⁷ "Now they have come to know that everything Thou hast given Me is from Thee; ⁸ for the words which Thou gavest Me I have given to them; and they received them, and truly understood that I came forth from Thee, and they believed that Thou didst send Me. ⁹ "I ask on their behalf; I do not ask on behalf of the world, but of those whom Thou hast given Me; for they are Thine; ¹⁰ and all things that are Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ "And I am no more in the world; and yet they themselves are in the world, and I come to Thee. Holy Father, keep them in Thy name, the name which Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, even as We are. ¹² "While I was with them, I was keeping them in Thy name which Thou hast given Me; and I guarded them, and not one of them perished but the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ "But now I come to Thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy made full in themselves. ¹⁴ "I have given them Thy word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. ¹⁵ "I do not ask Thee to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶ "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ "Sanctify them in the truth; Thy word is truth. ¹⁸ "As Thou didst send Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ "And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves

also may be sanctified in truth. ²⁰ "I do not ask in behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; ²¹ that they may all be one; even as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be in Us; that the world may believe that Thou didst send Me. ²² "And the glory which Thou hast given Me I have given to them; that they may be one, just as We are one; ²³ I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, that the world may know that Thou didst send Me, and didst love them, even as Thou didst love Me. ²⁴ "Father, I desire that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am, in order that they may behold My glory, which Thou hast given Me; for Thou didst love Me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ "O righteous Father, although the world has not known Thee, yet I have known Thee; and these have known that Thou didst send Me; ²⁶ and I have made Thy name known to them, and will make it known; that the love wherewith Thou didst love Me may be in them, and I in them."

Day 40: Living with Purpose

1. (**John 13:17**) "If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.
2. (**Psa 33:11**) The counsel of the LORD stands forever, The plans of His heart from generation to generation.
3. (**Prov 4:26**) Watch the path of your feet, And all your ways will be established.
4. (**Prov 17:24**) Wisdom is in the presence of the one who has understanding, But the eyes of a fool are on the ends of the earth.
5. (**Phil 1:10**) so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ;
6. (**2 Chr 14:4**) and commanded Judah to seek the LORD God of their fathers and to observe the law and the commandment.
7. (**Eph 3:17**) so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
8. (**Phil 4:7**) And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
9. (**Gal 5:22-23**) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.
10. (**Mat 5:3-12**) "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵ "Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for

- they shall receive mercy. ⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰ "Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ "Blessed are you when men cast insults at you, and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, on account of Me. ¹² "Rejoice, and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.
11. **(2 Pet 1:5)** Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge;
 12. **(1 Tim 4:16)** Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things; for as you do this you will insure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you.
 13. **(2 Cor 9:12)** For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God.
 14. **(John 15:16)** "You did not choose Me, but I chose you, and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He may give to you.
 15. **(Josh 24:15)** "And if it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."
 16. **(Phil 1:27)** Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ; so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;
 17. **(Eph 5:25)** Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her;
 18. **(Prov 22:18)** For it will be pleasant if you keep them within you, That they may be ready on your lips.
 19. **(Prov 19:21)** Many are the plans in a man's heart, But the counsel of the LORD, it will stand.
 20. **(1 Th 2:4)** but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not as pleasing men but God, who examines our hearts.
 21. **(2 Cor 10:13)** But we will not boast beyond our measure, but within the measure of the sphere which God apportioned to us as a measure, to reach even as far as you.
 22. **(Acts 13:36)** "For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep, and was laid among his fathers, and underwent decay;
 23. **(Acts 13:22)** "And after He had removed him, He raised up David to be their king, concerning whom He also testified and said, 'I HAVE FOUND DAVID the son of Jesse, A MAN AFTER MY HEART, who will do all My will.'
 24. **(Est 4:14)** "For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place and you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?"
 25. **(2 Chr 16:9)** "For the eyes of the LORD move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His. You have acted foolishly in this. Indeed, from now on you will surely have wars."
 26. **(1 Cor 9:26)** Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air;
 27. **(Phil 1:21)** For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.
 28. **(2 Cor 4:17)** For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison,
 29. **(Rev 4:11)** "Worthy art Thou, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for Thou didst create all things, and because of Thy will they existed, and were created."