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DEDICATION

I want to dedicate my first book to my spiritual mother: the late, great, Sister Sheila Ali. She was the one who brought me to the Lord and trained me to walk with God. She was a true apostle. Back in the mid 80's, she pioneered "Rescue Mission" a substance abuse treatment center.

She was a true visionary: a woman of integrity, passion, and power. Her work in the Lord was not in vain.

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INTRODUCTION

When Jesus shed His precious blood and died on the cross of Calvary, He purchased, for you and for me, a glorious inheritance. An inheritance that goes far beyond just financial and material blessings.

The best part of our inheritance is that we have been given the privilege of knowing God for ourselves—the honor of experiencing the Lord and of having a deep, personal, relationship with Him. (John 17:3)

Our heritage is to be conformed to the image of His Son; to be inwardly transformed (Romans 8:29) and to be clothed with the power of the Holy Spirit so that we can continue the work that the Lord Jesus started. (Acts 1:8)

I don't know about you, but I am not interested in dead religion and traditions. I am not interested in dead services where God is not moving; I want to see people being changed. I want to see drunkards, drug addicts, homosexuals, adulterers, and even witches, delivered and transformed by the power of almighty God.

Remember that Jesus is not dead; He died, but He rose again from the dead on the third day. Jesus is alive! And He is still preaching repentance, casting out demons, and doing miracles today. (1 Cor. 15)

He is doing it through men and women whom He has saved, sanctified, and filled with His Holy Spirit; not perfect people, because there are none, but people who are willing to be used by God.

The Lord Jesus said that His followers would be able to do the same miraculous works that He did and even greater (John 14:12)

But sadly, many churches don't preach or practice many of the things that I am sharing in this book; basic things that were a foundational part of the early church. Things like casting out devils, speaking in tongues, ministering healing, prophesying, and living holy.

Why is that? Well, sometimes leaders and believers just don't know any better, so they need to be taught and updated like Apollos. (Acts 18:24-28) But history also tells us that dead men crept into the church and gained leadership positions; these carnal leaders did not have God's power, nor His illumination of the Holy Scriptures, so they twisted and watered down the word of God in order to validate their own wickedness and impotence. (Acts 20:27-31)

They preached what the masses wanted to hear so that they would become popular and get the people's money. Today this same nonsense is rampant in the church.

But the problem is not just with corrupt leadership; it's also with gullible believers who blindly support these wolves in sheep's clothing. The sad truth is that if the blind lead the blind, they will both fall into the pit.

Where are the preachers like Peter, Stephen, Paul, and others whose messages cut the hearts of their hearers and turned the world upside down? (Acts 2:37-41, 5:29-33, 7:51-60, 17:6)

Where are the believers who would be like the Berean believers and search the scriptures daily to see if what is being taught is correct? (Acts 17:10-12)

You are not reading this book by accident; this is a divine appointment. The Spirit of God is moving on you right now. He is stirring you.

None of us have arrived; we all have to press into the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. It is only by the grace of God that we make progress; but someone rightfully said that without struggle, there is no progress.

This book will stretch and challenge you to go higher in God. But let me warn you: it may also make you angry. When God begins to deal with us about our religious beliefs and traditions that are unscriptural, it often makes us angry.

But we have to choose: do we want biblical Christianity, or are we going to settle for substandard Christianity?

Do we want to live and minister in God's supernatural power, or are we happy with a compromised, watered down,

contaminated form of Christianity that has no power to deliver anyone.

In Section One of the book, I am giving you a biblical perspective on thirty one different areas of life and ministry. In Section Two, I have provided additional scriptures for each chapter in Section One.

Don't just read through this book once: own it, write on it, make notes, and highlight sections that the Lord is talking to you about. Remember that just reading this book is not enough; you have to step out in faith and act on its truths in order to see results. I am excited about what the Lord is about to do in your life.

SECTION ONE:

31 THINGS EVERY BELIEVER CAN DO

Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things *are* possible to him who believes." Mark 9:23 (NKJV)

I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father. You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it! John 14:12-14 (NLT)

“As we step out in faith and act on the word of God and the promptings of the Holy Spirit, we, too, will do the same supernatural works that Jesus did, and even greater.”

Chester H. Paul

1

OBEY THE VISION OF THE LORD

Jesus is not confused about your life; He knows exactly who He created you to be, and what He called you to do. Jesus knows everything about you: He knows your past, your present, and He even knows about your future. He told Jeremiah, “Before you were born, I knew you. I ordained you to be a Prophet to the Nations.”

When the Lord gives you a glimpse into your future through a prophetic dream, vision, or revelation, He expects you to take it very seriously, because it doesn't just happen automatically: you have to work with the Lord to fulfill the vision He gives you.

God deals with us according to our calling. Among other things, I am called to be a writer, my wife, an anointed musician.

The Lord instructed both of us to create displays. She installed a shelf to display her musical instruments, and I built many shelves in my office to display all of the books that I had purchased over the years.

Every time I see those books, I'm reminded that God has called me to write books through the power of His Spirit—so that my readers can put their faith in the power of God, and not in the wisdom of man.

What about you? What vision has the Lord given to you? How are you going to advance the kingdom of God in the earth? Are you being obedient to the heavenly vision?

Holy Scriptures

Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision. Acts 26:19 (NKJV)

2

GET HUNGRY FOR MORE OF GOD

Do not allow anyone or anything to steal your hunger for God. Thank God for what He did yesterday. But yesterday is gone my friend. We need to seek the Lord today and yield to him today. We must have a fresh touch from heaven today.

Whenever we lose our hunger for God, it's usually because we are either under a spiritual attack, or we have filled ourselves with something, or someone, besides God. Either way, there's hope: if it's the former, then resist the enemy until the attack is broken, and if it's the latter, then you need to repent and turn wholeheartedly back to God.

The deeper things of God are reserved for those who hunger and thirst for Him. The Apostle Paul knew this: after so many years of walking with the Lord, he was still crying out, "That I might know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His suffering being conformed to His death." Paul knew that he had not "arrived". He was hungry for more. He said, "I keep pressing toward the mark for the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:10-15 (KJV)

Every great move of God is preceded by spiritual hunger. So guard your hunger and let it move you to get on your face and seek the Lord like never before.

Holy Scriptures

As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God. Psalms 42:1 (NKJ)

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. Matthew 5:6 (KJV)

3

PREVAIL IN PRAYER

Nothing happens until someone desperately cries out to God in the name of Jesus—the Messiah. Prayer brings Divine intervention and angelic assistance; it releases God’s uncommon favor and resources.

Prayer can bring salvation to lost souls, restoration to backsliders, and deliverance to the oppressed. Only through prayer can we push back the powers of darkness and see them retreat in total defeat.

In order to pray effectively, we must keep our hearts pure and our hands clean; we must always pray in line with the word of God.

The Holy Spirit equips us to pray. Depending on the situation, He leads us into the prayer of faith, petition, intercession, binding and loosing, travail, confession, governmental decrees, worship, warfare, tongues, consecration, prophetic declarations, or whatever is needed at the moment.

The true Church is a house of prayer for all the nations. Prayer is serious business; it can actually affect the destiny of nations.

Nations rise and fall because of high level prevailing prayers. Jesus is building a powerful prayer army. Don’t be left out.

Holy Scriptures

The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.
James 5:16 (NIV)

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV)

4

LEARN TO DISCERN

People who don't learn to discern will always be deceived; they will accept good as evil and evil as good. Discernment has to do with correctly identifying something or someone. It is the ability to perceive correctly, and to judge well.

Just as a young toddler tries to eat anything that they find on the floor, so does the undiscerning person "eat anything". They listen to any preacher and believe any message. They can't judge if a message is "scripturally sound" or if it's just "the traditions of men" or even worse, "the doctrines of devils".

To develop discernment, we must become skillful in the word of God, and sensitive to the Spirit of God.

Not only does discernment help you to avoid the people and things that would destroy your life, but it also helps you to receive from the Lord all the good things that He has prepared for those who love Him.

The more you grow in discernment is the more that you will love righteousness and hate sin. You will learn to choose the good, and refuse the evil.

Holy Scriptures

Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Isaiah 5:20 (KJV)

But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil. Heb. 5:14 (NIV)

5

FAST UNTO THE LORD

Some of the challenges that you may be facing in different areas of your life will not change until you get desperate enough to turn your pots down and do the kind of fasting that God requires.

Biblical fasting enables us to humble ourselves before the Lord, to mourn for our sins, to repent, to draw near to the Lord, and to receive His supernatural mercy and grace so that we can face every challenge in total victory.

When you choose to fast, you're saying to God, "I surrender all, Lord. I will do whatever You want. I am ready for Your best."

The Bible is full of people who invoked the power of fasting and saw miraculous results.

Scriptural fasting can set the captives free, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, house the homeless, turn away judgment or disaster, turn defeat into victory, and even change the destiny of nations. The list of benefits goes on and on, because fasting brings you closer to God, and when God is near, anything, and everything, becomes possible.

Holy Scriptures

That is why the LORD says, "Turn to me now, while there is time. Give me your hearts. Come with fasting, weeping, and mourning." Joel 2:12 (NLT)

However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting. Matthew 17:21 (NKJV)

6

MINISTER

DIVINE HEALING

Jesus went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil. He also gave His followers His authority and power to do the same. Every believer can be taught to minister healing in the powerful name of Jesus Christ.

One man was suffering greatly from a mysterious disease that had killed his sister a year before. He spent several months in the hospital, but the doctors were unable to cure him. When his family called me to pray for him, he was laying on a bed in the fetal position; they said that he had been in great pain all night, and that he could not stand up.

While I was thinking about how to pray for him, the Lord said, "I don't want you to pray for him: I want you to command the sickness to leave the man, and tell the man to do what he couldn't do before." When I obeyed the Lord, the man got off the bed and was completely and instantly healed. This was several years ago, and he is still healed today.

I have seen all kinds of healings over the years, and I have also trained others to minister divine healing. This is part of your inheritance as a true believer, so don't allow anyone to talk you out of it.

Holy Scriptures

[Jesus said], "I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him." Mark 11:23 (NIV)

7

SUBMIT TO GOD AND RESIST THE DEVIL

The word, “submit” means to get in your proper rank. People who don’t know that God outranks them will continue to ignorantly live in rebellion against God and His word.

Do you not know that Jesus Christ is the King of all kings and the Lord of all lords? And that His name is above every other name: in heaven, on earth, and even in hell? Have you not heard that every knee must bow to Christ, and that every tongue must confess that Jesus is Lord?

Your proper rank is under the Lord Jesus Christ, and over the devil. You can’t successfully resist and overcome the devil until you have fully surrendered to the Lord Jesus Christ.

The devil is a hater and he wants to take you and everyone you know to hell. To resist means to withstand, to oppose, and to be set against. You have to set yourself against satan and all of his ways, works, demons, and human agents.

The devil will not run away from you because of your talents, education, titles, or money—but he will run away in terror when you learn how to yield yourself to the Holy Spirit. All of hell trembles when one person surrenders to Christ.

Keep surrendering to God. Keep resisting the devil, and the devil will always run away from you.

Holy Scriptures

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4:7 (KJV)

8

ENDURE PERSECUTION

Persecution can come from anyone, at any time. Being prepared helps us to deal with it, so that we can keep flowing in God's anointing.

People expect their enemies to attack them, but when hostility or ill treatment comes from our friends or family, it can be very hard to deal with.

Sometimes people lash out at us because their flesh, and their demons, are aggravated by the anointing upon our lives. Sometimes it's just because of envy and jealousy.

Regardless of who does what, we must forgive them and move on in faith, joy, and victory.

Jesus said, "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you." John 15:18-19 (NIV)

Being a true believer has a price: part of that price is being hated by the world. It's impossible to live godly and stand up for righteousness in this wicked world without suffering persecution.

Holy Scriptures

Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. 2 Timothy 3:12 (NKJV)

Therefore, when they had gathered together, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release to you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" For he knew that they had handed Him over because of envy. Matthew 27:17-18 (NKJV)

9

HONOR AND OBEY THE WORD OF GOD

You can destroy every book on the planet, but don't you dare touch my Bible. The bible is unlike any other book, because it was not written by man. God wrote the bible through man.

There are people today who can quote the bible, though they don't understand it, and they can't live it; that's because they don't know the person who wrote it—they don't know its author.

All Scripture is given by the inspiration of God; its message did not originate in man, but the Holy Spirit moved on holy men, and caused them to speak and to write. 2 Tim. 3:16, 2 Pet. 1:21

People are searching in the scriptures, trying to find God, but they don't realize that the Bible is pointing them to the Lord Jesus Christ, because He is Emmanuel—God with us.

The volume of the book writes about, and reveals my hero, my master, Jesus of Nazareth, the Messiah. He is the promised one, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

The only way to really know the bible is to be willing to obey the one who wrote it. God opens up the Holy Scriptures to the people who are willing and ready to obey Him.

Are you willing and ready?

Holy Scriptures

Then I [Jesus] said, "Behold, I have come—In the volume of the book it is written of Me—To do Your will, O God." Hebrews 10:7 NKJV

10

BREAK FREE

Many of you reading this book are struggling with some kind of negative habit or attitude in your life. I know how you feel: I've been there myself.

Sometimes it seems that you are on a roller coaster ride: you're up one moment, and down the next. I struggled with unforgiveness and bitterness. I was hooked on marijuana, pornography, cocaine, and alcohol.

I stopped smoking cigarettes dozens of times, only to start right back up again. Some of you know how frustrating that can be, but thank God, I eventually got delivered; every last one of these chains were broken, so don't lose hope. Jesus is a deliverer: if He set me free, He can do the same for you.

How badly do you want to be free? Are you willing for God to do a complete "gut job" on you, or do you just want some new paint?

Isaac told Esau that his brother is going to rule over him for as long as he allows it, and remains passive, but when he becomes restless, and decides that enough is enough, he will break free.

Dear reader, God's power is available to you right now, but you have to exercise your willpower and your "wantpower"; no one else can do this for you, you have to decide and desire to be free. Begin to cry out to God right now and rebel against your chains.

Holy Scriptures

And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven. Matthew 16:19 (NLT)

11

LIVE BY FAITH

Those who seek the Lord casually, or only when it's convenient, will never reap His full rewards. God's choicest blessings are reserved for those who diligently and wholeheartedly seek Him.

The Bible says that without faith it is impossible to please God; for they that come to God must believe that He exists, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Faith without works is dead.

So how do you get faith? It's very simple.

The Lord Jesus is the author and the finisher of our faith, He is the one who initiates, and perfects our faith walk.

Jesus said, "My sheep hear My voice, they know My voice, and they follow Me"

When you hear His voice, you get faith. When you know His voice, faith is established. When you follow His voice, faith is perfected.

There is nothing in this world that compares with hearing the voice of, "The one who lives, and was dead, and behold, He is alive forevermore."

All of the promises of God in Him [Christ] are "Yes" and in Him we add our "Amen."

Holy Scriptures

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Hebrews 11:6 (KJV)

12

CHOOSE TO BE HAPPY

One preacher said that God has a sense of humor, and if you don't believe it then you should go look in a mirror.

While it's true that we are fearfully and wonderfully made, I have to admit that sometimes when I look in the mirror, I see some pretty funny things and I can't help myself; I just have to laugh.

Medical science is slowly realizing the wide ranging holistic benefits of laughter.

More and more researchers are discovering that laughter is one of the best medicines in the world. Plus, it's completely free and has no negative side effects.

One married couple said that they were so busy with work that they had no time for recreation. While we may be able to "get away" with doing this for a short while, in the long run we may be doing ourselves more harm than good.

We all know the saying that all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. Well, the truth is that it doesn't only apply to Jack, but it also applies to you and to me. Whenever we don't establish balance in our lives, and make time for hobbies, recreation, and fun, we can also become pretty dull.

God wants us to be holy and happy. Holiness doesn't mean depression. Holiness means being set apart to God. That involves separating yourself from the things that are wrong, but it also includes enjoying the things that are right; the good things in life. God wants you to be balanced.

Holy Scriptures

A happy heart is good medicine and a cheerful mind works healing, but a broken spirit dries up the bones. Proverbs 17:22 (AMP)

13

RECEIVE THE HOLY GHOST

Receiving the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues has been a real “game changer” in my life and ministry. I really don’t know what I would do without it.

A few months after I got saved, a man of God prayed for me to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Right after he prayed, I began feeling drunk, so they told me to continue to worship the Lord at the altar. While I was worshipping, for a split second, I lost sight of myself, and in that moment I saw the Lord. The moment I saw Jesus, I was hit by the power of God; I fell to the floor, and began speaking in a supernatural language.

Over the years, the Lord has taught me to pray in tongues for several hours at a time, and this has caused many other powerful gifts of the Spirit to operate in my life and ministry.

Jesus is the head of the Church, and He said that believers would speak in tongues. All of the 120 disciples on the day of Pentecost spoke in tongues, including Jesus’s mother, his brothers, and of course, all of the apostles.

Everyone who was gathered at Cornelius’s house spoke in tongues when Peter preached to them. All of the twelve disciples in Ephesus spoke in tongues when Paul prayed for them. Speaking in tongues releases the supernatural power of God. It’s no wonder that the devil hates it.

Holy Scriptures

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Acts 2:4 (KJV)

14

FLOW IN THE PROPHETIC

True prophecy proves that Jesus is not dead. It demonstrates, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that He is alive and that He is still revealing the secrets of people's hearts, and working miracles.

In one of my services, I invited people who had never received a prophetic word to come to the front; among those that came was a young married couple who was pregnant. As I began to tell them what the Lord was revealing to me, they both began to weep and to admit that it was true. Then the Lord revealed the name of their unborn baby; when the husband heard the name he blurted out, "That's the name my wife wants! That's the name!" Both of them were overwhelmed, and they gladly repented of their sins and gave their lives to Jesus.

In another meeting, I met a high ranking police official whose left arm was crippled. As I was going to pray for him, The Lord said to me, "Prophesy to the man." So I told him to go to bed and that he would get up in the morning completely healed. The man obeyed the word of the Lord, and the next day he woke up totally healed.

The Bible says to desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy. God desires all of His people to flow in the prophetic.

Holy Scriptures

Pursue love and desire spiritual gifts, and above all that you may prophesy. 1 Corinthians 14:1 (HCSB)

15

CHOOSE

YOUR FRIENDS WISELY

Back in the old country they used to say, “Frien’ does carry yuh but doh bring yuh back.” It means to choose your friends wisely because they can lead you astray.

One lady who was trying to break free from alcoholism said that her “friends” and her “friendly family” kept trying to get her to go to the bar, although they knew that she was trying to kick the habit. I advised her to avoid going to the bar completely. I said, “If you want to hang with your friends, then meet them in a neutral place where alcoholic beverages are not served.” Do you think that she listened to me? She didn’t. Today she is worse off than before.

A young, strong, “Samson” got really messed up by a “Delilah”. When you’re trying to change your life and live holy, it’s not wise to go on dates with your former “friends with benefits” or people who you used to have free “booty calls” with; that’s a sure recipe for disaster.

True friends are a great blessing from the Lord; they never pull you down to the mud. They always encourage you and build you up. When you need them, they will be there for you. They always have your back. True friends will sharpen you and make you more effective in your life and ministry.

Holy Scriptures

He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will be destroyed. Proverbs 13:20 (NKJV)

16

GET FIRE BAPTIZED

Jesus wants to baptize you in the Holy Ghost and fire. To baptize means “to dip” or “to submerge”.

While I was on a plane, flying to the Dominican Republic to preach the gospel, I got a word from the Lord; the Lord Jesus said, “John the Baptist baptized people in a river of water, but I want to dip people in a river of liquid Holy Ghost fire.” This word was so strong, that I could literally feel the fire of God going through my body.

I preached this message on the first night of the crusade, and my interpreter, who had been suffering for several weeks with severe pain and immobility on the upper left side of her body, was instantly healed. She testified that she felt the fire of God go through her body and she was totally healed.

The Lord was healing and blessing many people in the meetings, and one man, who was a voodoo priest, came to see what was happening. The Lord was dealing with him for several days, and gave him a dream about a river. He came and repented before the whole church for the wrong things he had done as a witch doctor; he said, “I turn away from voodoo, and witchcraft. I will not do it anymore. I want the true and living God. I want Jesus Christ.”

Are you fire baptized?

Holy Scriptures

John answered, saying to all, “I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” Luke 3:16 (NKJV)

17

GIVE AND RECEIVE FORGIVENESS

How many broken relationships, divorces, brutal crimes, murders, including suicide bombings, and acts of terrorism can be traced right back to unforgiveness?

We all want to be forgiven when we mess up, but sometimes it's a struggle for us to forgive and release people when they hurt us. Many times the hurtful words and actions just keep replaying on the inside of us like a haunting movie that won't stop. If we don't find a way to forgive, it can easily escalate to bitterness, hate, and even murder.

Many people are no longer flowing with the Lord like they used to; they have allowed unforgiveness to creep in, while others, for the same reason, are unknowingly experiencing the torments of the devil in one or more areas of their lives.

It is always in your best interest to forgive, because unforgiveness hurts you more than it hurts anyone else; you must choose to forgive God, yourself, and others.

Let the Holy Spirit search you. Open your mouth and begin to confess. Tell the Lord whatever you may be holding against Him, yourself, or other people. Keep it real and tell it like it is: forgive, pardon, release, let it go, give it up. Do it today.

Holy Scriptures

For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. Matthew 6:14 (NIV)

18

USE YOUR TIME AND OPPORTUNITIES WISELY

The graveyards are full of people who thought that they had more time; God was dealing with them, but they refused to change. They kept putting things off for tomorrow, until their time ran out. One of the greatest thieves in the universe is procrastination. Please don't let it steal your destiny in God.

Beloved life is like a vapor: it's very short. You're here one minute and the next minute you're gone, so don't waste another moment; it's time to realize that the clock is ticking.

We are no longer living in the last days, my friend; I believe, with everything in me, that we are living in the last hours of the very last day.

The Bible says to redeem the time because the days are evil; we must not live like the evil people around us, who only live to please themselves. Instead, we must use our time wisely, to please the Lord Jesus, and to do His will.

We cannot allow our God-given opportunities in life to slip through our fingers. We must seize the moment and use every opportunity to glorify Jesus, and to advance His kingdom in the earth. The time to act is now. Right now.

Holy Scriptures

So teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Psalm 90:12 (NKJV)

19

CHOOSE THE RIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Let the Lord lead you to the church that He wants you to be a part of. It does not matter if the church is in someone's home, in a storefront, or in a very large building with thousands of people; what matters is that Jesus is building His people.

Look at the early church in the book of Acts as a basic pattern for what the church should be like: the disciples came together to wait for the Holy Spirit to come, then when the power of God fell, they all seemed to be drunk and began speaking in supernatural languages. Then Peter preached under the anointing, and the crowds were cut to the heart; they believed, repented of their sins, and were baptized. They continued in the apostles' teaching, fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayer.

The church was growing and people were being healed and delivered; they were walking in love and taking care of the poor. The Apostles dealt with rebellious people so that the church would not be contaminated. The believers were unstoppable: even when they were persecuted, they preached everywhere and started new churches.

Should I continue? Look for this kind of church. Become this kind of church. Don't settle for anything less.

Holy Scriptures

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:25 (NKJV)

20

STAY UNDER THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST

The shed blood of Jesus Christ is the most powerful substance in the entire universe. His blood is alive and it has a voice. Abel's blood was crying out to God for vengeance, but Jesus' blood is crying out to God on our behalf for His grace and mercy.

His blood has purchased for us, all of His redemptive benefits, including salvation, deliverance, protection, healing, etc.

Jesus' precious blood cleanses us from all of our sins, and gives us power to live holy; it brings us into an intimate relationship with our heavenly Father, and gives us complete victory over the devil.

I have seen His blood work wonders. Houses and vehicles that I covered in His blood before a major storm were supernaturally protected, while the house and the car that I forgot to cover were damaged.

When we begin to plead the blood of Jesus, in faith, it causes demons and demonic people to reveal their true identities and activities. They cannot resist the holy blood of Jesus Christ.

Today, many people are trying to sell a bloodless Christianity. Don't buy it. It can never save anyone. Without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness.

Holy Scriptures

And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood. Revelation 1:5 (NKJV)

21

GET BLESSED AND BE A BLESSING

Some of you need to end your friendship with poverty, because it's an enemy, not a friend. The last time I read the Bible, it said that poverty is part of the curse, not a part the blessing.

God gives His people power to get wealth so that they can enjoy His blessings, finance His kingdom, and be a blessing to others.

However, you need to know that success and wealth in and of themselves are not necessarily an indication that a person is serving the Lord, because the Bible asks, "Why do the wicked prosper and the faithless live at ease?" Jeremiah 12:1 (NIV)

Jesus assured His faithful followers that their needs would be supplied. He said not to worry about what you're going to eat, drink, and wear. The people of the world are constantly chasing after money, but I don't want you to be like that. I want you to make God your master, and obey Him. Then, watch and see how He will bless your life, and work, and how He will make you a great blessing to others.

Holy Scriptures

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Matthew 6:33 (NKJV)

I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. Genesis 12:2 (NKJV)

22

BECOME A WITNESS OF JESUS CHRIST

Being a witness for Jesus is about love: love for God, and love for people. That's why I do it, and that's why you should do it too.

Witnessing is simple but very powerful. People argue about religion all the time, but they can't argue about what you have personally experienced, and that's basically what witnessing is; it's simply telling people about what the Lord Jesus has done in and through your life.

It's a partnership between you and the Lord; you do the easy part and the Lord does the rest. You simply share, and the Lord will take your little words and stories and make them a big deal in someone's heart.

Always be humble and genuine when you're telling people about the Lord; try to identify with them, because, in certain ways, their struggles are your struggles.

Remember that the Lord is always with you, so there's no need to be afraid. But you're in a battle, so you do need to be on guard. So let the Lord anoint you with His power and be wise as a snake, and innocent as a dove.

The eternal destinies of souls are hanging in the balance.

Holy Scriptures

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. Acts 1:8 (NKJV)

23

GET BACK UP WHEN YOU FALL

There is a big difference between someone who is living in sin, and someone who is genuinely living for God, who, in a moment of weakness, misses the mark and commits a sin.

I remember the first time that I failed the Lord after I got saved. I felt so confused and devastated. How could I worship God so passionately on Sunday, and then fall into sin on Monday?

I swore, in my zeal, without knowledge, that I would never fall again, but of course I failed, and failed miserably, because I was trying to live for God in my own strength.

The Bible says that even the young people, in the prime of their lives, will faint and fall, but the people who draw their strength from the Lord will run and not be weary, they will walk and not faint.

The greatest lesson that I have learned in over thirty years as a believer is that I cannot live for God in my own strength; I desperately need God's grace, and the only way I can get it is to humble myself and cry out to the Lord for His help.

Be very careful about how you respond to the Lord when He deals with you about your sin; your response could determine whether you become a bitter backslider or a mature overcomer.

Holy Scriptures

The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, And He delights in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; For the LORD upholds him with His hand. Psalms 37:23-24 (NKJV)

24

MAKE SURE YOUR NAME IS IN THE BOOK OF LIFE

One day, while I was giving out gospel tracts, the Lord gave me a vision: I saw the dead both great and small standing before God's throne, waiting to be judged.

I don't know how, but in a flash I saw all the people that I had spoken to that day, and I even saw the people who I would meet in the future—they were all there, standing before God.

The Lord said, "Son, every person whose name is not written in the Lamb's book of life will be cast into hell. Son, you are standing between these people and hell—don't let them go to hell."

The only way to get your name written in the Lamb's book of life is to renounce your sins and become a disciple of Jesus Christ. You and I were not made to please ourselves: we were created by God and for God, yet all of us have strayed. We have gone our own way and done our own thing.

Jesus said that if you want to become one of His disciples then you must deny yourself, surrender completely to Him, and obey Him daily.

Is your name written in the Lamb's book of life? Are you sure? If you die tonight, would you go to Heaven?

Holy Scripture

And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened...And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. Revelation 20:12A, 15 (NASB)

25

DRIVE OUT DEMONS

Demon spirits are wicked and nasty beyond your wildest imagination; they try their best to work covertly, and to make people believe that they do not exist.

The people that demons are “working on” can seem to be very normal to the untrained eye; they may have a successful career and a social life, and may even be a part of a local church.

Evil spirits are the real source behind unscriptural teachings and the dark arts; they can seduce people into sexual perversions and enslave them with various addictions. They can cause emotional, mental, and even physical illnesses.

A demon is not behind every bush, but they are behind many people and situations. The first step to experiencing deliverance is to become aware of their presence and activities.

Surrender yourself completely to the Lord and draw your strength from Him. Ask the Lord to open up your spiritual senses and to show you what the enemy is doing.

As the Lord exposes those wicked demons, begin to drive them out. Say, “The blood of Jesus is against you. In the name of Jesus, I command you to give up now. Come out now in the mighty name of Jesus Christ.” Be bold and tenacious. Every last demon must go because of the authority that the Lord Jesus Christ has given to you as a believer.

Holy Scriptures

And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons. Mark 16:17 (NKJV)

26

BE ESTABLISHED IN GOD'S TRUE GRACE

The grace of God is not a license to practice lawlessness; in fact, God's true grace gives us dominion over sin. Grace is a divine influence that opens our eyes and causes us to turn from darkness to light, from sin to righteousness, and from the power of satan to God.

Salvation is accomplished through a partnership between God and man. The Lord works in us, giving us the desire and the power to do His will, but we have to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling.

The Biblical prescription for salvation is, "Repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ." God's solid foundation is, "Let everyone who calls on the name of the Lord depart from evil." Acts 20:21 (KJV), 2 Timothy 2:19 (KJV)

Any "grace" message that does not instruct people to say "No" to ungodliness, and to live in true holiness and obedience is a counterfeit from the pit of hell.

Don't allow wolves in sheep's clothing to deceive you; it's your responsibility to make sure that you are established in God's true grace.

Holy Scriptures

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age. Titus 2:11-12 (NIV)

27

GUARD AGAINST FALSE LEADERS

The deadliest thing in the world today is not famine, natural disaster, or even terrorism. These things are terrible in and of themselves, but nothing is more dangerous than “twisted bible teachings” that keep people trapped in ignorance and sin.

There are far too many “dead men” who have snuck into the church and gained leadership positions—these wicked leaders don’t have God’s power, nor His illumination of the scriptures, so they twist and water down the word of God in order to validate their own wickedness and impotence.

They flatter people with clever lies, and preach what they want to hear in order to become popular so that they can get people’s money and support.

The masses generally love their “feel good” message because it does not confront their rebellion, nor does it require them to forsake their sins and obey the teachings of Jesus Christ.

The Lord Jesus warned us: He said that many false leaders would rise up and deceive many people. Can you identify any of today’s false Christian leaders that the Lord prophesied about?

Holy Scripture

And many false prophets will rise up and deceive and lead many into error. Matthew 24:11 (AMP)

Jesus answered them, “You are deceived, because you don’t know the Scriptures or the power of God.” Matthew 22:29 (HCSB)

28

KNOW GOD FOR YOURSELF

The only way to develop an intimate relationship with the Lord is by spending quality time with Him. You have to go beyond just praying, singing, and reading The Bible; you have to desire the Lord and seek Him with all your heart.

Make it a priority to shut in regularly with the Lord; lay yourself before Him and surrender your all to Him. As you continue to hunger for the Lord, He will reveal Himself to you.

It breaks my heart when I minister in churches that are in such a hurry that they don't give God the time that He needs to reveal Himself to the people through the gifts of the Spirit.

People who want to really know God need more than a simple Bible lesson or a motivational speech; they need to encounter the power of God and experience His "now word".

Some churches are filled with hungry people, but the leadership lacks insight; they hinder the flow of the Holy Spirit by sticking to their programs and doing things their own way.

You can't just go through "religious motions" and expect to know God. God reveals himself to people who are willing to live in an obedient covenant relationship with Him.

Holy Scripture

Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall corrupt with flattery; but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits. Daniel 11:32 (NKJV)

29

LIVE HOLY BECAUSE THE LORD IS HOLY

Humanity is confused and trapped in a deadly rat race of lust, greed, and boastful pride. The corrupt values and standards of the world regarding sex, marriage, family, success, etc. are directly opposed to Christ and His holy teachings.

Sex outside of the boundaries of marriage between a man and a woman is condemned by God. This includes “sexually confused behavior” such as sex with animals, things, demons, and the same sex. This also includes sex before or outside of marriage, pornography, fantasy, masturbation, etc.

The Bible says that those who break a hedge will be bitten by a serpent. Breaking God’s holy boundaries has serious repercussions.

When you and I choose, by the grace of God, to live in holiness, we become unmanageable to the kingdom of darkness. The devil loses his control over us because we are, “sold out and set apart” unto the Lord.

We have to serve the Lord in the beauty of holiness and not be contaminated with the filth of the world. Jesus is not returning for a whoring church, He is coming back for His holy bride.

Holy Scriptures

Without holiness no one will see the Lord. Hebrews 12:14B (NIV)

For the Scriptures say, “You must be holy because I am holy.”
1 Peter 1:16 (NLT)

30

WORSHIP THE LORD IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH

The enemy wants worship, and man wants worship, but only God is worthy of our worship. Jesus said, "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God and him only shalt thou serve." Luke 4:8 (KJV). All the angels and the saints worship Him. He alone is worthy.

From the rising of the sun, to the end of every day, God is worthy to be worshiped; all creation worships the Lord. The Lord inhabits—He comes to dwell and live in the praises of His people.

Not only does God come to live in our worship, but He comes to rule in and through our worship. He begins to contend with our enemies, and everything that's not of God, has to go.

We can't just go through the motions of worship; we must actually have a grateful, thankful heart. We must worship the Lord with our hearts and not just with our mouths.

As we begin to sing and dance unto the Lord, and lay down our lives before Him, we lose sight of ourselves, and we encounter the Lord. When we experience God through worship, our lives are changed and our yokes are destroyed.

The God that I worship is the creator of the entire universe; He holds the nations in the hollow of His hand, and there is nothing too hard for Him to do.

Holy Scriptures

But the hour cometh and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. John 4:23 (KJV)

31

LOVE THE LORD YOURSELF AND OTHERS

God's love is beyond human comprehension; just one glimpse of how much the Lord loves you will change your life forever. His love melts our hearts and makes us over.

I don't know about you, but there were many times in my life when I was completely unlovable, and yet God continued to love me. He didn't condone my sin, but He drew me to Himself and helped me to overcome.

Christianity is a love relationship between God and man. When we truly experience God's supernatural loving-kindness and tender mercies, it causes us to want to love Him and please Him, every day of our lives.

The love of God causes us to be moved with compassion for people; we begin to travail in prayer for them, and look for opportunities to help them to have a relationship with the Lord.

True love never condones sin, because sin is what eventually separates people from God, in time and in eternity. Look at how the Lord Jesus dealt with the woman caught in adultery. He said, "I don't condemn you. Go and sin no more."

If we really love people, we have to tell them the truth in love.

Holy Scriptures

I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness. I will build you up again and you will be rebuilt. Jeremiah 31:3B-4A (NIV)

SECTION TWO

SCRIPTURES FOR STUDY

And the people of Berea were more open-minded than those in Thessalonica, and they listened eagerly to Paul's message. They searched the Scriptures day after day to see if Paul and Silas were teaching the truth. As a result, many Jews believed, as did many of the prominent Greek women and men. Acts 17:11-12 (NLT)

1

OBEY THE VISION
OF THE LORD

Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he. Proverbs 29:18 (KJV)

And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. Habakkuk 2:2 (KJV)

He took him outside and said, "Look at the sky and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then He said to him, "Your offspring will be that [numerous]." Abram believed the LORD, and He credited it to him as righteousness. Genesis 15:5-6 (HCSB)

2

GET HUNGRY
FOR MORE OF GOD

O God, you are my God; I earnestly search for you. My soul thirsts for you; my whole body longs for you in this parched and weary land where there is no water. I have seen you in your sanctuary and gazed upon your power and glory. Your unfailing love is better than life itself; how I praise you! I will praise you as long as I live, lifting up my hands to you in prayer. You satisfy me more than the richest feast. I will praise you with songs of joy. I lie awake thinking of you, meditating on you through the night. Because you are my helper, I sing for joy in the shadow of your wings. I cling to you; your strong right hand holds me securely. Psalms 63:1-8 (NLT)

3

PREVAIL IN PRAYER

For everyone who keeps on asking receives; and he who keeps on seeking finds; and to him who keeps on knocking, [the door] will be opened. Matthew 7:8 (AMP)

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. John 15:7 (KJV)

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14 (KJV)

4

LEARN
TO DISCERN

But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. For "who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ. 1 Corinthians 2:14-16 (NKJV)

For before the child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land that thou abhorrest shall be forsaken of both her kings. Isaiah 7:16 (KJV)

Then you shall again discern Between the righteous and the wicked, Between one who serves God And one who does not serve Him. Malachi 3:18 (NKJV)

5

FAST UNTO THE LORD

Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh? Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy reward. Then shalt thou call, and the LORD shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity; And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday. Isaiah 58:6-10 (KJV)

6

MINISTER DIVINE HEALING

Later, He appeared to the Eleven themselves as they were reclining at the table. He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who saw Him after He had been resurrected. Then He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: In My name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new languages; they will pick up snakes; if they should drink anything deadly, it will never harm them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will get well." Mark 16:14-18 (HCSB)

7

SUBMIT TO GOD AND RESIST THE DEVIL

But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble." Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. James 4:6-7 (NKJV)

Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:9-11 (NKJV)

8

ENDURE PERSECUTION

Therefore the wisdom of God also said, "I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they will kill and persecute." Luke 11:49 (NKJV)

Remember the word that I said to you, "A servant is not greater than his master." If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. John 15:20 (NKJV)

Others are like the seed planted on rocky ground. They hear the teaching and quickly accept it with joy. But since they don't allow the teaching to go deep into their lives, they keep it only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the teaching they accepted, they quickly give up. Mark 4:16-17 (NCV)

9

HONOR AND
OBEY THE WORD OF GOD

But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Matthew 4:4 (KJV)

And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. 2 Timothy 3:15-17 (KJV)

10

BREAK FREE

You will live by the sword and you will serve your brother. But when you grow restless, you will throw his yoke from off your neck. Genesis 27:40 (NIV)

From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been suffering violence, and the violent have been seizing it by force. Matthew 11:12 (HCSB)

And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing. Isaiah 10:27 (KJV)

11

LIVE BY FAITH

Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith. Habakkuk 2:4 (KJV)

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Romans 10:17 (KJV)

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. John 10:27 (KJV)

For we walk by faith, not by sight. 2 Corinthians 5:7 (KJV)

12

CHOOSE TO BE HAPPY

Then David danced before the LORD with all his might; and David was wearing a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the trumpet. 2 Samuel 6:14-15 (NKJV)

You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Psalm 16:11 (NKJV)

Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me by Your generous Spirit. Psalm 51:12 (NKJV)

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world. John 16:33 (NKJV)

Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. Philippians 4:4 (KJV)

13

RECEIVE THE HOLY GHOST

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Acts 1:8 (KJV)

I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all. 1 Corinthians 14:18 (KJV)

But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost. Jude 1:20 (KJV)

14

FLOW IN THE PROPHETIC

But if all of you are prophesying, and unbelievers or people who don't understand these things come into your meeting, they will be convicted of sin and judged by what you say. As they listen, their secret thoughts will be exposed, and they will fall to their knees and worship God, declaring, "God is truly here among you." 1 Corinthians 14:24-25 (NLT)

Then the LORD put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me: "Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, To root out and to pull down, To destroy and to throw down, To build and to plant." Jeremiah 1:9-10 (NKJV)

15

CHOOSE YOUR FRIENDS WISELY

The righteous should choose his friends carefully, For the way of the wicked leads them astray. Proverbs 12:26 (NKJV)

A man who has friends must himself be friendly, But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother. Proverbs 18:24 (NKJV)

As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend. Proverbs 27:17 (NLT)

You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. Luke 21:16 (NKJV)

You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. John 15:14 (NKJV)

16

GET FIRE BAPTIZED

For our God is a consuming fire. Hebrews 12:29 (KJV)

But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire And like launderer's soap. Malachi 3:2 (NKJV)

On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability. Acts 2:1-4 (NLT)

17
GIVE AND
RECEIVE FORGIVENESS

Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how many times could my brother sin against me and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" "I tell you, not as many as seven," Jesus said to him, "but 70 times seven." Matthew 18:21-22 (HCSB)

Indeed, the LORD's hand is not too short to save, and His ear is not too deaf to hear. But your iniquities have built barriers between you and your God, and your sins have made Him hide [His] face from you so that He does not listen. Isaiah 59:1-2 (HCSB)

He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy. Proverbs 28:13 (NKJV)

18
USE YOUR TIME AND
OPPORTUNITIES WISELY

So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. Ephesians 5:15-17 (NLT)

And I'll sit back and say to myself, "My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!" But God said to him, "You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?" Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God. Luke 12:19-21 (NLT)

19

CHOOSE THE RIGHT FELLOWSHIP

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." Psalm 122:1 (NLT)

A single day in your courts is better than a thousand anywhere else! I would rather be a gatekeeper in the house of my God than live the good life in the homes of the wicked. Psalm 84:10 (NLT)

And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. Acts 2:42 (KJV)

Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. Ephesians 4:11-12 (NLT)

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy *our* brother, To Philemon our beloved *friend* and fellow laborer, to the beloved Apphia, Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house. Philemon 1:1-2 (NKJV)

How I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house, testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. Acts 20:20-21 (NKJV)

20

STAY UNDER THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace. Ephesians 1:7 (NKJV)

But the blood on your doorposts will serve as a sign, marking the houses where you are staying. When I see the blood, I will pass over you. This plague of death will not touch you when I strike the land of Egypt. Exodus 12:13 (NLT)

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. Revelation 12:11 (KJV)

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. Ephesians 2:13 (NKJV)

21

GET BLESSED AND BE A BLESSING

For the LORD God is our sun and our shield. He gives us grace and glory. The LORD will withhold no good thing from those who do what is right. Psalm 84:11 (NLT)

I will make you into a great nation, I will bless you, I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. Genesis 12:2 (HCSB)

Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back. Luke 6:38 (NLT)

22

BECOME A WITNESS OF JESUS CHRIST

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise. Proverbs 11:30 (KJV)

As He was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed kept begging Him to be with Him. But He would not let him; instead, He told him, "Go back home to your own people, and report to them how much the Lord has done for you and how He has had mercy on you." So he went out and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and they were all amazed. Mark 5:18-20 (HCSB)

A true witness delivereth souls: but a deceitful witness speaketh lies. Proverbs 14:25 (KJV)

23

GET BACK UP WHEN YOU FALL

Though a righteous man falls seven times, he will get up, but the wicked will stumble into ruin. Proverbs 24:16 (HCSB)

The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, And He delights in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; For the LORD upholds him with His hand. Psalm 37:23-24 (NKJV)

Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall, But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint. Isaiah 40:30-31 (NKJV)

24

MAKE SURE YOUR NAME IS IN THE BOOK OF LIFE

But don't rejoice because evil spirits obey you; rejoice because your names are registered in heaven. Luke 10:20 (NLT)

Not everyone who calls out to me, "Lord! Lord!" will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter. On judgment day many will say to me, "Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name." But I will reply, "I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God's laws." Matthew 7:21-23 (NLT)

And teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. Matthew 28:20 (NIV)

25

DRIVE OUT DEMONS

Jesus called his twelve disciples together and gave them authority to cast out evil spirits and to heal every kind of disease and illness. Matthew 10:1 (NLT)

Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Luke 10:19 (KJV)

And they went out, and preached that men should repent. And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them. Mark 6:12-13 (KJV)

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. 2 Timothy 1:7 (KJV)

26
BE ESTABLISHED
IN GOD'S TRUE GRACE

From then on Jesus began to preach, "Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near." Matthew 4:17 (NLT)

Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him. Philippians 2:12-13 (NLT)

27
GUARD AGAINST
FALSE LEADERS

I know that false teachers, like vicious wolves, will come in among you after I leave, not sparing the flock. Even some men from your own group will rise up and distort the truth in order to draw a following. Watch out! Remember the three years I was with you—my constant watch and care over you night and day, and my many tears for you. Acts 20:29-31 (NLT)

Now the Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times some will turn away from the true faith; they will follow deceptive spirits and teachings that come from demons. These people are hypocrites and liars, and their consciences are dead. 1 Timothy 4:1-2 (NLT)

28

KNOW GOD FOR YOURSELF

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent." John 17:1-3 (NKJV)

"Are you the Messiah we've been expecting, or should we keep looking for someone else?" Jesus told them, "Go back to John and tell him what you have heard and seen—the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and the Good News is being preached to the poor. And tell him, 'God blesses those who do not turn away because of me.'" Matthew 11:3-6 (NLT)

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. John 14:6-7 (KJV)

Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me. And because they love me, my Father will love them. And I will love them and reveal myself to each of them. John 14:21 (NLT)

But you don't believe me because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. John 10:26-27 (NLT)

29

LIVE HOLY BECAUSE
THE LORD IS HOLY

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (NKJV)

Don't team up with those who are unbelievers. How can righteousness be a partner with wickedness? How can light live with darkness? What harmony can there be between Christ and the devil? How can a believer be a partner with an unbeliever? And what union can there be between God's temple and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God said: "I will live in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they will be my people. Therefore, come out from among unbelievers, and separate yourselves from them, says the LORD. Don't touch their filthy things, and I will welcome you. And I will be your Father, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty." 2 Corinthians 6:14-18 (NLT)

Because we have these promises, dear friends, let us cleanse ourselves from everything that can defile our body or spirit. And let us work toward complete holiness because we fear God. 2 Corinthians 7:1 (NLT)

30

WORSHIP THE LORD
IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH

These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men. Matthew 15:8-9 (NKJV)

Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth." Revelation 5:8-10 (NKJV)

In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, *is* the LORD of hosts: the whole earth *is* full of his glory. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. Then said I, Woe *is* me! for I am undone; because I *am* a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, *which* he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: And he laid *it* upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here *am* I; send me. Isaiah 6:1-8 (KJV)

31

LOVE THE LORD
YOURSELF AND OTHERS

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16 (NKJV)

Jesus answered him, "The first of all the commandments is: 'Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one. And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment. And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Mark 12:29-31 (NKJV)

So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples. John 13:34-35 (NLT)

If you love me, obey my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you. No, I will not abandon you as orphans—I will come to you. John 14:15-18 (NLT)

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the Day of Judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. We love Him because He first loved us. 1 John 4:17-19 (NKJV)

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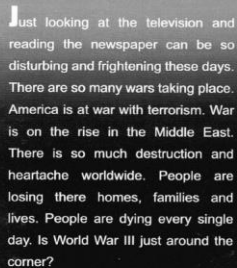


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