

The Word of God



By Theme And Verse

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Introduction

These selections of Scripture are formulated to provide a thematic structure for prayerful reflection on the Word of God. "Give ear, listen humbly, for the Lord speaks." (Jeremiah 13:15)

May the word of Christ dwell in you richly.
(Colossians 3:16)

Guideposts of St. Paul

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the holy Spirit be with all of you. (2 Corinthians 13:13)

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. (Colossians 3:2)

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. (Colossians 3:15)

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. (Colossians 3:16)

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. (Colossians 4:2)

He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness."
(2 Corinthians 12:9)

Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh. (Romans 13:14)

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. (Romans 12:21)

Do not grow slack in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. (Romans 12:11)

Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer. (Romans 12:12)

Let your speech always be gracious. (Colossians 4:6)

Live in harmony with one another. (Romans 12:16)

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.
(Colossians 3:17)

And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.
(Colossians 3:14)

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.
(1 Corinthians 13:7-8)

Healing

My son, when you are ill, delay not, but pray to God, who will heal you. (Sirach 38:9)

Have pity on me, Lord, for I am weak; heal me, Lord, for my bones are trembling. (Psalm 6:2)

Does a man harbor anger against another, and yet seek for healing from the Lord? (Sirach 28:3)

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful. (James 5:16)

Raphael said, "Take courage! God has healing in store for you; so take courage!" (Tobit 5:10)

Lord, if you wish, you can make me clean. (Luke 5:12)

Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. (Matthew 8:8)

Honor the physician with the honor due him, according to your need of him, for the Lord created him; for healing comes from the Most High. (Sirach 38:1-2)

He lifts up the soul and gives light to the eyes; He grants healing, life, and blessing. (Sirach 34:17)

Jesus stretched out his hand, touched him, and said, "I do will it. Be made clean." And the leprosy left him immediately. (Luke 5:13)

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that hour.
(Matthew 15:28)

One of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. (Luke 17:15-16)

I praise you, Lord, for you raised me up... I cried out to you and you healed me. (Psalm 30: 1-2)

Contrition

We are sinful; all of us have become like unclean men, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; We have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind. (Isaiah 64:4-5)

If we acknowledge our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing. (1 John 1:9)

Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away, and that the Lord may grant you times of refreshment and send you the Messiah already appointed for you, Jesus. (Acts 3:19-20)

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
(Matthew 3:2)

Have you sinned, my son? Do so no more, but pray about your former sins. (Sirach 21:1)

But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!'
(Luke 18:13)

Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.
(Luke 15:21)

Lord, have mercy on me; heal me, I have sinned against you. (Psalm 41:5)

But you have mercy on all, because you can do all things; and you overlook the sins of men that they may repent. (Wisdom 11:23)

Have mercy on me, God, in your goodness; in your abundant compassion blot out my offense. Wash away all my guilt; from my sin cleanse me.
(Psalm 51:3-4)

You who fear the LORD, wait for his mercy, turn not away lest you fall. (Sirach 2:7)

To those who repent he grants a return, and he encourages those whose endurance is failing.
(Sirach 17:24)

Gratitude

Immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be mentioned among you, as is fitting among holy ones, no obscenity or silly or suggestive talk, which is out of place, but instead, thanksgiving. (Ephesians 5:3-4)

The hope of the ingrate melts like a wintry frost and runs off like useless water. (Wisdom 16:28-29)

For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving; for then it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer. (1 Timothy 4:4-5)

In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

Miserable one that I am! Who will deliver me from this mortal body? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Romans 7:23-24)

Therefore, we who are receiving the unshakable kingdom should have gratitude, with which we should offer worship pleasing to God in reverence and awe. (Hebrews 12:28)

Praise God and give thanks to him; exalt him and give thanks to him in the presence of all the living for what he has done for you... Do not be slow to give him thanks. (Tobit 12:6)

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! (Psalm 95:2)

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. (Psalm 30:4)

He fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. (Luke 17:16)

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart. (Psalm 111:1)

O Lord, my God, forever will I give you thanks. (Psalm 30:13)

Humility

Man's pride causes his humiliation, but he who is humble of spirit obtains honor. (Proverbs 29:23)

Have the same regard for one another; do not be haughty but associate with the lowly; do not be wise in your own estimation. (Romans 12:16)

For the lowly may be pardoned out of mercy but the mighty shall be mightily put to the test.
(Wisdom 6:6)

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that in due time he may exalt you.
(1 Peter 5:6)

Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves. (Philippians 2:3)

My son, with humility have self-esteem; prize yourself as you deserve. Who will acquit him who condemns himself? (Sirach 10:27-28)

Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble. (1 Peter 5:5)

Good and upright is the Lord, who shows sinners the way, guides the humble rightly, and teaches the humble the way. (Psalm 25:8-9)

The lowly will ever find joy in the Lord. (Isaiah 29:19)

The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest till it reaches its goal. (Sirach 35:17)

Give ear, listen humbly, for the Lord speaks.
(Jeremiah 13:15)

"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves." (Matthew 11:29)

"When you have done all that is commanded you, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'" (Luke 17:10)

Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. (James 1:21)

Come To The Lord

Since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a sincere heart and in absolute trust, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed in pure water. (Hebrews 10:21)

Whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him. (Hebrews 11:6)

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:16)

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that He may teach us His ways and that we may walk in His paths. (Isaiah 2:3)

He is able for all time to save those who draw near to God through Him. (Hebrews 7:25)

Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! (Psalm 95:2)

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

Heed Me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to Me heedfully. (Isaiah 55:2-3)

"When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to Myself." (John 12:32)

"All that the Father gives Me will come to Me; and him who comes to Me I will not cast out." (John 6:37)

"No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day." (John 6:44)

"Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

"Let anyone who thirsts come to Me and drink." (John 7:37)

Worship The Lord

All mankind shall come to worship before Me, says the Lord. (Isaiah 66:23)

"God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." (John 4:24)

But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you this day, that you shall perish. (Deuteronomy 30:17-18)

He responded, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; In vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts.' You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition." (Mark 7:6-8)

At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan! It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and Him alone shall you serve.'" (Matthew 4:10)

How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal spirit offered Himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God. (Hebrews 9:14)

Therefore, we who are receiving the unshakable kingdom should have gratitude, with which we should offer worship pleasing to God in reverence and awe. (Hebrews 12:28)

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! (Psalm 95:6)

Give to the Lord the glory due God's name. Bow down before the Lord's holy splendor! (Psalm 29:2)

Worship the Lord with cries of gladness; come before him with joyful song. (Psalm 100:2)

So I look to You in the sanctuary to see Your power and glory. For Your love is better than life; my lips offer You worship! I will bless You as long as I live; I will lift up my hands, calling on Your name. (Psalm 63:3-5)

Praise The Lord

When you praise the Lord, exalt Him as much as you can; for He will surpass even that. When you exalt Him, put forth all your strength, and do not grow weary, for you cannot praise Him enough. (Sirach 43:30)

Great is the Lord and worthy of high praise; God's grandeur is beyond understanding. (Psalm 145:3)

Lift up your voices to glorify the Lord, though He is still beyond your power to praise; extol Him with renewed strength, and weary not, though you cannot reach the end: For who can see Him and describe Him? (Sirach 43:31-33)

My soul shall savor the rich banquet of praise, with joyous lips my mouth shall honor You! (Psalm 63:6)

Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord, praise and exalt Him above all forever. (Daniel 3:57)

I will bless the Lord at all times; praise shall be always in my mouth. My soul will glory in the Lord that the poor may hear and be glad. Magnify the Lord with me; let us exalt His name together. (Psalm 34:2-4)

I will extol you, my God and king; I will bless your name forever. Every day I will bless you; I will praise your name forever. (Psalm 145:1-2)

I will praise you with all my heart, glorify your name forever, Lord my God. (Psalm 86:12)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens. (Ephesians 1:3)

In Him we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of His will, so that we might exist for the praise of His glory.
(Ephesians 1:11-12)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, through all eternity! Let all the people say, Amen! Alleluia.
(Chronicles 1:36)

Seek The Truth

We, then, have strayed from the way of truth, and the light of justice did not shine for us, and the sun did not rise for us. (Wisdom 5:6)

If we say, "We are without sin," we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. (1 John 1:8)

Most important of all, pray to God to set your feet in the path of truth. (Sirach 37:15)

Teach me, Lord, Your way that I may walk in Your truth, single-hearted and revering your name. (Psalm 86:11)

Guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my savior. (Psalm 25:5)

You, Lord, are near to all who call upon You, to all who call upon You in truth. (Psalm 45:18)

For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to My voice." Pilate said to him, "What is truth?" (John 18:37-38)

Jesus then said to those Jews who believed in Him, "If you remain in My word, you will truly be My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:31-32)

And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, which the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows It. But you know It, because It remains with you, and will be in you. (John 14:16-17)

Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. (John 17:17)

Therefore, putting away falsehood, speak the truth, each one to his neighbor, for we are members one of another. (Ephesians 4:25)

You should know how to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of truth. (1 Timothy 3:14-15)

Choose Life

I lie prostrate in the dust; give me life in accord with Your word. (Psalm 119:25)

So our life will pass away like the traces of a cloud, and will be dispersed like a mist pursued by the sun's rays and overpowered by its heat. (Wisdom 2:4)

I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live. (Deuteronomy 30:19)

For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him (on) the last day." (John 6:40)

I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly. (John 10:10)

Now this is eternal life, that they should know You, the only true God, and the One whom You sent, Jesus Christ. (John 17:3)

It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life. (John 6:63)

We were indeed buried with Him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. (Romans 6:4)

For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. (Matthew 16:25)

Peter said to him, "Master, why can't I follow You now? I will lay down my life for you." Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for Me?" (John 13:37-38)

What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? (Matthew 16:26)

Yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me; insofar as I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God who has loved me and given Himself up for me. (Galatians 2:20)

Walk In The Light

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light. (Ephesians 5:14)

God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. (1 John 5:5)

The light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. (John 3:19)

If we walk in the light as He is in the light, then we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of His Son Jesus cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1:7)

Whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. (John 3:21)

Walk while you have the light, so that darkness may not overcome you...While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of the light." (John 12:35-36)

What came to be through Him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. (John 1:3-5)

Take care, then, that the light in you not become darkness. If your whole body is full of light, and no part of it is in darkness, then it will be as full of light as a lamp illuminating you with its brightness." (Luke 11:35-36)

Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

And He was transfigured before them; His face shone like the sun and His clothes became white as light. (Matthew 17:2)

Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father. (Matthew 5:16)

Be Filled With His Grace

Where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through justification for eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Romans 5:20-21)

For sin is not to have any power over you, since you are not under the law but under grace.
(Romans 6:14)

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God.
(Ephesians 2:8-9)

And from His fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.
(John 1:16-17)

In Him we have redemption by His blood, the forgiveness of transgressions, in accord with the riches of His grace that He lavished upon us.
(Ephesians 1:7-8)

So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.
(Hebrews 4:16)

He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me.
(2 Corinthians 12:8-9)

The God of all grace who called you to His eternal glory through Christ (Jesus) will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you after you have suffered a little. (1 Peter 5:10)

As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. (1 Peter 4:10)

Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have an abundance for every good work. (2 Corinthians 9:8)

Grace be with all of you. (Hebrews 13:25)

Peace Be With You

I will listen for the word of God; surely the Lord will proclaim peace to His people, to the faithful, to those who trust in Him. (Psalm 85:9)

My soul is deprived of peace, I have forgotten what happiness is; I tell myself my future is lost, all that I hoped for from the Lord. (Lamentations 3:17-18)

My people will live in peaceful country, in secure dwellings and quiet resting places. (Isaiah 32:18)

O Lord, you mete out peace to us, for it is You who have accomplished all we have done. (Isaiah 26:12)

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. (Matthew 5:9)

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7)

Finally, brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. (2 Corinthians 13:11)

If possible, on your part, live at peace with all. (Romans 12:18)

Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." (John 20:19)

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. (John 14:27)

I have told you this so that you might have peace in me. In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world." (John 16:33)

May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you. (2 Thessalonians 3:16)

Rejoice In The Lord Always

Please give us life again, that Your people may rejoice in You. (Psalm 85:7)

Let me hear sounds of joy and gladness; let the bones You have crushed rejoice. (Psalm 51:10)

I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance. (Luke 15:7)

Those whom the Lord has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; They will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee. (Isaiah 35:10)

Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! (Philippians 4:4)

But rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that when His glory is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly. (1 Peter 4:13)

[Love] does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. (1 Corinthians 13:6)

The lowly will ever find joy in the Lord. (Isaiah 29:19)

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad. (Psalm 118:24)

I will delight and rejoice in You; I will sing hymns to Your name, Most High. (Psalm 9:3)

I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul. (Isaiah 61:10)

You will show me the path to life, abounding joy in Your presence, the delights at Your right hand forever. (Psalm 16:11)

And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior. (Luke 1:46-47)

Until now you have not asked anything in My name; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete. (John 16:24)

He Is The Way

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path.
(Psalm 119:105)

We had our fill of the ways of mischief and of ruin;
we journeyed through impassable deserts, but the
way of the Lord we knew not. (Wisdom 5:7)

But the path of the just is like shining light, that
grows in brilliance till perfect day. The way of the
wicked is like darkness; they know not on what
they stumble. (Proverbs 4:18-19)

A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of
the Lord! Make straight in the wasteland a highway
for our God! (Isaiah 40:3)

Avert my eyes from what is worthless; by Your way
give me life. (Psalm 119:37)

Through the tender mercy of our God, when the
day shall dawn upon us from on high to give light to
those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of
death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."
(Luke 1:78-79)

Even if my father and mother forsake me, the Lord
will take me in. Lord, show me your way; lead me
on a level path. (Psalm 27:10-11)

Good and upright is the Lord, who shows sinners
the way, guides the humble rightly, and teaches
the humble the way. (Psalm 25:8-9)

Those whose steps are guided by the Lord; whose way God approves, may stumble, but they will never fall, for the Lord holds their hand.

(Psalm 37:23-24)

You guide me along the right path for the sake of Your name. (Psalm 23:3)

Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where You are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. (John 14:5-6)

You will show me the path to life, abounding joy in Your presence, the delights at Your right hand forever. (Psalm 16:11)

Believe In Him

Some, by rejecting conscience, have made a shipwreck of their faith. (1 Timothy 1:19)

The one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed about by the wind. (James 1:6)

Immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" (Matthew 14: 31)

Thus faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ. (Romans 10:17)

Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen. (Hebrews 1:11)

Faith, if it does not have works, is dead. (James 2:17)

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." (Luke 17:5)

"Amen, I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." (Matthew 17:20)

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see My hands, and bring your hand and put it into My side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:27-28)

Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed. (John 20:29)

The boy's father cried out, "I do believe, help my unbelief!" (Mark 9: 24)

In all circumstances, hold faith as a shield, to quench all (the) flaming arrows of the evil one. (Ephesians 6:16)

Whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. (1 John 5:4)

But when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth?" (Luke 18:8)

Hope In Him

All mortals are but a breath. Mere phantoms, we go our way; mere vapor, our restless pursuits; we heap up stores without knowing for whom. And now, Lord, what future do I have? You are my only hope. (Psalm 39:6-8)

I put my hope in Your word. (Psalm 119:81)

My soul, be at rest in God alone, from whom comes my hope. (Psalm 62:6)

For in hope we were saved. Now hope that sees for itself is not hope. For who hopes for what one sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait with endurance. (Romans 8:24-25)

Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord. (Psalm 31:25)

Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us. (Romans 5:5)

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. Everyone who has this hope based on Him makes himself pure, as He is pure. (1 John 3: 2-3)

Lively is the courage of those who fear the Lord, for they put their hope in their Savior; he who fears the Lord is never alarmed, never afraid; for the Lord is his hope. (Sirach 34:13-14)

Persevere in the faith, firmly grounded, stable, and not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard. (Colossians 1:23)

They that hope in the Lord will renew their strength, they will soar as with eagles' wings; They will run and not grow weary, (Isaiah 40:31)

You are my hope, Lord; my trust, God,... my hope in you never wavers. (Psalm 71:5-6)

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13)

Love Your Creator

Take great care, however, to love the Lord, your God. (Joshua 23:11)

With all your strength, love your Creator, forsake not his ministers. (Sirach 7:30)

For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, "Abba, Father!" (Romans 8:15)

Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today. (Deuteronomy 6:4-6)

Do not grieve the holy Spirit of God, with which you were sealed. (Ephesians 4:30)

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father also loves the One begotten by Him. (1 John 5:1)

For the love of God is this, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. (1 John 5:3-4)

Do you love Me? (John 21:17)

If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. (John 14:15)

Whoever has My commandments and observes them is the one who loves Me. And whoever loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and reveal Myself to him. (John 14:21)

Whoever loves Me will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our dwelling with him. (John 14:24)

I love you, Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer, my God, my rock of refuge, my shield, my saving horn, my stronghold! Praised be the Lord, I exclaim! (Psalm 18:2-4)

May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the endurance of Christ. (2 Thessalonians 3:5)

Love Your Neighbor

All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling must be removed from you, along with all malice. And be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ. (Ephesians 4:31-32)

Bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. (Luke 6:28)

Rather, serve one another through love. For the whole law is fulfilled in one statement, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Galatians 5:13-14)

If someone who has worldly means sees a brother in need and refuses him compassion, how can the love of God remain in him? (1 John 3:17)

As one face differs from another, so does one human heart from another. (Proverbs 27:19)

Then let us no longer judge one another, but rather resolve never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother. (Romans 14:13)

Do to others as you would have them do to you. (Luke 6:31)

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. (1 John 4:7)

This is My commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. (John 15:12-13)

Above all, let your love for one another be intense, because love covers a multitude of sins. (1 Peter 4:8)

No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us. (1 John 4:12)

Finally, brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. (2 Corinthians 13:11)

The Self Must Decrease

For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he is deluding himself. (Galatians 6:3)

For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Luke 14:11)

For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice. (James 3:16)

If anyone cleanses himself of these things, he will be a vessel for lofty use, dedicated, beneficial to the master of the house, ready for every good work. (2 Timothy 2:21)

He must increase; I must decrease." (John 3:30)

We know that our old self was crucified with Him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. (Romans 6:6)

You should put away the old self of your former way of life, corrupted through deceitful desires; be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth. (Ephesians 4:22-24)

Then He said to all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me." (Luke 9:23)

Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. (Philippians 2:5-8)

Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. (John 12:24-25)

Resist Temptation

Each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire conceives and brings forth sin, and when sin reaches maturity it gives birth to death. (James 1:14-15)

Whoever sins belongs to the devil, because the devil has sinned from the beginning. Indeed, the Son of God was revealed to destroy the works of the devil. (1 John 3:8)

So submit yourselves to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you of two minds. (James 4:7-8)

Do not leave room for the devil. (Ephesians 4:27)

Be sober and vigilant. Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for (someone) to devour. Resist him, steadfast in faith, knowing that your fellow believers throughout the world undergo the same sufferings. (1 Peter 5:8-9)

Put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil. (Ephesians 6:11)

Simon, Simon, behold Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat. (Luke 22:31)

He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in truth, because there is no truth in him. When he tells a lie, he speaks in character, because he is a liar and the father of lies. (John 8:44)

I want you to be wise to what is good, and simple to what is evil; then the God of peace will quickly crush Satan under your feet. (Romans 16:19-20)

Jesus said, "...Behold, I have given you the power 'to tread upon serpents' and scorpions and upon the full force of the enemy and nothing will harm you. (Luke 10:18-19)

Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan! It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and Him alone shall you serve.'" (Matthew 4:10)

Do Not Cling To This World

I shall say to myself, "Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!" But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' (Luke 12:19-20)

For we brought nothing into the world, just as we shall not be able to take anything out of it.
(1 Timothy 6:7)

Store up treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor decay destroys, nor thieves break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be. (Matthew 6:20-21)

Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world." (John 18:36)

What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? (Matthew 16:26)

Jesus said to him, "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to (the) poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow Me." (Matthew 19:21)

For all that is in the world, sensual lust, enticement for the eyes, and a pretentious life, is not from the Father but is from the world. Yet the world and its enticement are passing away. But whoever does the will of God remains forever. (1 John 2:16-17)

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. (Galatians 6:14)

I have told you this so that you might have peace in Me. In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world." (John 16:33)

Whoever is begotten by God conquers the world.
(1 John 5:4)

I gave them Your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. I do not ask that You take them out of the world but that You keep them from the evil one. (John 17:14-15)

Persevere In Prayer

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. (Philippians 4:6)

Will not God then secure the rights of His chosen ones who call out to Him day and night? Will He be slow to answer them? (Luke 18:7)

The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest till it reaches its goal, nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds, judges justly and affirms the right. (Sirach 35:17-18)

Persevere in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. (Colossians 4:2)

The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful. (James 5:16)

With all prayer and supplication, pray at every opportunity in the Spirit. To that end, be watchful with all perseverance and supplication for all the holy ones (Ephesians 6:18)

As they prayed, the place where they were gathered shook, and they were all filled with the holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness. (Acts 4:31)

Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer. (Romans 12:12)

But I will call upon God, and the Lord will save me. At dusk, dawn, and noon I will grieve and complain, and my prayer will be heard. (Psalm 55:17-18)

Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test.
The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak. (Mark 14:38)

He was in such agony and He prayed so fervently
that His sweat became like drops of blood falling
on the ground. (Luke 22:44)

Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the
strength to escape the tribulations that are
imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."
(Luke 21:36)

Pray without ceasing. (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

Seek Him In Silence And Solitude

The Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice. And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. (1 Kings 19:11-13)

The report about Him spread all the more, and great crowds assembled to listen to Him and to be cured of their ailments, but He would withdraw to deserted places to pray. (Luke 5:15-16)

He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. (Mark 6:31-32)

Rising very early before dawn, He left and went off to a deserted place, where He prayed. (Mark 1:35)

When you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you. (Matthew 6:6)

In those days He departed to the mountain to pray, and He spent the night in prayer to God. (Luke 6:12)

Good is the Lord to one who waits for Him, to the soul that seeks Him; it is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord. (Lamentations 3:25-26)

Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for Him. (Psalm 37:7)

Be still, and know that I am God. (Psalm 46:10)

For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from Him. (Psalm 62:5)

By waiting and by calm you shall be saved, in quiet and in trust your strength lies. (Isaiah 30:15)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters; He restores my soul.
(Psalm 23:1-3)

The Father Will Provide

Are not five sparrows sold for two small coins? Yet not one of them has escaped the notice of God. Even the hairs of your head have all been counted. Do not be afraid. (Luke 12:6-7)

For the Lord of all shows no partiality, nor does He fear greatness, ...He Himself made the great as well as the small, and He provides for all alike. (Wisdom 6:7-8)

But if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and he will be given it. (James 1:5)

Tell the rich in the present age not to be proud and not to rely on so uncertain a thing as wealth but rather on God, who richly provides us with all things for our enjoyment. (1 Timothy 6:17)

He said to (his) disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life and what you will eat, or about your body and what you will wear. For life is more than food and the body more than clothing. (Luke 12:22-23)

If God so clothes the grass in the field that grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will He not much more provide for you, O you of little faith? (Luke 12:28)

Can any of you by worrying add a moment to your life span? If even the smallest things are beyond your control, why are you anxious about the rest? (Luke 12:25-26)

Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil. (Matthew 6:34)

Instead, seek His kingdom, and these other things will be given you besides. Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom. (Luke 12:31-32)

Like a shepherd He feeds his flock; in His arms He gathers the lambs, Carrying them in His bosom, and leading the ewes with care. (Isaiah 40:11)

I call to God Most High, to God who provides for me. (Psalm 57:3)

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