



Whisperings
in
Your Ears

**Making You Fully Aware
of
Where You Really Are**

**A HARD DAILY DEVOTIONAL
THAT DIRECTLY EXPOSES
YOUR INNER REALITIES**

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The Law of Nature...

In the midst of your busy schedule of lying, cheating, stealing and using others to achieve your own purposes, have you forgot the fact that the very words and deeds you are using today will pursue you tomorrow?

Every one of these childish words and deeds you are using today to scorn, belittle, mark, discourage or discredit someone today will mature into adult words and deeds and hunt you down to repay you tomorrow.

As smart and strong as you think you are while you are using them today, they will grow in leaps and bounds, and will apply all the strength they have grown against you tomorrow and will repay you for each of your evil deeds of today. They will beat you down farther tomorrow than you attempted to beat others down today.

You need to start using wordage that you can live up to or follow. Stop your down trodding and start being what you are hating so much in others.

Your time is running out. You are going to have consequences for what you have already done, but you can stop building the storehouse of consequences for yourself by stopping the way you are treating others.

Remember, what ever you have done is already preparing itself to find its source. You will suffer the consequences of all your actions because everything returns to its source. When it returns it is stronger than it was when you sent it out. It's the Law of Nature and you will be looking this very law right in the eyes soon.

Where Are You, Zebedee? *A Bible study essay...*

Mark 1: 16-22

And passing along by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net in the sea; for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you become fishers of men." And immediately they left their nets and followed Him. And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in the boat mending the nets. And immediately He called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with hired servants, and followed him.

And they went into Capernaum; and immediately on the sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught. And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes.

This scripture text provides the first and last mention of Zebedee, the father of James and John. Still, there is a very important lesson to be learned from such an obscure person as Zebedee. We read in the scripture that his sons became followers of Christ. They left their father; they left the boat and the hired servants; they left *everything* and followed Jesus.

The Sons of Zebedee

In the Gospels we read about the sons of Zebedee quite a bit. The first apostle to be martyred was James, the son of Zebedee. John his brother was a writer. He wrote, in my opinion, the most convicting book, and the best book for newly saved or highly seasoned Christians of the Bible, in his Gospel of John. These sons of Zebedee were at the mountain of Transfiguration. They were at Calvary when Jesus died. Our Lord committed

His mother into the care of John. The same John was the one who out ran Peter to the empty tomb of Jesus, and believed. The sons of Zebedee were together with the rest of the disciples on the shore of the lake of Galilee when the resurrected Christ asked them if they had any food and then invited them to share His meal. (John 21:1-14) John was the first apostle to recognize Christ and said to Peter, "It is the Lord." Simply put, the sons of Zebedee followed Christ and were always with Him.

But what about Zebedee??? This question has a great deal of sadness in it. The Bible merely states his sons left him in the boat mending his nets with the servants. Perhaps something like this occurred; Zebedee was busy mending his nets and he said, "Goodbye, my sons."

"Father, come with us," they pleaded. Jesus has so much to offer.

"Sons, I am very busy, I cannot leave my work."

Perhaps even the Lord said, "Zebedee, come with me."

"I am very busy; the nets are torn and they must be mended."

What about his wife? She was with Jesus. The Word of God speaks about her as being the mother of the children of Zebedee. Sometimes she was a bit unpolished, other times even a little silly. But this is understandable, a mother will do almost anything on behalf of her children. Like any other mother would have done, she asked that her two sons might have the first place in the Kingdom of God. But she was honest. She did not conceal anything. She openly told Christ her desires. Although she did not have all the spiritual insight that might be desired, still among the pitiless crowd around the cross on which Christ was crucified you find the

sons of Zebedee with their mother. She was indeed present and that is what matters.

But...where is Zebedee? He is busy mending his nets while his boat drifts from waves to waves of the sea. He does not lift up his eyes, nor does he hear anything. He only sees the immediate. He just stays on the same shore mending his nets.

Of course, Zebedee had some commendable features in his character. He did not forbid his wife to follow Jesus; nor did he scold her or frown upon her. Some men stubbornly stand in their family's way. Zebedee was not that type of man. But he was not interested himself. He was, simply put, passive about it all.

How much did Zebedee lose by his indifference? I have to be careful how I phrase this or those who are more religious than Christian will find a new sin we all missed in the Bible and spread it and confuse the masses. Are there any religious people here today? We're all Christians? Good, we don't have to worry then. I am asking did Zebedee sin by mending his nets? Not at all. If he wanted to eat he had to catch fish. Did Zebedee sin by going fishing? No, others had to eat. Did Zebedee sin by having a boat? No. Well, then what was wrong with Zebedee? The issue was he did not go with Christ. His wife followed Christ, his sons too, but he preferred to stay with the hired servants and mend the nets. What did Zebedee miss by not following Christ? What did he lose?

What Did Zebedee Miss...

1. First, Zebedee missed the companionship of Christ. Suppose you had the opportunity of choosing between Christ and another of the world's famous men. I think it would be safe to say many of us would prefer Christ over the what the world has sent us. Well, it is certain that we all will get this opportunity to see Christ soon. Everyone on earth will have the honor of seeing him

face to face on judgment day. But Zebedee deliberately failed to follow Christ when he had his chance. Why???

The Word of God says he was too busy mending his nets. Too busy to see Christ's smile. Too busy to see the revelation of the Son of God.

Are you too busy to follow Christ? He is waiting for you to turn away from your sin and your idols and turn to Him. Or...are you too busy mending your nets?

There is another person named Zacchaeus (see Luke 19) who was vastly different from Zebedee. He closed his office when it was full of people and climbed up a sycamore tree just to get a glimpse of Christ. It was to Zacchaeus that the Lord said, "Salvation has come to this home." I don't know about you, but I would prefer a million times over to be as Zacchaeus rather than to be like Zebedee.

Remember, there is a lot of Zebedee in each of us. We mend our nets when we should be following Jesus. Will mending of your nets cause you lose your eternal life?

2. Zebedee failed to hear Christ. Anyone who has read Charles Dickens's *David Copperfield* has enjoyed the novel. The author makes his hero live and we listen to their words avidly while reading the novel. But, what is that or any great literary work in comparison with the Word of Christ? Would you not want to hear Him when He prays, when He teaches, or when He ministers to people? Would you not like to hear that remarkable Sermon on the Mount? How about the sermon at the well near Sychar in Samaria? Sermons preached to lonely or fallen sinners, or to those with broken hearts cut to the bone. Zebedee could have heard these sermons and more but he missed them. Why? because he was mending his nets. Poor Zebedee. What about you? Will you hear those sermons that cut you to the bone, will you hear his Word speak to your soul, will you feel the beautiful prayers of Christ, or will you be

mending your nets?

3. Zebedee never saw any of the miracles of Christ. He had a chance to be an eye witness and see what we only see in the spirit today. He had a chance to watch the healing of lepers by Christ just touching them and healing them. He could have watched the demons knocked out of people by the Word of Christ. Would you not liked to have seen that? In principle you can see it today. But you have to drop your torn nets and come to Christ. When you do, He will touch you with His pierced hand and your sinful heart will be purified and renewed just as the flesh of the leper was renewed.

4. Zebedee failed to see the Cross. Many of us would like to see the sphinx in Egypt, one of seven wonders of the ancient world. Or who would not like to see some of the latest discoveries in human genius? Above all these things is our greatest need. Our need to see Calvary's Cross and Christ being crucified upon that tree for you and me and the rest of the sinners of this world. But, what are you looking at? Are you looking at the Cross or are you looking at those nets that you need to mend. Zebedee, there on the Cross is Christ; a ransom for men's sins. That is why the earth is shaking and the waters of Galilee are raging. For a moment Zebedee lifts up his eyes, but then he merely says, "The storm is coming, set the sails." And poor Zebedee does not know that the sea is raging on the account of Christ's death. What a tragedy.

5. Zebedee failed to see an empty tomb. What a day that must have been. I would give everything to see what Peter and John did on resurrection morning. Don't you pity Zebedee that he missed out on that opportunity? Life doesn't consist of eating and drinking alone. There is more to life than just mending nets.

I mourn for Zebedee, but in all sincerity, there are many

Zebedees around us for whom we should cry.

"Oh Zebedee, what are you doing?" Your wife and children are safe in Christ, and you, where are you? You are a busy man mending your nets.

Why be so Concerned?

And those modern day, or up to date, Zebedees have no greater excuse than he. But why should Zebedee or a modern day Zebedee be so concerned about spiritual things, like following Christ? If for no other reason, that he is the head of the family. When a man marries, he gives not only his name to the family, but his influence as well. What a pity for a husband and father who has no spiritual influence or impact in his home. In those days the father was the priest in the home. And Zebedee missed it all. He cheated himself, and almost cheated his family, but for the grace of Christ.

But where are you, if you are a modern day or contemporary Zebedee, my heart is broken for you, My friend, neighbor and citizen, why are you not following Christ? Why don't you pray? Why don't you turn to Christ? Why do you not lead your family to Jesus?

O Lord, call on Zebedee this day. Call him to come to Christ. Call him to come to thee with his wife and children. This is my prayer and plea for you all. AMEN

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You'll Be Condemned... One Way or The Other...

The praise of man brings condemnation from God, and the praise of God brings condemnation from man. In reality, one of the two who wants your praise has made himself far more important than he is, or far more important than he can ever be. The one who has made his role bigger than it is, is not God. God's is bigger than He can be made by man.

Any man who wants to be praised by other men does not seek God. He seeks the praise of other men and will miserably fail in receiving his praise because he never lives up to what he wants to be praised for.

The only thing he earns from his praise seeking is condemnation from God. Man condemns you for not praising him and condemns himself for seeking the praise that belongs to God.

Are you a seeker of the praise of men? Are you a seeker of compliments? Do you want to be noted for everything you do and think is great? Is it really great? Is anything you do great? Do you constantly think of ways to impress others? Are you the "life of the party"? It's better to be condemned by a glory seeking man like you than it is for me to praise you and be condemned by God. Condemnation is about the only thing man has, that his version is better for you than God's version.

Everything from God is good. He will forgive you of your sins if you ask. He will give you eternal life if you believe Jesus was born, crucified, died on the cross and resurrected to cleanse you of your sins, and obey His Word. If you believe that, ask Jesus to come into your heart; He will and you will be spared from the real condemnation as long as you obey.

Take the condemnation from man. It means nothing. God's condemnation means everything. Everything forever that is. Call on Jesus' name and you will be saved.

Self Discipline...Who is Self?

There is always more room for self discipline, but, you have to first take the self out of it. When the self is removed the discipline becomes divine because self is out of the way of real discipline. Self will not let you discipline yourself properly.

Ask in Jesus' name and you shall receive when it is in line with God's commands. If it is not in line with God's commands, it is not of God, it is of self.

Self considers only what self desires. Needs and the needs of others do not count. Self takes all and gives none. Self is the co-author of pride. Pride is a tool of Satan. Self is Satan's number one partner in destroying a relationship with God. God gives all. Satan takes all.

You can have it your way — self — or you can have it God's way — obey. But you can't have it both ways. Its one or the other. God lets you choose. He then acts accordingly on your account. God's way is always right whether it pleases self or not. It never does.

A Gentle Push

Do you encounter people on a daily basis who need a word of encouragement? What is your response? Is it patient? Or do you tell them or others how stupid you think they are? Do you get aggravated and think they should know how to carry on without a helping hand? Is their trials trivial? Do you know more than they do in every case? Is everyone else stupid?

If any of this is happening, the problem is not with others, its deep inside you. You are not what God intended you to be. You are full of self. You are in bondage to self. You are on the broad path to hell.

Remember, to serve you must be humble and gentle, patient and caring, and you must simply put yourself in their place. If you keep it simple it will stay simple.

If you have never needed encouragement, then you won't know what it is to encourage anyway. But, if you have, you are way out of line with your impatience. You can stop and reconsider how much more intelligent you are than the person who needs encouragement. You can plow right through them in selfishness while being unkind and unhelpful. Or...you can humble yourself and be of some kind of help to them.

Those who exalt themselves will be humbled. Those who humble themselves will be exalted. There is no other way. Which do you prefer, to humble yourself or to be humbled?

Your actions are your testimony and your testimony will be read back to you on the judgment day. Everyone will be there when its read. Everyone will hear your testimony. Will it be something worth hearing or will you be ashamed.

Lies...

When I tell a lie, it doesn't matter how big it is or how small it is, I am telling a lie. Very soon, that lie will be proven a lie. I have a choice at this time. I can create another lie to verify the authenticity of the first lie, or I can stand the embarrassment of being caught lying. My creditability will suffer when I am caught.

The second lie will lead to a third, and then a fourth and fifth, all to cover the first lie, which in most cases was the smallest of the bunch. They keep getting bigger.

So, the first little lie causes a bunch of bigger lies to follow. When the group of lies prove themselves to be lies, my reputation will be destroyed and "liar" will be engraved or tattooed all over me. No one will believe anything I tell them. And it all started with just one little lie.

Sometimes the truth hurts, but not as much as it does when a group of lies gang up on you. Its always easier to take the suffering from the truth than it is to take the whipping your testimony will take from the lies.

Someone once said, "A good lie is 99% true." This is full of fact. One word can change the truth to a lie. If you don't have the truth you can't tell the truth. The only way you can tell the truth is to find it first. Jesus is called the truth. If you find Him, and accept Him as your savior, the truth will be planted in your heart.

Steadfast...

How steadfast are you? Do you look for a shortcut in everything you do? Are you a good three inning man? Do you look for someone to bribe? Do you change your story to get what you want?

If you do any of these, or any other dishonest things to get your way, you don't have confidence in God. Circumstances are only tests, they are not permanent situations. How many of these "situational" tests have you failed?

You can only pass a situational test by waiting for God to change the circumstances. If you use your wile and gile to change them yourself you are placing your trust in yourself instead of God. This is the path to destruction.

There are a few things in life that are certain:

1. Aim at nothing and you will hit it every time.
2. If you have no destination, any road will take you where you are going
3. Fail to determine where you are headed, and you will make the most important decision you will ever regret.
4. Expect nothing and you won't be disappointed by what you get.

Be Thankful...

You should really be thankful to God. He is allowing a spiritual mess like you to continue to exist. He made you to worship Him, instead you worshipped idols, like yourself, money, sex, drugs, and others. You should be very thankful He has not passed His judgment on you yet. You have two options here: To Repent of your sinful ways or hang yourself with the rope He is giving you.

You are full of sin and evil. You break all His rules daily without remorse. You have sex with anyone you choose, and you worship your other gods daily. You take that which does not belong to you. You do not love God's children. You want everything you see others with. You really need to be thankful God has been patient with you.

To hate someone is to be guilty of murder. To dream about having sex with someone is adultery in the heart. So it is not the outward action that makes you a sinner, it the thoughts in your heart. Whatever is in the heart comes off the tongue. All actions follow the heart. A good action done only to receive the praise of man is evil. There are no bad actions that praise God. So you cannot be evil to show how good God is.

To be forgiven, all you have to do is turn back to God by asking Jesus to forgive you and then obey His Word. That is the only way out of your miserable life. Fill it with Jesus and happiness will follow. The evil choices you've made in the past have come back to you in evil spirits. They will continue to haunt you until Jesus runs those evil spirits out of you. But he won't run them out of your heart unless He is invited into your heart. So, if you want some relief from the evil spirits, just ask Jesus for it by asking Him to come into your heart.

Its Your Lie, Tell It How You Want To...

Sometimes we create our own illusion of what God is. We tend to 'bend' Him to fit our desires or our lusts. When we want to do something we know He won't agree with, we shape Him into the God that will allow our desire.

Then, when we become captive to our action we wonder what happened to our God. When our captivity destroys enough of us to make us look at why we are where we are, we see we made our own god in our own mind and used our god to do what we wanted to do. We learned the hard way that God is God and what He says is what it is, and our god is just a self created god to nothing but help us sin.

In the midst of our self created turmoil, we see that God never walked away from us, we walked away from Him to do what we wanted to do.

If we read the scriptures daily, our conscience will tell us what we need to know about what we are about to do. If our conscience does not agree, God probably won't either. Simply put: Don't. If we follow the scriptures and the result is bondage, we did not follow the scriptures. We created our own god again and it led us to bondage.

If we walk the path of God, we should see very little bondage. When we see it, it will be a test of our faith. When we pass the test the bondage goes. When we fail the test, more bondage comes.

God is always here. Are you walking with God or are you walking with your god?

The Freight Charges...

If I do what God wants me to do, He picks up the cost of the freight. If I do what I want to do, I pay the freight.

Every action has a built in consequence attached to it, and if the action is of God, I will be rewarded with consequence. If the action is of me, I will be bear the consequences the action brought to me.

If I seek the praise of man, I may get it, and when I do, that is my reward, the praise of man. That praise will become rotten soon. If I seek the praise of God, and get it, that praise never rots. Its forever.

The praise from man ends when my world ends. The praise of God lasts for eternity.

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all this will be added to you.

Opposites...

Don't say you can't when you can. Don't say you can when you can't. Let your conscience be your guide. You can't always be right. You can't always be wrong. Sometimes it appears you are right and you're not. Sometimes it appears you're wrong and you're not. Being right is being of God. Being wrong is not being of God. Only God knows the truth. You have to ask Him to guide you to the truth because you don't have it and don't know it.

Ask and you shall receive, but what you receive isn't always what you think it is or should be. It is what it is and comes to you just as that...what it is. You have to take what God gives you, not what you think He should give you, because He knows what you need and you don't. God will freely give you what you need whether you ask for what you need or not. Even if you ask for what you want He still gives you what you need. God is the God of your needs.

Be thankful you have a God of your needs, because you would not be here if He didn't see your need for breath. You would not exist if He did not have a reason for you to exist. Your reason for being here is to worship and serve Him. If you are not worshipping and serving Him you are not fulfilling your purpose.

Idolatry is loving anything more than the Living God who created you. Are you an idolater or are you worshipping the Living God?

Let Go...

Everyday will not be a great day in my mind. Its not the day, its my mind. On the days I feel God's presence in my mind, those are the great days with peace. The days I don't feel God's presence are the days of confusion and trial and termoil.

This is all in my mind. God never leaves. He is there all the time. I feel this way because there is something going on in my mind. It could be a change God is making in me and I am fighting it, or it could be some hidden reality surfacing in my walk to be removed by God.

This is a time to pray. It is the time to renew my faith and commitment to God's way of doing things rather than getting depressed or intolerant because things are not as I would have them. This always happens when I want things my way and God says, NO, you're having them my way. He is not making a problem, He is making an opportunity a for me to serve Him and I am seeing His request as a problem. It will remain a problem for me until I respect Him enough to realize it is an opportunity to serve Him, and until I serve that opportunity. Then happiness comes.

The depression or intolerance I feel is due to not working in God's power. I will have this when I get out of His power and it will stay until I get back into His power. My power is useless. It only causes depression and aggravation. God's way is the way.

Freedom...

Freedom is not being able to do whatever you want, whenever you want, where you want without having any laws, responsibilities or someone to keep you in check. Freedom without responsibility leads to bondage or captivity to expression of that freedom. That is an inaccurate portrayal of freedom and also defines bondage. Bondage is the opposite freedom. Bondage is not liberty. Bondage is being a captive of your sinful nature, or being caught up and obligated to the sinful life you have decided to call freedom.

Freedom is being free of any bondage or captivity to your sinful nature or yourself. It is saying NO to the desires of yourself, the flesh, and the whispering of Satan. It is saying yes to God, and following His commands instead of those the world has filled your wish list with.

If you love the world you are an enemy to God. If you love God you are an enemy to the world.

Action...

Failure to act on a wrong action is just as wrong as the action you failed to act on. We should not judge the person doing the action, we should move to correct the action. Everyone makes mistakes, and Satan grabs hold of everyone at one time or another. The action does not make the person ripe for our judgment, because judgment is reserved for God. Judging someone else only shows how strong Satan is in you.

Don't judge. Rebuke Satan when he tempts you to judge. Rebuke Satan, not the sinner, because Satan was hiding somewhere in the weeds tempting the sinner when the sin was committed.

Convert the sinner into repenting and forgive him of his actions toward you. When you judge, you will be judged. When you forgive you will be forgiven. Use this principle rather than attacking someone who has sinned against you. You sin too. This person is still a product of God and God says love everyone. If you don't the shoe will get put your foot and you will be judged...but...not by man, but by God. That's worse than any man can do to you.

All Dressed Up...

Are you all 'dressed up' and no place to go, or are you all 'dressed up' and going no place? Those are the two choices God gives when you 'dress up' yourself, because you are just that, all 'dressed up.'

Are you 'dressed up' as what you are in your heart? Or... Is it just a 'dress up' to make others think you're something you are not? A costume?

Sometimes you can fool them, that is, when God wants them to be fooled. When He doesn't want them fooled, you only fool yourself...which is most of the time.

Be Pure to See Pure...

When your heart is pure, you see goodness and purity in everything. When your heart is evil and untrusting you will find evil in everything. You take yourself wherever you go. A dirty mind and rebellious heart colors all you see, all you hear and all you look for.

Many claim to know, love, honor and obey God...but from seeing their actions one easily knows they don't. They are full of inequity, are disobedient, and are worthless as far as being righteous is concerned.

You are an example in everything you do. Someone is always watching you. Your example will lead them to righteousness or evil. That's up to you and how you govern yourself. If your acts are evil, you will lead those watching you to evil. If your acts are good, you will lead those watching you to good. If you reflect love they will see love. If you reflect hate, they will see hate. Whatever your action is, it is what you teach.

It is our responsibility as Christians to lead the lost to the Lord so He can save them. Words only get attention. We cannot lead others by words. Only our actions can lead, and it is strictly by example. We should direct our actions in a manner that they lead the lost to the Lord.

Becoming A Slave...the Easy Way...

Don't be foolish and be disobedient to the rules you don't like or don't see the purpose for. This will make you easily led or do you prefer 'misled' by those who are farther down in the road of disobedience than you are. They will make every attempt to bring you where they are. If you are misled by them, you will become a slave to your own wicked desires and evil pleasures because you allowed them to lead you. You will learn to hate and others will hate you. You will be living in sin and be unable to turn your life around. You will be trapped by your own ingenuity.

You are almost there now. You are certainly trapped in your own way of thinking and acting. Your thoughts and your actions can only follow your heart. The only way out of this trap is to ask the Lord to forgive you for what you did to bring you into it. Then let Him into your heart and obey Him, rather than obeying the evil you're used to obeying, and as long as you obey Him, you won't be trapped. He will lead you when you decide to allow Him.

You're Full Of It...

Are there any areas of your life that need God's cleansing? If not, congratulations... You are the first ever who will make it to heaven on your good works.

Since there is no one else, that can do this, you must have made yourself into being your own god and you must have cleansed yourself of your sins.

He who says he is without sin deceives himself and the truth is not in him. So if you are not full of the truth, what are you fill of?

The Proof Is In The Pudding...

The best way to prove something is by example. You can talk until you're blue in the face and some will hear you and some won't. Some will apply your message some won't, and still others will always have a better way.

When you walk whatever you talk, it isn't about the talk. The walk is seen and the talk is only heard. Seeing is believing. Hearing is only telling others to watch and see if they really see what they are hearing.

Hearing something is good, but seeing something is proof. We must always remember to not put our mouths in a higher gear than our actions, or our talk in a higher gear than our walk. The two work together and need to be synchronized. We talk the walk and we walk the talk. They hear us saying it and they see us doing it. There is no better proof than letting our talk prove itself by our walk.

TRUTH...

You can't change the truth. All you can do is allow it to change you. If the truth is not in you, you cannot let it change you. When you say one thing and do another, the truth is not in you. When you tell a story to glorify a person, place or thing, and whatever you are glorifying is other than God, the truth is not in you. When you change the description of an event, or make up an event, the truth is not in you.

If the truth has escaped you, it will be gone until you stop all the untruths. When you stop the untruths, the truth will again be in you. It can then make the changes it needs to make in you to make you more holy.

It's Not About You...

If you have a problem, or an issue with someone, its not up to them to change so you can change your attitude toward them. Its up to you. You have to learn to accept them for being the sinner they are because you're no better. You are a sinner too.

Do you want to be forgiven when you sin against someone? Well, you can't, unless you forgive others who sin against you first.

So, its time to get busy forgiving so you can be forgiven. Don't worry too much about being forgiven by others, worry about being forgiven by God. His is the only one that counts.

If you don't forgive others, God will not forgive you. Without God's forgiveness, you have a reservation on the lake with a very loud sound system reserved for you. The name of the lake is The Lake of Fire and the sound system is the screaming and the gnashing of teeth. You will surely swim in that lake if you are not forgiven.

Its time to act today because you are not guaranteed tomorrow. It may not come for you. So you better get busy forgiving others and asking God to forgive you today.

Costumes...

There are many 'costumes' in today's world. A 'costume' for the tough guy. If a guy wants to be a tough guy, all he has to do is put on the 'costume,' and presto, others will believe he is a tough guy. There is a 'costume' for a lover, a 'costume' for a fighter, a 'costume' for a worker, a 'costume' for a deal maker, a 'costume' for a biker, for a trucker, lumberjack, and almost anything anyone would want to be. All you have to do is put on the 'costume' and the masses will see you as the 'costume' you wear.

Many wear one 'costume' in front of one group, and another costume in front of another group. They have many costumes, one for any occasion.

In most cases, you don't have to live up to what the 'costume' represents, but there will come a time where you will. Someone will recognize the fact that you are wearing a costume. Choose your 'costume' very carefully, or simply don't wear one.

Put your faith in God and truly be yourself. That's good enough for God, so it should be good enough for the world. The world doesn't matter anyhow.

A Hot Tip...

Stay always within the boundaries where God can bless you. Don't rush. Wait on God. He will let you know what you need to know and this will tell you what you need to do. Try to help those who argue against you. Be merciful to those who doubt. Help others to find the Lord by your actions, as words have no weight unless ears are open. Hate the sin, not the sinner. Don't be a fruit tree without any fruit. Sodom and Gom-morrah were only a warning of what being immorally unacceptable can be.

What is Worship?

Just in case you might need it for future reference, and so you don't do something wrong without having a technical definition in your mind, you are hereby given the definition of "worship."

Worship; verb; the focus of one's mind, body and spirit on the object of affection. That kind of focus is difficult to have with all the distractions of today, but somehow we manage to worship many things at different times. These items of affection, with this degree of concentration are usually called idols or false gods. You should only worship God like this, anything else is an idol.

To worship the Living God, you should get on your knees, fold your hands, close your eyes and tune your heart to Him. Focus your entire being on Him because He is the only one worth this kind of concentration.

Just think about all the time you have wasted worshipping yourself, or your vehicle, or a woman, or a drink, or a drug, or sex or anything else. It doesn't matter what it was, it was wasted time. Time you lost that you could have been worshipping the One who is worthy.

Wisdom...

Wisdom is only wisdom when it is applied to the Kingdom, otherwise it is not wisdom. When it is not applied to the Kingdom, it is the mere uttering of gathered knowledge.

Wisdom is made in the Kingdom, by the Kingdom, and its use is solely for the Kingdom. It is not wisdom if it is used for any other purpose.

The next time you think you are full of wisdom, check to see if you are using it for the work of the Kingdom. That will tell you if you really have wisdom.

What Is This Made Of?

The best way to put a stop to something is to let it continue. Anything that is happening, whether its good or bad in your eyes, when left to itself will prove itself in one of two ways. Is it of God or is it not of God?

If it is of God, nothing will stop it. It will finish its course. Gods word does not return to him void. If it is not of God, it will fade away after its novelty wears off.

Using this as a reference, the next time you have an issue, use this test to prove it. If you are of God, He won't let anything not of God get the best of you. He wants the best of you.

Shut Up!!!

The next time you feel like you have been cheated out of something, think about where whatever it is you feel you have been cheated of came from. Where did you get it? It came from God and He made you a temporary steward of whatever it was you had.

Whatever you now have left is still His to take and give to whoever he pleases. So Shut Up and let God do what he wants with what is His.

This goes for other people too. He gave them whatever they have. They are the steward until He decides otherwise. He doesn't need a reason.

While they are the steward, don't even try to tell them what to do with it. If you try to, you are being self-centered and controlling with what God has given to others.

Do It My Way...

When it comes right down to rolling up the sleeves and getting their hands dirty, most people would rather have a speaking part. And...they will, if you let them. They'll tell you how to do it step by step without ever having done it themselves, or without ever wanting to do it themselves. They just want to tell you how to do it.

When you ignore them, and don't do it the way they tell you to do it, they will try to persecute you like a murderer. They will ride you until the last day of earth. They will make every effort they can to come up with a way to discredit you. What they are focusing is on you, everything has to be perfect or they will harp until others listen to them to shut them up.

And...all this time, they were complaining about something they see in you, that something, they also see in themselves. They don't like it in themselves, and they don't like it even more in you. They don't know how to fix it in themselves so they want to destroy it in you.

Sooner than later, these people usually wind up destroying themselves because they are so obsessed with destroying you they don't watch what they are doing. But their disposition makes others watch them. When they do something evil, they expose themselves.

These are ungodly people. Just let these people harp away while you continue to do what you know is right. God will have His day with them. You don't have to.

Da Judge...

Judge...The only thing worse than making a judgment of someone without much to judge them for, is to be judged the same way. Like them, you have no way to prove the judgment wrong. Stop and think about it. Jesus was wrongly judged and suffered the maximum consequences for it. You are suffering very little compared to his suffering.

Jesus knows what it is like to be wrongly judged, and He understands how you feel about it better than you do. Turn to Him and follow His will, because whether you're on top of the world, or the world's on top of you, His will always prevails.

God's good purposes will not be thwarted by misunderstanding, rejection, disobedience or any other evil of man. In fact, everything other than following His will is evil. In the end, God's will is going to prevail. By following it you will prevail only because you followed it.

Stress...

In my times of stress, many times, I called to the Lord and begged Him to correct my situation. Sometimes my mind was wrong, but the situation was right. No change was needed in the situation. I never seen that until the blessing connected with that situation came.

Other times I watched the change take place by other situations appearing to fill a gap or to cause me to move in a new direction.

The change is not the point. The point is who I called upon for help and what happened when He answered. He delivered. I was caused to do something I normally wouldn't have done in a way I normally wouldn't have done it. All this is a tool He uses to strengthen my belief in Him.

Fear only Fear Itself...

If you fear anything, that fear will control you and make you its prisoner. You should not fear because you have something in you that is bigger than anything your fear. When you truthfully put your faith in God, fear cannot exist in you because you know he is your protector and anything that is not of Him will be unable to do any harm to you.

The Lord is the cure, you are the cause, and fear is the symptom of not relying on God. He has light to remove your fear of darkness. He has strength to replace your weakness. You, as His child, have been given the privilege to draw from His resources.

Seek...

I have learned to live with a little or a lot. I have had it all and lost it all. When I had it all I had nothing more than earthly treasures, and some were eaten by moths and some decayed. But they are all gone.

Until I began to seek the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, I had only had what pleased man. Since seeking the Kingdom, I have learned to do without all the earthly goods and seek my treasures for the next life. These treasures will be with me for eternity, rather than just for my flash of time on earth. Seek the Kingdom and you will find it slowly, Things from God usually happen slowly. If something happens too fast, you better check it against the scriptures. If something comes to you naturally, you better check it against the scriptures. It may not be of God. Relax and seek the Kingdom. Wait for it. If you seek it you will find it.

Believe It Or Not...

Don't think for a skinny minute you will be saved or forgiven because you are a good person. The fact is, you are NOT a good person. You are a filthy rag to God. There are none good, no not one. You are overloaded and sinking to the bottom with sin. Everything you do is defiled from sin before you begin. Sin is your nature. You are evil in the eyes of God. There is no hope for you in the condition you're in.

God declares you to be good (righteous) when you believe in Jesus. If you don't believe in Jesus, its because you believe you are good enough to get to heaven on your own and don't need Him. You are lost, and you are really headed for a terribly hot time in eternity.

Your sins are glaring and you won't believe in Jesus, who forgives you for them. You will see Him on judgment day. If you don't let Him save you today, He will judge you tomorrow.

It's a lot safer to let go of your pride and believe in Jesus now, then is to wait for some future time. You have no promises that there is a future for you. Life is one breath at a time. Start believing now and be saved. Don't take a chance of dying before you are saved. You will surely urn in hell for not believing.

Grace...

You don't deserve to be given anything from God; but He was merciful to you and sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for your sins and forgive you of them. He gave up His son for you. Now...that's love.

You can accept His merciful love, believe in His Son and live with Him for eternity, or you can reject Him and His love, and be damned.

Don't even think you are good, because you're not. You have been given some unmerited grace. God is blessing you to bring you to Him. Everyday. If you don't come to Him, you will not be saved. You will have no one to blame but yourself because you have had plenty of time to come to Him and you haven't.

Your Inside The Tricker's Bag Of Tricks...

When you commit sexual sin, God will let you have all of it you want. When you get all you want, you become controlled by the desire for more of it. You can't get enough. You now have an idol to worship—sex. You are choosing sex over God. And you are making a real bad trade. For that few minutes of pleasure, you are trading an eternity with God.

You will soon live for sex. You will be looking at everyone you see with lust in your heart, or dreaming of what it would be like to have sex with them. You cannot be sexually satisfied because the urge returns right after the act. You are controlled by what you idolized. You are like an animal.

God is not first anymore. Sex has become first. To have eternal life, God must be first. You have to turn yourself back to God and make Him first or you have lost your battle. You will burn for eternity rather than be with God for eternity because you let sex separate you from God. That was Satan's plan.

God is waiting for you to return to him. What are you waiting for. If you can let go of your obsession for sex and change it to an obsession for God you will be forgiven. If you continue in sexual sin, you will surely die and spend eternity just like now. With an urge for sex all the time but not being able to satisfy your urge.

Look To The Creator...

Don't look to one of the creations for help. Look to the Creator, not just when you need help, but for everything. Because He is everything and is always there. He never changes, He never sleeps, he never takes a walk and leaves His world unattended, He never rests unless it is to teach us to rest, He never lets up, He always increases and gives us exactly what we need, He knows everything we need to know, when we need to know it and passes it to us when we most need it, He protects us from the evil one,

I Know all this and there is more to be said, but I only know it because He gave me the information to write here so you could have it.

Even though I know all this, I still make the mistake of seeking help from other sources and not seeking Him first. It is disrespectful of me not to go to the Creator before I go to one of His creations.

I ask the Lord for His forgiveness in this matter and it is in all my future intentions to come to my Creator first. I thank my Creator for all He has done to me and *for me*. The *to me's* were as good as the *for me's* because they all served His purpose and made me stronger and better for His purpose..

He is always there.

Consequences of Not Waiting...

I have to learn to wait on God. What seems to be good for me is not always good. If I jump into something because it seems to be just what I need, it usually does not work the way I thought it would. This is because I made the decision, without asking the advice of my Father.

When I don't wait for God, I wind up in turmoil. He allows me to wallow in my own turmoil while teaches me to wait on Him. He protects me in my turmoil until I learn the lesson He is teaching and then He sets me free to repeat other similar processes of stubbornness as part of my teaching.

He teaches me using consequences as a motivator. Without that kind of motivation, I would plow through everything He teaches and probably not learn anything. But, though they are not gentle, His consequences don't kill, they have the mental effect in my spiritual areas that a scorpion would have in my physical areas. After a couple of spiritual stings I learn to avoid them by doing what He tells me to do.

This teaches patience, and many of us need these kind of teachings. The method of His teaching is the same for everyone, but the effect of consequence is based on individual tastes. Whatever stings the most motivates the best.

Spiritual Guidelines...

Just because you can does not give you permission to...

If it does not glorify God, it's probably not of God...

Things from God usually are slow and build themselves along their way. Things not from God usually bloom right in your path a few steps ahead of you. Check those fast bloomers against the scriptures.

Your every action has a built-in automatic consequence...It releases itself after the action is performed...and cannot be withdrawn.

What we think is good is not necessarily good. What we think is bad is not necessarily bad. We are confused, that's why we should invoke the blessing of God before we do anything.

We don't know the truth, we only know what it is...

If you stray off the path into the thistles you will get bit by a snake...

Whenever you argue with a fool, make sure he isn't doing the same thing...

Real Captivity...

If you do what you know is wrong, even though you didn't want to, and you tried not to with all your energy, and you can't seem to get what's right, right, when you try as hard as you can and you wind up doing what's wrong like it was a habit, and you keep doing this over and over, you are captive to sin. You are totally in its grip. It has got you by your shortest hairs. Being captive to sin also carries with it the baggage of being condemned to death.

Condemned...To burn in hell. Don't let Satan lead you into thinking you'll meet all your friends there because you won't. You be so busy burning you won't be able to cool off long enough to meet anybody. You won't get a break either. Think of those you really care about. Your mom, sis, dad, little brother, or your best friend. Will they be there burning because they rejected God. Will you hear their screams of pain.

This can all be avoided if you turn to Jesus and lead them to Him . Jesus was born to save us. He is the only way out. Believing He is the Living Son of God, He was born, died on the cross for our sins and resurrected to forgive our sins is your only way out of the fire.

You are probably thinking hell isn't so bad. If that is what you believe you might want to revisit that belief. You used to believe the Easter Bunny brought colored eggs on Easter, and the Santa goes down the chimney with presents. Both are a creation of the father of lies. They were created to remove Jesus from His Holidays. Mom and dads of long ago were deceived and the lies were accepted. The belief that hell isn't that bad is a true as his other lies. I pray for you.

No Prayer, No Life...

Prayer is the most powerful spiritual tool we have. Our attitude toward someone changes when we pray for them.

Revenge belongs to God, not us. We pray for someone rather than avenge ourselves. We are more wrong than they are if we seek and get revenge, because we know revenge belongs to God and we are trying to take something that is His from Him.

We also pray for others to be blessed. They are God's creation and we should always ask God to bless them. We will be blessed for working to bless others. It is our responsibility to Christ to bring souls to Him. They have to be blessed just as we were before they can come to Him. We pray for their salvation.

We don't pray for ourselves other than asking for God's forgiveness, His will for us, His blessings, His protection, His love, mercy and grace. We don't pray for a Cadillac or for earthly things. These are self-seeking. God is not about self. When you are full of self you are empty of God.

We pray in the Spirit, to the Spirit, and to receive the Spirit. By receiving the Spirit, we will have everything we need. We are to seek the Kingdom and His righteousness and all will be added to us.

It'll be a lot better for those who prayed in the Spirit, for the Spirit, and received the Spirit when they are spending eternity with God, than it will be for all those who didn't and are burning in Hell.

What Prayer Does For You...

In the heavenly realm, Prayer is talking directly to God, and He listens carefully. Prayer lets God know where our heart is although He already knows. Praying for others tells Him we are humble. If we pray for ourselves we are self-centered.

Prayer is how we are forgiven for our sins by God. We confess our sins to Him in prayer and ask for forgiveness. God gives his mercy and grace and guidance to us. Since everything comes from God it is only appropriate that we pray to Him and thank him regularly for His blessings and ask that he guide us through our temptations.

Prayer is important. If you don't pray you are missing the many blessings of prayer. The list of blessings from prayer are too long to list.

Everything comes from God and prayer is His transportation system.

No prayer—No God
No God—No Life
No Life—Spiritual Death.
Spiritual Death—Eternity in Hell...

A Sinner Forever...

You might feel less sinful today than you did three years ago, but you're not. You are not any less a sinner today than you ever were. You are just more aware of your sin today. Your spiritual walk has increased.

The more your spiritual walk increases the wiser you become. Soon you are wise enough to know that you are still a sinner, and you always will be, and your sinning has not changed much. The change is the fact that you are just more aware of how bad you really are. As you grow more spiritually you become more aware of how bad of a sinner you are.

The closer we get to God the worse we look to ourselves.

How to Ask God For Forgiveness

When we truly want to be forgiven we search out the sin we are seeking forgiveness of. We look deeply into what evil desire of our nature made this temptation an act of sin. Sin doesn't just happen, we are tempted first. When we follow our desires the temptation is usually blamed for our sin. No temptation is so strong that we cannot overcome it. Temptation is not the cause. It's the excuse for doing it.

We need to look at our desires. Why did we do what we did. Was it for physical pleasure? Was it our ego, was it our pride, was it our selfishness, was it greed. We have to look until we find the desire that caused us to sin. When we find the desire we analyze it so we know how it works in our minds. When we learn its operating mode we make a plan to avoid it next time.

When we know our motive and our action we bring them to God in prayer and ask Him to forgive us of this sin. We talk to Him and show Him our plan and ask Him to check our plan for His way. If it is not His way we will soon find out. We will find out through other people, reading the Word, or it can just come to us. Once we find out we go to God again to ask His guidance in working our plan. We are forgiven and we have a plan to repent.

Doing God's Work...

It makes no difference if you think you work harder for God than someone else, or it makes no difference if you think someone else works harder for God than you do. What matters is you are both working hard for God. The Gospel is being carried where God wants it carried.

It is the responsibility of the carrier of the message to carry it the way God has given him to carry it. Each of us are given different talents from God to do His work. We each will do his work a different way. Who is to say one is doing better than the other?

Should you criticize another for the way he is carrying his message, or criticize him because you think you are doing more than he is, you are criticizing God.

God made all the arrangements and you were blessed when He added you to His workforce. Your work is your work and others work is others work. All work is assigned by God. None of God's work is wasted.

All you need to do is do the work God has given you and don't try to tell others what they should be doing, or how they should be doing it. You are only a simple tool of God. God uses you, you don't use Him. He doesn't make mistakes, you do, and you do each time you criticize one of His workers.

So use your breath for what God has given you to do. He has given you the perfect amount of breathe to accomplish what He made you to do. Any you waste will make you fall short of completing your work. That is exactly what Satan is tempting you to do.

The Partner of Progress...Problems

Progress is always accompanied by his partner; Problems. His partner (problems) follows him. Sometimes right behind him and sometimes far enough behind him he cannot see him. Sometimes his partner (problems) gets ahead of him and waits for him to catch up, but his partner (problems) is always there somewhere. No progress is progress without his partner (problems) tagging along.

Progress has regular meetings with his partner (problems) and sometimes thinks his partner (problems) is attacking him. He is not. His partner, (problems) like many other partners, (problems) wants to stay right where he is and will make it painful to move forward. If progress is not moving forward he is not progress anymore. He is converted to be the same as his partner (problems) by the actions of his partner (problems). His partner (problems) is breaking him down. Once his partner (problems) converts him, he is useless to progress, so he has to go and become the partner (problems) of Progress.

If you metaphorize progress is God's way and his partner (problem) the way of the world. The partner (problems) will win a few battles, but Progress will eventually win the war.

One thing is certain. Problems will be there for us. Those who overcome them will be rewarded. They will overcome because they will not stray from the narrow path. Stay on the narrow path, It will lead you all the way to God.

An Ambassador...

Ambassadors never have a day off. They are representing their country twenty-four hours a day. Every action they perform and every word they speak reflect back to the country they represent. How they dress, how they sit, even how they spend their leisure time they may have, all reflect back. In order to serve the country they represent, they must forfeit many of their freedoms and assume certain responsibilities.

Every true believer is an ambassador of Christ. He is a walking, talking, twenty-four hour a day representative of the King of Kings. Whether the believer opens his mouth or not he speaks volumes about Christ by his actions and attitudes.

Are you spiritually ready to apply for the job of Ambassador of Christ? Many of us are not. We are part-time Christians who attend church regularly on Sundays.

We are holy while we are in the church or around church people. Then, our regular routine begins again Monday morning and continues until we get up next Sunday and go to church. If we are this type of person our actions speak loudly in volumes about us. We can talk a good game, but if someone is watching you to find Christ, he will not find Christ, he will find you and your game, and you will certainly pay later.

A Partner of the Gospel...

We are partners of the Gospel. This means we are allowing the Gospel to work its change in us. We receive grace from God through hearing the Gospel and we surrender to the changes the Gospel makes in us. Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.

When we have not fully accepted the Gospel we buck or fight its changes. We refuse to be guided by it. When we continue to fight it, we become less ready to receive it, our hearts harden and will return to our most un-purposeful lives, the live of unbelief. An un-purposeful life is fellowship with darkness, filthiness of Spirit, and insensitivity to the needs of those around us. This is inconsistent with the grace we would be receiving from the Gospel. We are condemned.

When we become ready to receive the Gospel, we will receive it and all the grace that comes with it. It will bring a new purposeful manner of living with it.. We will know we are living the Gospel because we won't be teamed up with those who don't live it.

Some of us try to fool everyone we can into thinking we are living the Gospel. When we become successful at fooling man, we believe we can also fool God. We become evil enough and get away with it long enough that we believe we have God fooled. But is doesn't work because God is always looking at your heart. Fooling God is impossible. Don't waste your time trying to fool God because you can't. He is all powerful and all intelligent. The result will be only thinking you are fooling God. God will fool you in the end. And he is better at fooling than you are.

Watch Who You Talk To...

There is a lesson to be taught about Eve even before she was tempted and sinned. Look at how her sin happened. Look at how she was tempted and who did the tempting. The lesson is in who she was tempted by.

The lesson applies today. It applies in the grocery stores, at work, in the banks, in the parks, wherever you are today. This teaching of this lesson goes on twenty-four hours a day in today's world. Everyone witnesses it daily.

Eve was talking to a snake and the snake led her to where he wanted her and she did what he wanted her to do. How many times has that happened to you? You were talking to a snake and the snake led you into doing something you normally wouldn't do.

A snake will lead you down to where it is. That is what a snake does. It takes you from your world down into its world. When the snake excites our desires we will follow the snake (which is really our desires) into where we should not be.

The best advice is don't talk to snakes in the bank, at the grocery store, at work, or any place else you visit. They are waiting for you. You will know them by their wile and gile. If you allow them to entertain you they will entice you and lead you away.

DON'T TALK TO SNAKES OR YOU WILL SURELY DIE...

False Times...

We are living in the times where people just simply don't want to know the truth, don't want to hear it, and don't want to live it. They want to know, hear and live only that which please them.

These people will lie about everything because the truth will only show them how evil they really are. These people will steal anything that isn't nailed down because they don't have the means, or the courage to get the means to acquire anything honestly. They will cheat to stay ahead (or think they are staying ahead) of anyone who threatens their little tiny world of deceit.

They not only cannot do the right thing, they don' have a clue to what the right thing is and they don't want a even a clue that will lead them in the right direction. They are completely happy to be headed in the direction they are headed. It is more comfortable for them than to live like they are because they have done it so long change will cause pain.

These kind of people will not change. They are evil and will always be evil until God decides to change them Himself. We have to live around them and not sin because of them. If we sin because of them, we are worse than they when we sin because of them, because we know how they are and we let our own evil desires over ride the God in us. God should prevail or we sin.

Like They Think It Should...

There are many who simply refuse to obey anyone or anything. They believe they have the right way and only by following their own right way will life be like it should. The keywords are: Like they think it should.

This is not life. This is self-centeredness. Self-centeredness only serves self. It is not patient, it is not fair, it is not humble, self has no truth, and truth is life. Self is not of any of the virtues that serve others.

Self craves whatever pleases self and leaves everyone and everything else out of its world. Self-seeking is the work of self. If not stopped it will destroy the person afflicted with it.

With self there is absence of truth and in life absence of truth means spiritual death. Spiritual death is separation from God. The only question is will it be stopped before it reaches the shores of eternity.

Hebrews 3:12-14 NLT

Beware then of your own hearts, dear brothers, lest you find that they, too, are evil and unbelieving and are leading you away from the living God. Speak to each other about these things everyday while there is still time, so that none of you will become hardened against God, being blinded by the glamour of sin. For if we are faithful to the end, trusting God just as we did when we first became Christians, we still share in all that belongs to Christ.

More and More of God's Peace...

Do you want more and more of God's peace? Then learn to know him more and more, for as you know Him more, He will give you what is needed to live better.

You have been saved from the lust all around you, and from the bitterness and hatred and have been given your own character. You must learn God better than you know Him now, and more tomorrow and the next day. You will never know Him enough.

You need to discover what He wants you to do, and put aside your own needs so you can be a Godly person letting His way prevail. This is the only way you can love others. The more you yield to God, the stronger you become and the more God will use you.

If you refuse to do all this, you will be refusing to see God's plan, you will only see your own. That is short-sighted or myopic. Never forget what God has done for you. If you do you will not be living a Godly life. You will be existing or surviving in your own surroundings.

The God Of Timing...

God is the God of Timing. Nothing happens until the God of Timing says the time has come for it to happen. We can devise all the plans, agendas, or events we want to plan using our concept of the time for them to happen, but they will not happen until the God of Timing says "It is time." He has the final say. We have none.

This makes waiting on God a commandment, not a request. When we don't wait on Him our plan does not happen until He says it time, so in reality we do wait on Him. In our self-timed situations, we wait only because we have to, and convince ourselves we waited on Him..

Its really not the waiting. The point is we didn't wait and we tried to do His job in making our plan happen without his ok. That's not acceptable.

Balance...

Too much of anything cause unbalance. We are looking for balance. If we place all our eggs in one basket, when another basket comes along, we won't have an egg to place in it. We may need to place that egg there to have balance.

In the same, we have to live in this world. This world is not of God. The balance we need to have is to live in the world but follow and obey God. That will be as close to perfect balance as we will get. Our closeness to perfect balance will be as close as we are to perfect. We need to be better than we were, but we are still as bad as we are.

The more balance we get, the more the world will hate us. When their hate ripens and we can see it, we will know we are doing what God wants. Because the world is not of God and hates everything that is.

Three Kinds of Christians...

There are three kinds of Christians today. There are those who contend for the faith. There are those who contend to leave things as they are, and there are those who are just plain contentious. What kind are you?

You don't have to be a great public orator to make your voice heard for its righteousness...but before you speak out, be sure you have done your homework in the scriptures.

If your faith is worth having, it's worth declaring and defending. The place to begin is where ever you are. God put you there.

STUDY

VERSES

FORNICATION		
1Thes 4:3	Matt 5:32	John 8:41
Acts 15:20	Eph 5:3	
MARRIAGE		
1Cor 7:38	Heb 13:4	REV 19:7
LOVE		
Lev 19:18	Duet 6:5	Psm 18:1
PSM 97:10	Prov 10:12	Jer 31:3
Matt 5:44, 46	John 15: 12, 13	Rom 13:8
Gal 5:22	1Tim 6:10	2Tim 1:7
Eph 3:19	1John 4:7, 8	
ABOMONATION		
Prov 8:7	Prov 11:1	Prov 15:8 16:5
Matt 24:15	Luke 16:15	Rev 17:5
ADULTERER		
LEV 20:10	1Cor 6:9	Heb 13:4
James 4:4	Ex 20:14	Ezek 23:37
Matt 5:28	Rom 2:22	James 2:11

No Fault Bitterness...

You are a representative of the pack you run with. You run with a pack of thieves, you are probably a thief. If you run with a pack of heathens, you're probably a heathen.

Likes appeal to on another. If the pack you run with had nothing in common with your make-up, you would not be attracted to one another.

In rare cases this theory is not true. When a person is in a manic state and has no one to 'pack' with, they will 'pack' what comes along. But...when the manic regains their composure, they will no longer fit in the pack. All agreements will be left behind and the recovered manic will find seek own level. This was ungodly from the beginning and anything ungodly ends in God's time.

Those who haven't been following God know this. It has happened to them. God gives and God takes away. It's His choice who He gives to and His choice who He takes from. All you can do is live with it, being thankful He didn't take you. Or...being thankful that he has chosen that you are saved and ready to be taken.

Offending others...

When I cause someone to be angry, and they are offended, I am opening up their door to Satan. That is because when we become angry, we turn our minds from God and into evil thoughts toward the person who angered us.

Whenever we desire to physically harm someone we are not walking with the Lord. We are walking with Satan and he is tempting us. Our lusts lead us to Satan, Satan takes those lusts and tempts us. If we follow our lusts any farther we are in sin. Sin separates us from God. When we become separated from God, we are in Satan's grasp.

Jesus tells us to pray for those who offend us. Praying keeps us focused on God and not on our offense. There is no separation from God when we pray, we become closer to Him.

Praying for them and letting them know we are praying for them pours hot coals on the head of the aggravator. God says vengeance is for Him and He will repay.

If we repay evil with evil, we are doing as Satan does. If we do as Satan does, we are in Satan rather than in the Lord.

Getting the Message...

We don't always 'catch' the message God is sending to us. Sometimes we just simply don't want to hear it because we don't like it. Sometimes we are afraid of the outcome. Sometimes we worry about what others will say to or about us. Then, sometimes we think we know better and are not interested.

The end result: His decision carries. It does not change for you. You have to change for it. The message is not always as clear as we would like. We have to pray for guidance when we aren't clear on the message.

Sometimes God sends a messenger to help us understand His message. His messenger will gently lead us into following His message. When we are not ready, His messenger comes to make us ready.

He also sends events that unravel and show us the way. He always gives us what we need to carry out His message. We just have to find and apply it sometimes.

The last word will be had by God. His Word will not return to Him void. The best attitude is an attitude to follow God's message. If you don't, it will follow you until you do.

Faith...

Faith is letting God do the work without trying to change His results. Let it fall where God makes it fall. His way is the way because He is supreme and we are nothing. But, because He is in us, we become great, greater than the world because greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world.

Faith is dead when is without works. Faith needs works to push it along. Having faith makes us obedient to God. Obedience creates works. Works increase faith. More Faith more works. It's the circle of the righteousness God gives with faith.

To make our faith have a better shape, we need to read the Word of God daily, pray constantly and associate with people who have faith in God. All this builds faith. Not just belief, faith. Faith comes from believing also. Faith is a by-product of everything Godly. Anything Godly increases faith.

We are justified by faith. Faith comes by hearing, hearing by the Word of God. We walk by faith. We ask God for His blessings in Faith.

Questions of Purity...Take This Test and See How Pure You're Not

1. What does God promise to those who are pure in heart? (Psm 24:3-5; Matt 5:28) NIV
2. Define Purity.
3. What are common impour behaviors to guard against? (Eph 5:3-5)NIV
4. The world's standards and God's differ. What are God's Standards? (1John 2:5-17) NIV
5. State two scriptural standards concerning your relationship with the opposite sex. (Matt 5:28; 1Cor 6) NIV
6. Is there any relationship you have that needs to be brought into conformity with these standards? If so. What are you going to do about it?
7. What are God's desires for our behavior? (Matt 5:27-8; 2Cor 7:1; 1Thes 4:3-8;) NIV Describe anything you are aware of that may be contaminating your body or spirit.
8. How does God describe those who practice impurity? (Eph 4:18-19) NIV
9. List several reasons we should avoid immorality. (1Cor 6:13;)NIV
10. What does scripture say about the following excuses?
 - a) Everyone is doing it; (Prov 14:12)
 - b) I just need to see if its right for me; (Ecc 11:9)
 - c) As long as I don't hurt anybody its ok (Lev 5:17)
 - d) Nobody will ever find out I did it;(Heb 4:13)
 - e) I'll stop after this time;(Gal 6:7-8)
 - f) I didn't have sex, I only thought about it; (Matt 5:28)
 - g) If it feels this good, it must be ok; Heb 11:25)

How pure are you NOT!!!!

Follow...

We have been given several choices when we decided to follow Jesus. We can continue to follow Him and obey His Word, and praise Him, and serve others and be thankful for everything He made possible for us.

We can follow the religious rules, which, by the way, are man made, and don't line up perfectly with the scriptures. How can we have a million denominations and one Jesus? They all claim the other is not the right one...confusion,,,

Or... we can turn our back on Jesus and follow Satan. Most of us turn our backs, but still claim we are Christians. Many of those who follow Satan and call themselves Christians fornicate regularly with who ever comes along, anytime they come along, in anyplace available. Some are intoxicated regularly. Others cheat, steal, lie, murder, are greedy and swindle others, but still call themselves Christians. Some are a blend of these sins and others. That is why so many people don't trust Christianity. They see this.

It is our responsibility to make the world aware that this is not Christianity. We need to let them know that these are Satan's helpers impersonating Christians. This is one of Satan's better tricks and it works well for Him. It keeps many people from becoming Christians because they see this and believe it is Christianity.

Two Kinds of Riches...

There are two types of riches for you to choose from while living here on the earth. The choices you have are riches from God, or riches from Satan. No man can serve two masters, he will love one and hate the other.

To make a choice, you don't have any forms to fill out, you don't have anything to declare, you simply pursue your desires. That makes your choice for you.

Those who choose Satan's riches have a life full of material items. They are powerful and influential among the dead who are living. They manipulate the action of everything they become a part of. Somewhere they find the right knobs to turn to control the any organization they join. They will lie, cheat or steal to remain in control. Some of these controllers attempt to have sex with everyone they can. Some are heavy, and some are casual users drug usage drugs or liquor usage. One sure factor of all users of Satan's riches is that all of them indulge fully in anything that gives them instant pleasures. You probably have a few more that are not mentioned here. None of these pleasures or material items go with you when they leave this world. They are inherited by the next prisoner of Satan .

Those who choose God's riches will not have as much worldly fun and instant pleasure while here on earth, but their treasures are transferable into the world of eternity. These are not material items of wealth and power. They are spiritual items of wealth. God gives them to him he leaves this world.

The choice you have is to take the pleasure now from Satan that stops at day one of eternity, or take the pleasure now that begins with God but lasts for eternity. Make your choice wisely because you will have to live with it for eternity.

Interpreting Dreams...

The Bible is the most accurate, the most powerful, and the most sure book to interpret your dreams. The bible gives a detailed explanation of everything that has happened from the beginning of time, and gives a prophesy of what is going to come to pass.

If you have a dream that you need the meaning of, read the Bible and the meaning of your dream will be revealed to you in allegorical terms. The Bible will talk to you when you read it long enough. The Bible is not a book you read once in a while. The more you read it, the more you learn from it.

Reading it daily gives you an insight that is unexplainable. You just seem to know what is going on around you. You can almost watch the Bible teachings being lived out around you.

God speaks to us through His Word. The Bible tells you how life happened from the first man on the first day, and predicts what will happen to the last man on the last day. By knowing this, you will become spiritually aware of what will happen in between and govern yourself accordingly.

The Bible is a book of instruction for living right a righteous life, being redeemed from your sins and living in eternity with God. If you don't follow it you will have none of these.

Witchcraft and sorcery are not of God. If you mingle with them, you too, will soon be not of God. They do not interpret dreams. Their purpose is to lead you to the father of lies. They attempt to do this by deceiving you into visiting them so they can interpret you dreams, when in reality, as soon as you visit them you have disobeyed God.

They Will Come Over and Over... Welcome Them

Trials and tribulations will always be tailored to us. Sometimes, they are caused by a decision we made in the past. Sometimes they are not. Only God knows. A past decision that did cause a tribulation may have been an evil one or it may have just been one that led us where we are right now.

In a nutshell, we are not always the cause of our tribulations. We made and will continue to make decisions that bring us into tribulation, and tribulations come because God sends them. If we don't have them we don't grow stronger. So don't think tribulations are punishment. Some are, some aren't. Some are just spiritual muscle builders that are building our spiritual muscles.

The book of James says count them all as joy. God loves you enough to give you tribulations to make you stronger in Him.

Light at The End of The Tunnel

There is always light at the end of the darkest tunnels, and repentance is the vehicle that will bring us into that light. First, We have to thank God that we are even in the tunnel, because if we weren't it would mean He doesn't love us enough to punish us. Then, We should ask Him to forgive us of the reason we are in this tunnel.

This will start the engine of our vehicle and put it in drive. Our vehicle (repentance) will drive us all the way through the tunnel to the light at the end...As long as we leave the vehicle alone and don't try to steer it.

Divine Pressure...

When we get off of the path God wants us to be on, He does not just sit back and let us keep wandering farther away from Him. He gently applies a pressure in the direction in which He wants us to turn. When the pressure turns us, He moves the pressure behind us, and gently guides us back to His path.

When we obey His pressure, We don't have severe pain other than the turning pains that are turning us around and have our undivided attention.

When we disobey, the pressure increases and more pressure comes from other directions until there is only one direction we can go. The pain increases until we turn into the direction the not so gentle pressure is pushing us.

Once we get back on His path, and are following it properly, we won't need divine pressure anymore, and God removes it. As long as we remain on the His path, the divine pressure will not be there. God only uses it only to bring us back when we get off His path.

Smarter Than Thou...

Satan is more intelligent than we are. He has been on his job since before man was created. He learned it well. He has had since before the beginning to plan how he would corrupt us. He entices us with sex, money, fame, and any other of our vices or evil desires. He is smarter than us because he is always aware of the enticing value evil has on us and we usually ignore it.

Things that happen lightning fast, or something that becomes suddenly available to us that seems to be perfect for us, or just at the right time, is usually one of the many temptations he lays out in front of us.

Why is someone who is good at fooling or deceiving others called "a tricky devil?" Where do you think that nickname comes from? Satan is this name. Have you ever met someone who was slick? They're modeling after the devil's wile and gile. The devil appears in all kinds of people.

The only way his temptations get us is when we are enticed by our own desires and follow the temptation. He really does nothing other than lay a thought in our mind and we do the rest. The devil is very slick.

We can't blame satan, its his function. Adam and Eve tried that. Blaming others for our wrongs does not work. You are responsible for your own actions, nobody else is. You followed your own wickedness and evil desires into the sin you committed. It doesn't matter who laid a trap, you walked into it on your own free will and accord. You made the decision knowing it was wrong and did it anyway. Admit your fault and shut up. God will forgive you, but only after you suffer the consequence of the sin.

Biker's Lamentation...

Anything you place first is your god. This includes any asset you may have or want. If you place your motorcycle before God your motorcycle is an idol and you are worshipping a false god, your motorcycle. You probably have a very nice motorcycle and it is probably very fast, but its not as nice and not as fast as God. It will lose the race in the end. God gave it to you and God will take it back from you.

You might want to reflect upon this issue until you see the light. There are a few questions you can answer for yourself to determine whether or not your motorcycle is your god. You have to be honest or you are wasting your time.

Do you 'shine up' your motorcycle all the time? Do you 'shine up' God with the praise you 'shine up' your motorcycle with?

Do you stop what you are doing when your motorcycle needs something to fill its hunger. This can be a chrome cover or even gas. Do you stop what you're doing when God's hunger calls you to fill His hunger for your worship?

Do you prefer your motorcycle as your vehicle when you are going anywhere you can ride it? Do you prefer God's will for you vehicle when you go anywhere you can ride it?

What is first? God or your motorcycle? You can't have both if your motorcycle is first. You are in bondage to it. You will have it for a while, but then God will get jealous and take it from you. You can have both if you make God first. You have no bondage. And He will bless you and your motorcycle.

Exodus 20:2-3

I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shall have no other gods before me.

Captivity...

Do you learn when you are in captivity, or do you lapse into many of the same sins over and over that put you in captivity.

Stealing, adultery, idolatry, hardened hearts, and other sins will do one of two things. They will bring you into captivity or keep you in captivity.

You are in captivity because your sins have made you their prisoner. That's the curse of sin. It holds you until it can make you its prisoner. When your sins make you their prisoner you will repeat the sins over and over. They become your lifestyle, or better put your lifestyle revolves around them.

Your sins put you in a dark tunnel and you can't see light at the end of the tunnel until you realize that your sin put you in this tunnel. The light is there, you are just so covered in sin that you can't see it. After you travel deep into the tunnel, when you cant see light in front or behind you, your sins become obvious to you. You realize you are in this tunnel because of your sins. When you realize your sins out you here, a light appears to you at the end of the tunnel. You can only see it. Its far far away. You can't get into that light until you travel all the way through the darkness of the tunnel of sin. You have to repent to reach the light. The light is given only to those who repent while in their tunnel.

Vertical Hold...

Can you honestly say, " My life's horizontal hold was fine tuned when Jesus was given control of my vertical hold?

If you can, you might want to work on achieving the effects of this verbage. If you can't you might want to work on achieving the effects of this verbage. You always need to work on this because it is so easy for you to grab back the control and make a mess.

When you grab the controls Jesus say, "go ahead," and moves out of your way. You are now in control of all your controls. How in the world will you control something that you already couldn't and had to ask Jesus to take over once. Have you gotten better, so much better that you don't need Jesus to control your controls?

No!!! You have just regressed back to where you were when you asked for Him to take control. Lost. And you will be lost again, very soon, without Him on the controls. But go ahead and do it your way. If anyone should be allowed to mess your life up, it should be reserved for you.

Divine Intervention...

You are not, nor will you ever be, the solution to any of your problems. You are the cause of your problems. You are like the feet and legs. The feet and legs only carry. You have carried yourself where you are today.

Your thought pattern is to just go and fix it, but you can't. You can only mess it up more, you can't fix it. You need divine intervention, and you have to ask, pray and wait for it.

While you are 'in' your problem, you should learn a lesson from it and pass it on to others. Learn the cause (you) and pass it on.

In all your problems, every one of them, you will find that you are the cause. You will also find that nothing divine was employed in making any of the problems because divinity does not make problems, it works on finding their symptoms and solving them.

You will learn that you have to let divine intervention do the directing and you follow the lead, or else you will only dig your hole deeper. The deeper you dig the harder it is to climb out. You ought to know that by what you have learned from your experiences.

A Good Job...

We become 'priests of the Lord' when we are saved. Our lips should spread the knowledge of God to everyone so everyone will learn His laws and be corrected from the misrepresentations of Satan. We were not saved for our enjoyment, we were saved for the Lord's employment.

We should not flood anyone with the Word of God. Floods only wash away what was there. If we wash everything away with a 'flood of God,' we may chase away someone who may have been ready to come to the Lord.

There is much scripture about 'planting a seed.' That is how we need to spread God's Word. When a seed is planted, it will find the water it needs to germinate. When it germinates a plant will grow and it will bear fruit.

We have to employ the truth in our witnessing. Anything less than the truth will turn on us and we will be cursed by it. By using the truth and hard work at all we do, we will hear that most wanted phrase of God, "well done, and receive His blessing."

Just Turn Your Silly Head And Walk Away

We need to stop hating one another and be more faithful to one another. We are all children of the same Father. When we are hostile, or cheat, or wrong or defraud a brother or sister, we break our covenant with our Father in heaven.

When we break our covenant, we lose our closeness or become separated from Him. He does not leave us, when we committed our sin, we walked away from Him. We chose our sin over Him and our sign reigned in us and we became separated from our Father..

When we are able to return to Him, our Father will be in the same place we left Him. He is waiting for us right there.

It may become very difficult for us to return because our sin has made us its prisoner. We are captivated to repeat our sin until we can break lose from its captivity. We are also captivated by the cause of our sin. As long as the cause of our sin remains in us, we will remain captive and repeat our sin over and over. A vicious circle of sin.

To break away from our captivity we must pray and ask God to give us victory over the sins and the causes of our sins that are keeping us separated from Him. When we serve the consequences of our sin, He will give us victory over them and gently bring us back to Him.

Bondage to Self...

To Whom more is given, more is expected. If you have been blessed by God in a great abundance, or greatly in the knowledge of His Word, or greatly in anything else in your ministry, you will be expected to give more back to Him.

God has built you for His purpose, to serve Him, not yourself. He has given you his gift in abundance to employ in your service to Him. It is your responsibility to Him to apply what He has given to increase the fruit of your service to Him.

When you do not yield the dividends you are capable of yielding, you are turning away from God and soing for yourself.

This is idolatry. The Love of self is idolatry. As a gifted and blessed Christian, it is worship of God when you put God first in you heart, in your soul and in your mind. It is worship of self when you put your self first, and that will put you in bondage to self until you learn to put God first.

When you are full of yourself, you are free of God.
When you are full of God, you are free of self. When you are full of God you are free of Bondage.

Three Wise Men...

Where did the tale of three wise men come from? The Bible says there were three types of gifts given by the Magi, not three Magi.

Do you think that only three men looking for the Messiah could come into a city the size of Jerusalem and cause the town to be turned upside down? Do you think they could make a King get upset? Just three? Maybe three hundred or three thousand, but I don't see three men causing this kind of impact.

I believe this myth came from the Hallmark Card Company when they could only fit the picture on their Christmas Card with three wise men on it.

The Messiah had been announced in the scriptures for over a thousand years. Do you believe that only three people came when they heard He was born.

Im not sure, but do you think this is another attempt at minimizing the importance of Jesus?

Removing Jesus From His Word...

People have hated Jesus since the day He was born. When the Virgin Mary became impregnated by the Spirit, if Joseph would have been out spoken about his feelings, Mary would have been stoned for adultery. Baby Jesus would have been killed with Mary. He escaped that one. Herod killed all the children under age two. He escaped that one. The Jews were ready to kill him several times, he escaped all of the attempts on His life until it was God's time for Him to die on the cross.

After all these narrow escapes from premature death, in order to finish His work on the cross, many people today are so ungrateful for that today and do not believe in Him. They are trying to prove He is not the Lord, or He did not die for us, or He was only a prophet, or some other ridiculous story. He is the Lord and the world is His He is the King of Kings, and the Lord of Lords. We are redeemed because of Him.

Even when reading a "new" version of the Bible the name "Jesus" is changed to "he or him" without the respect of capitalizing His name. He is the Word and He will never be taken from the Bible because the Bible is the truth and He is the truth.

It's Now or Never...

The message of John the Baptist is still very useful and applicable today. His message will be useful until the end of the world. His message, "Repent, turn away from your sins, turn to God, for the Kingdom is near, is even more applicable today because the Kingdom is near-er. We are at the door.

The Kingdom today, after the resurrection of Jesus is as near as your heart. Your heart is your vehicle to heaven. When you put heaven in your heart, you put your heart in heaven.

If you remain on the path you are on and heaven is not in your heart, you will not make it there. Life is short, eternity is long, you cannot have heaven in only one. You have to have heaven in your heart in life before you can heaven in eternity.

Obedience...

Obedience is the key to serving the Lord. Man can do whatever he thinks is right and still be wrong. Man has a finite mind and God's is infinite. Righteousness comes from the infinite mind. It is too deep to be understood by a finite mind. Therefore the finite mind has to obey the commands of the infinite mind.

When we don't obey, we become a slave to the action of disobedience. The offense usually feels good, but only for a season. It then turns on us and locks us into its control. We become prisoners.

Its easier in the long run to obey the commands of God. Otherwise we will be searching for the peace He gives in places where it is not given.

Good Tree—Good Fruit Bad Tree—Bad Fruit...

When Jesus healed the blind, or the leper, His main act was to forgive and remove their sins. As soon as He did, they were healed. This is proof that blindness and sickness are symptoms of the spiritual death caused by sin. Better yet, they are the results of sins.

What about those born blind?

We are all born in sin because of the sin of Adam and Eve. We are full of sin as we are conceived. There's only one way to rid ourselves of our sins. That's by asking God to forgive us. We then need to obey His commands from that point on. If we don't we will only think we are doing what is right. We cannot do anything right when we are full of sin.

If we are a good tree we produce good fruit. If we are a bad tree we produce bad fruit. There is no deviation from this principle.

About Freedom...

Freedom breeds responsibility, one without the other is not complete. When you receive freedom from the captivity of sin, you gain the responsibility to live by Freedom's rules. Freedom is not free. It cost your Savior His life and it will cost you everything you loved about your captivity.

If you love the attributes of your captivity, don't ask the Lord to for His freedom. It is the opposite. You have to select and live by one or the other. You can't serve two masters.

The trouble with captivity is that most of us are living in it and don't recognize it. We go on committing the same sins over and over and enjoying the benefits for the short season of utopia they provide. But, when the utopia wears off, we are addicted to them and become their slave serving only them, over and over.

Turn away from your sins and come to God now, or you will remain a slave to your sins and miss the wonderful life God is offering you for eternity.

Let It Be...

Do you want to know, to the letter, the life pattern of your Savior, Jesus Christ? If you do, read the Sermon on the Mount.

Do you want to live, to the letter, the life patterns of Your Savior, Jesus Christ? If you do, you better get started now, because He's really a tough act to follow. In fact, you can't. He's impossible to follow to the letter. So it is better to just follow. Don't get into evaluating your spiritual life by your performance. You'll never perform good enough. Even the actors who are portraying Him in movies could not follow His act. They seemed to have lost Him between scenes.

No matter how hard you work at it, your 'good' works alone are not enough. In fact they aren't even any good at all. You simply are not good enough to get to heaven on your type of behavior. You need all your best works, for what they are worth, (nothing) plus a lot of mercy, a lot of forgiveness, and a lot of grace. You also need to eliminate any thought pertaining to yourself. You can work on getting all the rest, but failing to eliminate yourself will only lead to destruction, self-destruction. Hasn't that proven itself in your life so far?

Do The Math...

There is a right way and a wrong way for life. Think about it. The way of Jesus is the right way. He is the light, and the way, and no man shall come to the Father except by Him. He is the truth. He is the Word.

To make your decision a little easier, think about who His way pleases, then think about who your way pleases.

There is risk vs. reward here. The risk is in which reward you select. You can have your reward now, or you can have your reward in eternity. Now looks a lot better, but if you take it now, you have your reward and you won't get a reward in eternity. There will be no rewards in eternity for you. But, you will have all of eternity to enjoy the consequences of taking your reward now.

Let Your Actions Be their Guide...

Don't think for even a skinny minute that people won't persecute you if you are doing the right thing. The right thing is not always right in their eyes. heir eyes may be focused on a different god than yours.

Their eyes may have a different meaning of what "right" is. They may be right or you may be right. The only way to know is to compare the object of disagreement with the Word of God. If the Word of God verifies you are right, don't argue. Let your actions be your guide.

We all know that when we argue with a fool we must be sure he isn't doing the same thing...

Read It or Live It...

Reading the scriptures is just that reading them. Living the scriptures is just that, living them.

If we just read them and go right back to our way of living 10 minutes later, we have perfected "Lip Service."

We begin to live life to its fullest when we live the scriptures. When we just read, or talk them, and do not live them, we will be found out to be a hypocrite, and the truth will not be in us.

We can't really do anything by ourselves. So, why don't we just ask the Lord to do it for us, or through us. He will if it is of Him. If you have a problem, talk to the One who can solve it, not someone sitting next to you on a bar stool. Ask The Lord to remove it, or protect you from the results of it.

We are weak. Don't try to fix it yourself. The only time you can fix something is when the problem is weaker than you are. But then, it's really not a problem, it's you taking care of something that you should have taken care of already. Connect yourself to God and He will fix your problems His way when He decides to fix them. All you have to do is ask and you shall receive.

Raining On Your Parade...

Why do we get so disappointed when it rains? Is it that those plans we made for our self will be spoiled? Usually when we are disappointed, self is hiding somewhere in the reason for the disappointment. We are only angry because we are thinking of our self in one way or another. We are trying to implement our own plan rather than follow God's. And... He won ...so we are mad. We didn't get our way again. We are like this in every category of our life. We want our way when we should want it His.

By the way...Rain is from God and is part of the Master's plan in which we have no say. So, you may have to have your next three parades in the rain.

Evil vs. Good...

Whenever someone is doing what is right, those who are not doing what is right will follow him to criticize his actions. They try to make the right he is doing look wrong. Each time a right is done, his detractors will find some part of it they can use to make the act wrong. Or they will interpret it as wrong and try to embarrass him. Sometimes they just come up with something ridiculous, but believable, and spread it around to assault his character. They never cease. They seek other evil people to collaborate with because evil will always believe and side with evil.

So, When you are doing what's right, you will be attacked by those who are not. Don't stop doing what's right because the truth will be revealed eventually and you will be known to be righteous and the evil will be known as evil.

When the light shines on the darkness the darkness will be exposed.

Values and Placing Values...

Money has not changed over the times. A dollar is a dollar. Money will never change. What changes is the value we place on money.

Money is one of our earthly possessions. We always want our earthly possessions to have more power, so we inflate them to the level we think will make them more powerful, like a god.

When money becomes our god, it will be the most important possession we can have. We will try to stretch it, or expand it, increase it and make it do more for us.

This is worshipping a false god. There's one way to know when you are worshipping a false god. It seems when we worship a false god, our question of purpose gets reversed. We ask, What can my god do for me, rather than what can I do for my God.

Mr. or Mrs. Right Now...

You are smack dab in the middle of a spiritual war. You live in it. You are surrounded by it, but you cannot let the evil spirits surrounding you influence you in any way, or you will turn away from God.

What usually elates you or makes you feel good is the first season of evil. Each season of evil brings less elation and good feelings. By the time evil is at its peak in us, you are a slave to it because you have become obsessed and are searching for its elation and good feelings. The good feelings have left and only the evil is present. You are a slave to this evil because you chose to serve this evil rather than God. Remember the first time you served the evil. Didn't it feel great? Look at you now. It ate you alive. You have become full of evil.

To end this reign of evil in you, you are forced to turn to God and beg Him to forgive you and restore you to sanity, or else you will continue to suffer the results of your evil. Only when you turn to God will He restore you. He will let your sin ripen then pick it off you and throw it in the fire. The sooner you repent the sooner you will be restored.

Tomorrow is not for sure for you. It is not very wise to put off turning to God until tomorrow. You have right now for sure. Don't wait until tomorrow. Since you don't know how to be right, be Mr. or Mrs. Right Now, and repent right now. Repent. Now!!

How Many “F’s”

How many “F’s” are in this sentence?

The father of the bride paid for half of the festivities; the unpaid balance of the bill he left for his new son in law as a wedding gift.

Did you spot 5, 6, or 7? The correct answer is 10.

Its one thing to have ‘eyes to see’ hidden letters in a sentence; its something altogether different—and infinitely more significant— to have eyes to see God at work in the world around you.

There are many things you will not see until you view life from God’s perspective. Check your view by reading Psalm 25:15; 119:18; 123:2;141:8:

The **f**ather **f** the bride paid **f**or half **f** of the **f**estivities; the unpaid balance of **f** the bill he left **f**or his new son in law as a wedding **g**ift

Don't confuse Me...

Do you seek God to obey and conform to His commands? Is your seeking humble? Or...Do you demand that God conform to your wishes? Is your mind already made and you are telling God, "Don't confuse me with your plan for my life, it collides with mine."

Self Love

Do you think of yourself in every situation? What's gonna happen to me here? Will I...Is my...etc. If you do you are making yourself more important than you really are. If you should happen to get too important, in your own eyes, destruction is surely on the way. The love of self is idolatry. It has brought many empires crumbling to the ground. Are you stronger than Babylon?

“ I “ ...

What do sin and pride have in common? The both have “ I “ in the middle of them. “ I “ is the most dangerous enemy of a Christian. We place “ I “ first and “ I “ becomes an idol. “ I “ is the most, everything else is the least.

To be a faithful Christian, we must take “ I “ and make it last. We should be servants and “ I “ makes us think we are masters. “ I “ makes us want to have much worldly material. The solution to “ I “ is to put it in Christ. “ I “ am in Christ.

Doubt...

When we pray for something, there is always a period of time between "amen" and the answer to the prayer. This is when Satan comes into the picture. He plants seeds to stop your harvest. He has a strategy to make you doubt, and when you doubt, you have struck out. He who wavers is like the chaff in the wind and should not expect anything from God. God serves faith and ignores doubt.

Fed to Sew...

If we have been fed, it's safe for us to sew. Faith is our food, the Word and our actions are the seeds we sew.

Before we can sew, we need to be fed. Faith comes by hearing, hearing by the Word of God, if we have ears to hear, If we don't have ears to hear our heart needs to be opened ton accept the Lord. We can only hear the Word of God after the Lord enters our heart. Do you want to hear?

Just Do It!!!

Are you one of those who just go ahead and do something, right or wrong, and if it is not accepted, say, "Oops, I'm sorry." If you do things on the basis of it's easier to say you're sorry later, than it is not to do it, you are living a self-centered life and you are all about yourself. You do not serve others, you serve yourself. You do not love others, you love yourself. You do nothing for others you do all for yourself. You are all alone in the world of yourself.

This type of living is not in line with God's Word and if you don't correct it, you will certainly pay for it later. Its like everything else you will face on earth. You have a choice of God or Satan, and you chose Satan. Repent and come to God because eternity is long time for you to burn.

Point Well Taken...

Jesus' last words before His ascension was, "go out and make disciples. This meant build a ministry. If we are playing a sport, we build a team., but when it comes to the Lord we neglect to build. We only give lip service.

Money does not give you independence, it gives you bondage. You become a slave to the need for it. Its nice to have, but its not God and you shouldn't worship it.

Always be ready to listen rather than to speak. Don't hurry your answers. Answer only when you know what to say. Speaking can bring honor or disgrace. What you say can ruin you.

Don't let your passions control you. You will be left to die when your passions carry you ahead of others. Evil passions will destroy you and make you a joke to your friends and enemies.

Jesus didn't come to tell good people to repent. There are none. He came to tell the sinners to repent. Is he talking to you? Or...are you self-righteous.

Do your actions drown out your words? Your talk will only be as believable as your walk.

Be Safe...

Don't think you can sin and God won't punish you. He can wait as long as He wants, after all, He has all of eternity to do what He is going to do.

Forgiveness of your sin is grace. You cannot go on sinning and thinking God will forgive you no matter how much you sin. If this were the case, it would cheapen our relationship with God. We would not be respecting Him, we would be using Him for grace.

Intentional sins are the kind of sins that you know are wrong, but go ahead do them anyway because you know God loves you and will forgive you,

God is not to be mocked. Intentional sin mocks God, and when He is mocked, He shows furious anger. You will be the recipient of that anger. God is not fond of being defied. When you defy Him, the consequences have a way of sticking to you. They seem to last until you are truly sorry and are humbled completely and will think before you just go ahead and intentionally sin the next opportunity you have.

Another Creation of the Creator...

Don't be jealous of the wife you love. You will teach her to hurt you.

Don't surrender your dignity to any woman

Keep away from other men's wives or they will trap you.

Don't give yourself to a prostitute, or you may lose everything you have.

Don't go looking or wandering in the run-down parts of town.

When you see a good looking woman, look the other way

Don't let your mind dwell on the beauty of any women who is not your wife.

Don't eat or drink with another man's wife, or you will be tempted by her charms and be destroyed by your own passions

Your chief pride should be the fear or respect of the Lord and His creations. Women are His creations. Treat them as you would treat their creator.

Evil Must Be Bound...

Satan must be bound before demons and or evil can be removed from someone. The person affected must bound Satan by asking Jesus to come into his heart. Then the demons will be removed by Jesus.

All evil comes from Satan. He uses the flesh and our own desires that do not match the Word. Anytime we allow ourselves to disobey the Word of God we are opening a door for Satan to enter our heart. When Satan enters our heart it is very difficult to get him out. The only way is to bind him by asking Jesus to enter.

We are all sinners by birth. This is Satan's tool. He uses our sinful nature against us. He entices us with a temptation that appeals to our sinful nature. If we follow his temptation, we turn abandon God. When we abandon God we have only Satan to be our master.

Jesus will repair our sinful nature if we ask Him into our heart. When he cleanses us of our sins we are declared righteous by God. Satan has lost his control over us and we are bought by the blood of Jesus.

You Are The Environment Of Your Product...

You are the environment of your product. Your product is what you put out, actions, attitudes etc. Your product can be good or you product can be evil. There is no fine line between the two. Its all or nothing. Good products bring good uses. Evil products bring evil usages.

That is the entire scope of your product. The product is what the environment is, no exceptions. That is always the case.

Sometimes an environment will try to make its product appear to be something other than it is by deceiving other environments.

When an environment is evil, it makes an attempt to make other environments assume its product is good. When an environment is good it makes an attempt to make other environments assume its product is bad.

An example of the environment being confused, or not being confused, while trying to confuse other environments, illustrates this. Some evil environments, try to pass off their product as a good product. A good or bad product is not determined by the word of any environment, as wording is born to serve environmental purposes daily. Good or evil is determined by the process the environment uses to make the product. (The process is all that is in between from the beginning of the product to the finished product).

Some, good environments, become associated with bad environments and attempt to portray their environment, They begin trying to pass their product as a bad product for the showmanship. When any environments are about to clash, the weaker environment bends for the stronger one. Kind of like the law of the jungle.

Last Call...

When someone tells you to correct something you are doing wrong, and they do it in a way that you knew you were wrong, you will correct it. They have convicted you. That person could have been a modern day John the Baptist. He may have been paving the way inside you for the coming of the Messiah.

If you heeded the message and turned yourself around, you have began your journey to the Lord. But you haven't. You're still the same. You were too cool to follow God. You're the old dog who can't be taught any new tricks. The way you are is the way you want to stay.

Instead of taking heed to good advice, you ignored this life saving message and did nothing, or you mocked him. The reason you did not receive his message is because Satan has a stronger hold on you than you think. You did what Satan told you to do. You missed the message because you listened to your father, Satan, rather than the message.

You are being told again: Repent. Turn from your sinful ways and ask Jesus to come into your heart. This may be your last chance. Eternity has no forgiveness. Forgiveness from God is now. Without it you won't be so cool in eternity.

Loveful Pain...

At times we feel something moving inside us. It's a deep pain in our heart like something is not right. We can't put our finger on exactly what is we are feeling, but we know its there and its uncomfortable. We can do nothing to stop it.

What is this feeling we all experience from time to time? Sometimes it is God making a change in us and we are having an inner unconscious battle with the change. The pain will be there until our inner conscious lets go and lets God make His change. Sometimes there no battle. The is causing pain. Changes usually cause some kind of pain. That's why people don't like change. When the change taking place is finalized, it turns into some kind of blessed. That's wht the pain was there. We always receive something painful before the blessing to teach us how to live the blessing. When you have that inner pain and can't figure out why, sit back and enjoy it. Count it all as joy. The blessing will reveal itself when the pain ends. Its about God, not you.

At other the pain is from a guilty conscience. Our conscious is reacting to something we have said or done. We probably feel we have done something worse than we really have. In our mind we've made a mountain out of a molehill. The other person usually goes on with life not even thinking about what we did. That's the punishment for wronging another, in our own mind, we have been thoroughly embarrassed by our own guilty feelings. We usually find another way to embarrass ourselves the next time after the pain of this spectacle.

One Step...Two Step...

Walking has become natural for us, one step follows another. The first step is the leader, the rest follow. The second step follows the first step, so we should be careful when we choosing the direction of our first step. The first step, when taken in the “wrong” direction leads to the second into wrong because the second step is a follower. When the second step follows, it puts us twice as deep in the wrong direction. Each following step takes us deeper in the wrong direction until we are surrounded with wrong. We are soon lost. We are soon in bondage to where the steps we take lead us.

What is our solution? There is none, there are only choices. We have the choice of asking forgiveness and changing the direction of our steps, or living like we are: lost.

Great In Your Own Mind...

You can only achieve greatness in human eyes. You can only please man, or impress him if that is what you seek. You cannot please or impress God. He is far too smart for a sinner, such as you to please or impress. He simply won't dirty Himself with you. He cannot look at sin.

Therefore, since you cannot please God, you better accept His mercy and grace. That is the only way you will get anywhere with Him.

Pleasing God is simple when its done right. Its simple but its far from easy because we are so sinful we just cant remain consistent. All we have to do is believe in His Son, Jesus, and follow Him. Following Him is where our inconsistencies come into focus. We step away or duck out for some worldly pleasures every chance we get, and come running back when we get beat up by those worldly pleasures. But we do it over and over. Does that make us all hypocrites? No. we are just sinners.

Much Is Expected...

To whom much is given, much is expected. Remember this, if you are given knowledge, much is expected of you with that knowledge.

The Jews were given the Oracles of God and much was expected of them. You are given the New Testament and much is expected of you. It is expected that you will apply the knowledge of the Oracles you have been given and teach it or pass it on to others.

You have been given much knowledge. You cannot keep this knowledge by holding on to it. You have to pass it on to keep it. Holding on to knowledge is like holding on to milk. When you hold on to it too long, it sours.

Wisdom...

Fools never catch on to wisdom. Wisdom never pairs up with conceit. Wisdom never enters the minds of liars. It is not sound practice for a sinner to sing praises to God. This is not sincere worship. Singing to the Lord is an expression of Wisdom. Wisdom begins with fear of the Lord. You can only begin to have wisdom by fearing the Lord. Otherwise, you are not full of wisdom, you are full of deceit.

Why Are You Here?

If you are most important now, you will be least important in the Kingdom of Heaven. If you are least important now, you will be most important in the Kingdom of Heaven.

We are here to serve others, not our selves. Self-serving defeat our purpose for being here. He who is least will be the most. Those who want to be first will be last, and those who want to be last will be first.

That is the Kingdom of Heaven. There is one Master and it is not you. So, stop trying to get served by others and start serving others. Start with serving God. You cant serve anyone but yourself until you start serving Him. He is the real Master. Stop serving false ones.

Honesty...

Just as fine clothing enhances the appearance of our bodies, honesty is the fine clothing of our soul. When we are dressed in honesty, our soul is dressed in the finest clothing available for it. When we take off our honesty, our soul is naked and exposed for everyone to mock.

Honesty is a habit. A good habit that comes only to those who work hard to be honest. If it is not worked at, honesty cannot be built. A structure of honesty is built one brick of honesty laid next to another and on top of one another until a wall of honesty is built. Once a wall is built, the structure is taking its shape. Three more walls and a roof, and your structure of honesty will be built and you will be surrounded by honesty. You can then live inside the structure of honesty.

Your Worst Enemy...

Your every sin is recorded in God's book. If you take vengeance on others, God will take vengeance on you. If you don't forgive others, God will not forgive you. Everything is based on the Lord, not you.

If you want to call others names and harm others, you can...but God will do the same to you. So be careful of your words and deeds. Don't get upset and harass others because they have faults. You have the same faults. Try to live by God's commands. Stop trying to make the commands. Nobody is going to listen to yours, but they will listen to God's. So should you. You are your own worst enemy because you are trying to be god..

You Are Your Own Ship...

Without guidance of the light we are all just sailing on the sea without a destination in total darkness. We are lost in darkness even though we think we know where we are going. Our navigations are not accurate because they have no light to guide their course. They will be inaccurate until we find the light and follow it.

When we find the light and follow it to where it shines, we will soon be under the light. The light will be our guide. We will be under the light instead of under the darkness we were. We will be able to see where we are going. If we refuse to follow the light, we will find ourselves in deeper darkness and deeper despair than we were before we found the light.

Praise...

I thank my Lord, Jesus Christ, for everything He has given me. It is everything I have. It is everything I want. It is not material, it is of Jesus.

He protects me from evil, from despair, from hate, from harm, and guides me to do good deeds. He is good and no evil is in Him. He is Light and shines on me. I will do what He whispers to me gently. If I refuse or reject, I will bring myself to darkness. He is my light.

I have been on the bottom of the darkness long enough, even though I thought I had it made. I was in trouble and did not see it until I found Him. He saved me from the pains I was deeply suffering and brought me comfort and peace. I am whole when I am with Him.

Fruit...

Do you reflect an outward appearance of being religious but bear none of the fruits of spirituality? A tree that bears no fruit is only good for firewood, because it is producing nothing it was planted to produce.

A fruitless person is the same, so is a fruitless church, or a fruitless nation, or a fruitless world. They will be thrown into the fire and burned. At least they will produce a little heat for a while.

Is your exterior is full of leaves but bears no fruit. Bearing no fruit is not healthy, it is sick. A tree that bears no fruit only takes up space and blocks light. The tree that bears no fruit becomes the object of a curse. The same with a Christian.

Attend The Divine Clinic of Fruit Bearing . Its located in your Bible. It begins in John Chapter 15 verse 1, and ends at verse eight. Hope to see you there.

Follow, Don't Think...

My way is totally different than God' way. I am human, He is God. An example of my way being different is when Jesus was entering Jerusalem and sent His disciples to get the colt. Jesus was living the scriptures. I would have added some drama to this. I would have wrote the script to where the donkey appeared on the way, rather than having to send someone for it.

That is where my all of mistakes begin. I like to write my own script. I can't write as good as God, but It so easy for me to go ahead and try. After all, I am in a hurry and don't want to wait for God's decisions, mine come faster. That is my own self-centeredness. To me, It is me who counts.

When I finally realize that He is the Master and I am the servant, my self centeredness goes away. I learn I need to follow His script, not mine. Mine is so tiny compared to His, but, at the time, mine usually seems better to me. My way seems like the right thing to do. But when I find out, always the hard way, it is far from the right thing. I can't see far enough ahead to tell whether something is right or wrong. God knows the future, I don't. He has the plan, I don't. He is the tour guide.

It always better to follow the tour guide than to be the tour guide. It's God's tour, not yours. So let Him be the tour guide. Sit down, shut up, and hold on tight.

Evil...

I have had all the evil I can stand. I was the King of Evil for many years. I led many astray to perform my evil. I was the devil's right hand man. If you think you are evil, compare your deeds to mine. If you are even close to what I was you had better start making some kind of change today or you will surely die.

I put on a nice guy face and did my selfish and evil deeds to get what I wanted. I did not fail. Many were crushed. Many were destroyed. You were with me or against me. If you were not with me I would find your weakness and crush you with it Like I would crush a grape. I would do it with false kindness or pure evil, it was your choice.

I ran with this behavior so far that I had reached the end of my rope. God called me home to Him. All the material wealth was taken from me that I had taken from others. I was torn down farther than I tore others. I had no where to go but up. Up to God that is. And I Did.

Today, I live for God. I do not live any of the insanity I used to live. When I have a past thought enter my head, I get on my knees. I do what God tells me to do today.

How about you? Do you still think you are all of that and a bag of chips? Or have you turned to God? Today is the beginning of the rest of your life. See if you can change it today. If you haven't hurt enough, stay where you are until you have. When you hurt yourself as much as you can, the decision to follow God becomes the only decision you can make. If you are not at this point, you better go back and finish your reign of evil. You are not ready for God until you are completely broken Better hurry and break yourself, your time is running out.

Self-Mode...

I can't do anything. Everything I try to do fails. I feel like I am all alone in everything I do. This is because I am operating in the "self mode." Do it yourself.

Knowing by experience that I can do nothing, I have sought help. Help comes slow because if it comes fast, I will not learn from it or appreciate it.

I have asked the Lord to help. And He is. Everyday. A little at a time. Too much will allow Satan to steal the glory. I ask for help and guidance first thing in the morning, and I thank Him, the last thing at night. I try to do what my conscious tells me throughout the day.

My conscious is full of God. My mind is full of Satan. I follow my conscience. It is my guide. I don't offer sacrifices, I give myself. God wants me, not my sacrifices. Anybody can give sacrifices but not too many can give themselves.

Follow...

Is it easier to follow Jesus today of your own free will and accord, or, will it be easier when the prophecy of every head bowing and every knee bending is fulfilled? There is pain either way. It should hurt less now to give up the sin you are used to doing, because you are doing it of your own free will.. Then, if we don't do it now, we have no idea of the whipping God has in store for those who he has to force to bow their heads and bend their knees to Christ. All we know is that they will bow their heads and bend their knees to Christ. God will not be a gentle God when this time comes. His wrath will bow all heads and bend all knees.

It will be a lot easier to bow and bend now than it will be in front of an upset God. I know because I have upset Him with lesser things and have felt a lesser wrath. It was terrible. The only way to not be a receiving part of His wrath is to not cause it by bowing and bending now, while He is giving you the chance to do it His way. It will be done His way whether you like it or not. If you don't, you will suffer and His command will prevail..

Self...

The first thing to do every morning is to ask Jesus to come into your heart. Ask Him to protect you and guide you for today. To protect you from yourself. Self is your worst enemy when living for Jesus. Self is a friend of Satan and will lead you to him.

We need the intervention of Jesus to help us do things His way not ours. Our way is the path to destruction.

We need to find a hidden shelf and put all the self in us on that shelf, and close and lock the door to that room. We need to ask the Lord to do His work in us to protect us from regaining self or we will fail Him. To fail Him is eternal condemnation. Get self out of your way or suffer eternal condemnation.

Who Do You Think You Are?

God has struck down many Kings. He has severely punished many nations while He left them standing. He has filled them with their own dead. He will crush many more Kings, heads and nations.

So, why do you think it is ok with Him when you disobey His laws. Do you think you are special and He won't give you your just punishment? Do you think He will treat you special in your punishment? If you do, you are right. Your punishment will be special to you.

Your punishment will hurt you and only you until His wrath makes you see His point. Others will not feel your wrath, they will witness it. It may even cause others to change their ways to avoid the same wrath for themselves.

Pain is the best motivator other than Love. Pain becomes the motivator when you are evil or when you are not righteous. Get ready, your motivator is on the way to you.

Blessings...

When you have food and someone is hungry, share your food and feed them. God will bless you for it. But don't feed them just for a blessing, feed them from your heart or you will have your reward.

Don't spend all your money on yourself. Help someone who needs help, but don't help someone who isn't helping themselves. You will only be feeding a habit rather than the good works of feeding someone who needs to be fed. There is no blessing for helping someone feed their habits, there is only curse.

Stay away from users and you won't be used. Serve and you will be served. To be blessed you must bless others first

Punished For Nothing...

Do you ever feel like you have been punished while someone else who was worse than you was not punished. Barabus was a murderer and the Jews asked Pilate to trade his punishment for the punishment of Jesus. All Jesus did was tell the truth and He was crucified in the place of one who committed murder.

Don't feel so bad when this happens to you. Yours pain is on a much smaller scale than Jesus'. You probably won't be nailed to a cross. You will suffer very little and life will go on. So take the punishment for nothing. It is better to be punished for doing nothing then it is for committing a crime. You have no guilt and God knows all.

Actions And Goals...

If you are listening to sermons, praise music and reading the Bible, it shows you are very interested in learning about God. But...unless you are adding what you have learned to living your life you are only paying ear service to it.

Is your love for God growing. Is your circle of friends in Jesus growing? If not, you may just be paying ear service.

Be Godly, Not Religious...

Be Godly, not religious. Being Godly is being like God. Being religious is being what man thinks will impress others into thinking you are Godly.

Do what God wants you to do, not what you think will make you look Godly to others. God is the Creator. Please the Creator, not His creation.

Man will use all his resources to force you to please him., but you must remember, if you choose to please man you are putting him before God. You are committing idolatry.

Please God and God will please you, man can't. Do this in spirit not works.

What is God?

God is love. If you have love you have God. If you don't have love you don't have God.

God loves everyone, even His enemies. To have God you have to love everyone, even your enemies.

God is forgiving. God forgives all who ask. If you have God you forgive everyone who asks.

God is peace. If you have God, you have peace. Nothing comes between you and God. That is peace.

Do you have God? If you don't have love, if you don't have forgiveness, if you don't have love, forgiveness and peace, who do you have?

Be Strong...

Don't quit...just give up. That's not what the world teaches us. We are taught to think and we can, and will. The world teaches us to be mighty, only the strong will survive.

"Strong;" what is the proper definition of strong? We have a worldly definition that tells us we don't need to depend on anyone, we can do what needs to be done on our own strength.

Then, we have a Godly definition. It is to be strong by depending on God. That's not worldly, but it is the proper way to be strong.

Believe you can is only partially true. Where you put your belief is what makes you strong. Believe in God and you are the strongest you will get. Believe in self and you are weak. You are only as strong as self can make you.

This is an example of the deception the world promotes. We know who the father of deception is, and if the world is promoting his deception, the world is doing it for its father.

If you don't believe your strength comes from believing in God, you are deceived.

Fill 'er up with High Spirits...

Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit and tempted for forty days. The key here is to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Being filled with the Holy Spirit gave Him the strength to handle the Satan's temptation because He was not alone, he was guided by the Spirit.

That's how to beat temptation. When you fill yourself with the Holy Spirit, you will be Spirit directed. A Spirit empowered lifestyle itself is victory over temptation. Ask the Spirit to fill you. Then let Him.

Put Your Faith...

One day you're loved, the next day you're hated. People just can't make a decision and stick to it. New things, new thoughts, and a new decision today, another tomorrow, and another the next day.

God is always the same. There is no love/hate with Him. He's all love and never changes. That's why you can put your faith in Him, and why you can't put your faith in man.

I'm Telling On You...

Usually, when you are 'snitching' on someone for some terrible thing they have done, or are doing, you are doing the same thing, or something worse somewhere else. You are condemning yourself because you are a sinner just like the person you are 'snitching' on. You are only bring light upon what you do when you see others doing it. Otherwise how would you know they were doing wrong?

Some times when you 'snitch' on someone you think you are being righteous by snitching. You attempt to exalt yourself by saying "how could somebody do such a terrible thing as that." It makes you look better in your own eyes, but anyone with one eye and half sense can see through you. Then they know what you are all about.

There are no perfect people, not even you. There are only those like you who think they are.

Only when you become perfect should you begin a campaign to bring out the wrongs others do. If you are not perfect yourself, and you disclose other peoples wrongs you are a hypocrite.

A Bowl of Courage, Please...

The only thing courage serves us against is evil. With courage we stand up against evil. It is from God. This is not the kind of courage we see on television. That is man made courage.

Courage from God is only seen by Satan when he is defeated by it. It is spiritual courage. It is from reading and knowing the scriptures. By simply applying the lesson of the scriptures to any situation we will find spiritual courage and we will become steadfast and be victorious.

If we have no knowledge of the scriptures we don't have spiritual courage. Without spiritual courage we will lose every spiritual battle we face. Satan will have his grip on us.

Testimony...

We all don't have to be preachers. We all need to learn how to disciple others using our testimony.

Our testimony is our most valuable and powerful tool of our trade. Our trade is ministering to others. Our testimony gives us all we need.

Watch your actions and don't let Satan trick you into losing your testimony. He is slick and if he tricks you into losing your testimony you have lost your best tool.

The best part of your testimony is the fact that you don't have to tell it to others, your actions do that for you.

Govern yourself in a manner that your actions will provide the best testimony to minister to others.

Wavering...

Are you as weak as a blade of grass that moves with every breeze? Are you all dressed up in your fanciest clothes? Men who live in luxury are found in castles or palaces, not in the wilderness. Do you constantly change because someone told you, "you have to change with the times."

If you do these things you are wavering and unstable. You are keeping up with the Joneses. You change at every whim to be earthly.

The only one who can change you in the right direction is Jesus. Why don't you keep up with Jesus instead of the Joneses?

Mark of the Beast...

Revelation 14:9-12

⁹ Then a third angel followed them shouting, "Anyone worshiping the Creature from the sea and his statue and accepting his mark on the forehead or hand ,
¹⁰ must drink the wine of the anger of God; it is poured out undiluted into God's cup of wrath. And they will be tormented with fire and burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and the Lamb. ¹¹ The smoke of their torture rises forever and ever, and they will have no relief day or night, for they have worshiped the Creature and his statue and have been tattooed with the code of his name. ¹² Let this encourage God's people to endure patiently every trial and persecution, for they are His saints who remain firm to the end in obedience to His commands and trust Jesus. (TLB)

9. And a third angel followed them saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead or in his hand,
10. the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.
11. And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.
12. here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. (KJV)

John the Baptist...

Are you a Pharisee? Are you a teacher of the Law of Moses? That is who rejected the message of John the Baptist. That is who rejected the Lord, Jesus Christ.

The Pharisees, rejected the message. They replaced God's laws with their own traditions and laws and tried to make their traditions into God's laws. They tried to be God and make their laws rule over His. This caused an entire nation to miss the message of the forerunner to the Messiah.

Are you a Pharisee? Are you being dictated to by their traditions? How many people have you caused to miss the message of John the Baptist with your laws and traditions? How many have you led away with your actions? Don't make rules, follow them.

You had better read and heed the message of John the Baptist. Its all you have to do

Are You Bias or Pious...

If you are bias you are prejudice. You don't like what you don't understand. You have certain attitudes that are against anything that is not like you, or anything where you can't fit into.

If you are pious, you think you are better than anyone or anything else. You refuse to lower yourself and step down to their level. They just are not holy enough for you.

Even though some things appear to be low to you, they are not. They are higher than you are. You haven't analyzed them. You have a preconceived false notion of what is what and you believe that false notion. You think you are so good. You're not. You are rotten to the core and God is getting ready to correct you.

Jesus said there is no one good but the Father in heaven, no not one. You are not good, and if you think you are, you are calling Jesus a liar. If you are calling Jesus a liar, you are saying you are better than Him. Who is right in this case, you or Jesus?

The Star Witness...

If you only associate with church goers you may be missing a great opportunity to witness to those who need to be witnessed to. However, before you step out of the church and witness where witnessing is needed, you better make sure you walking on firm spiritual ground. If you are not, your witnessing will be your downfall, for you will become what you are witnessing to.

To All The Zealots...

Are you one the Zealots or fanatics of the church who judge those who drink a glass of wine with their dinner? Have you ever said, I won't have nothing to do with him or her because he or she drinks alcohol. Do you talk negatively about others who enjoy alcohol. Do you say it destroys your testimony and tell other not to use it because it will destroy theirs? Its not the drinking of wine that destroys your testimony, it's the way you present yourself.

I'm not sure what that type of testimony you display to anyone who is watching you. The person watching you could be at the doorway of salvation and your testimony could possibly impact his or her decision. Do you act like you are so pious that nothing is holy enough for you because you call yourself a Christian? If you do, you will certainly drive him or her away. Then, when you have driven him or her away, you will probably say, Oh, well, I guess he wasn't ready to be saved and be holy like us anyway. And you are right. He may never be ready to be 'holy' like you.

Please read what Jesus says about drinking wine in Luke chapter 7 verses 29-35. It ought to correct you if you have a bad attitude about someone who does something your pious-ness won't allow. Read it in the King James and then in the Living Bible. Or...is the Living bible not "Christian" enough for you. Or are you not looking for the message in plain English? Why is that? Are you one of those white knuckle Christians and prefer your teachings the hard way? You think can decipher the message from the old English text? Maybe the plain English text doesn't say what you want it to say and just can't be twisted into what you want it to be when its in plain English?

Have It Now...or Have It later...

Either things just aren't like they seem, or they just don't seem to be like they are. Sin is one of these. Sin seems so good when its committed, but it only lasts a season. Then it turns into captivity for the sinner. Being righteous just doesn't seem like its any good at all, but it turns out to be better than we can imagine. It turns out to be eternally great.

If we live for the now, life will not be as good as it seems. If we live for eternity life won't seem to be as full as it should, but in the end the fullness will appear. For all of eternity.

So what do you want? Do you want your pleasure now that is temporary, or do you want your pleasure for eternity? Its your choice you have it now or you can have it later...

Good and Evil...

When Godly people do the right thing its called righteousness or responsible. When evil people do the right thing its called wickedness. Evil people only do evil. When it appears to be for the good, its not. Its for evil... Good trees bear good fruit, bad tree bear bad fruit. Bad trees don't bear good fruit, good trees don't bear bad fruit.

Good can only be done by those who have God, because all good comes from God. Evil people are evil because they do not have God, they have evil.

There are only two ways anyone can be, and its one of those two ways. Are they of God or are they of evil? Are you of God or are you evil?

Living for Jesus...

When you welcome someone, you welcome Jesus.
When you feed someone you feed Jesus. When you
give someone a drink of water, you give Jesus a drink
of water.

When you reject someone, you are rejecting Jesus.
When you mock someone you are mocking Jesus.
When you harm someone, you are harming Jesus.

If you obey Jesus you will be blessed and even the de-
mons will respect you, but they won't treat you with re-
spect. They will be operating in fear mode and may kill
you for their wrong doing.

If you die for Jesus you will live. So listen and obey Je-
sus and the wrong that comes to you will be rewarded.
The important issue is that you are registered in the
Book of Life.

Thankfulness...

What great revelation or idea have you introduced to this world that was not already in use? You may think you have a new idea, but, its only a re-vamp of something that already exists in another form.

When you think you are being original, you are playing God because He created every idea and was the mastermind behind every simple thought you've generated.

All you are capable of doing is acting on the wisdom He gives you for this life. The wisdom is His and He can take it back anytime He wants. It is not yours, it is His and you are borrowing it. If you don't use it for His purpose He will take it back, but not before you are beat over the head with it. So be thankful for all you have, and use all you have been given to glorify God and you will be given more.

Evil...

If you speak loudly and clearly and to the point against un-Godliness you are certain to make some enemies. Our Lord, Jesus, made enemies. Evil will exist all the way to the end.

Our response to evil is not to let it alone. Evil is controlled by the enemy and the person controlled by evil is controlled by the enemy.

Don't hate the person controlled by evil. Rebuke Satan and lead the person from the residue left when Satan was removed.

This is our work for Jesus. Leading the lost to Him. There are rewards in heaven for those who believe in Him and do His work. If you don't believe in Him you may as well leave His work for those who do.

If you don't believe in Jesus, and you have to believe in something, Evil is your only other choice. You have to make a choice. Is it Godly or evil?

How Much Does It Cost?

If you have to ask how much it costs you cant afford it. This statement tells you to count the cost. This works for material purchases as well as spiritual purchases. It is better to know the costs before taking any action.

When making a spiritual action, we must consider the purpose of our action. Are we being selfish, egotistic, prideful, or defiant, or are we being Godly?

If we are being Godly the action it will be financed by Him. If we are not we will pay the freight, shipping, tariffs, duties and taxes and possibly a large fine. Something like Jonah.

Some actions seem like they are a great deal, and we really need to perform them, but by the time the taxes, preparation charges fines and other costs are added up, they can take all you have and leave you with nothing. That's because they were not of God. They were of you.

Who Are You?

The time will come when soon we all must pick up our cross and carry it. Some of us will carry our cross as a burden. Those who do will complain and gripe about every little stumble they take. They will fight everything the cross stands for. They will not be satisfied by anything as long as they have to carry the cross. These are the weak, not the meek. They are carrying their cross because its what they have to do. Its not what is in their heart. It is a burden.

Others will grab the cross and try to run with it. They will be happy to carry it. They will find good in everything bad. They will enjoy the trip and everything that happens to them on their way. They will share what they have with anyone who is in need. They are full of love, hope, faith and trust. These people are not carrying their cross as a burden, but inpreparation for the ultimate victory.

Who are you?

The Great Pretenders...

Those who 'pretend' to be righteous are the ones who will hate you for being righteous. They have made up their traditions and have called them God's rules. They follow them and expect everyone else to do the same. If you don't follow their traditions, you will be considered the worst kind of sinner, and these hypocrites will begin a process of destroying your character.

This is a perfect example of doing Satan's work in God's name. They are worse than those who don't follow their rules and traditions.

They have ordained their traditions and rules to be above God's. They have made them first. They love their rules and traditions more than they love God.

They are attempting to build a following and lead others away from God. They will lead all of those who follow them right into the fire and brimstone. Will you be following them or will you be with Jesus?

The Last Step on Your Way Down...

Sexual immorality has taken down every great empire that has existed. It's the last step on your way down. Once you cannot control and properly use the God-given blessing of sex, you have begun your fall.

God says, "That's it!!!" and His judgment is sent roaring in your direction. Before sexual immorality, there has been all kinds of sin. There has been false gods, cursing, murder, theft, and many other acts against God. It has gone on for some time. But...by the time you abuse His sexual gifts, you have angered Him and the hand of judgment is roaring toward you. You don't have much time to repent, you probably don't have enough time to repent because the hand is in motion. It went in motion when the other sins before your sexual sins began to ripen. It going to slap you right in your heart. You will be punished until your punishment forces you to turn away from your actions. How long it will take depends on how hard headed and hard hearted you have become.

When you have been beaten into repentance by the judgment of god, He will restore you. He always punishes those He loves. His punishment is severe but His punishment is proof that He loves you. Don't be sexually immoral. Or you will pay the price....

It's A Bad Heart...

Its not your act that is your sin. The act is only following what is in your heart. It's your heart that is full of sin and the act only follows your heart. Matthew 5:38 says That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. Be careful where your heart is when you look at a woman or you will become an adulterer.

Sin is not from the outside. It is from your heart. Your mind and body follow your heart. So be pure in your heart and you will be pure in mind and action. Don't blame any of your body parts for your sin because they all of them are controlled by your heart. It's your heart. You have sin in your heart.

Ask God to cleanse your heart and when He does all your body parts and your mind will be pure because your heart is pure.

The Great Leader of Nothingness...

Why is it when you read a daily devotional in the morning you feel powerful and want to follow its message, but, sometime during the day you lose all track of the message and blend in with those around you?

You talk like them and act like them rather than following the divine message of the day. It is because you are a sinner and always will be. You only have the faith God gives you. You are weak.

Without asking Him to help in everything you do you will be weak and wavering, God is the strength, not you.

You may think you are a great leader, but you're not because in order to be a leader you have to first be a follower. A follower of God. He will lead you and you will be a leader. Without following this principle you will never lead anything but nothingness.

Worldly Treasures...

In this world, what goes up must come down. If you soar to the top in this world, you will come down in the next. Soaring in this world is not living for the next world.

We are put here to serve. When we forget that and become a master of the world, that's just what we are, masters of the world. Our own world. The only one that exists in our mind.

We should seek heavenly treasures while we are passing through this brief world. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you. This means serve not master this world. Be righteous not a world power. Live for God and He will add unto you.

Rebel...

Do you teach others to pave the way for your own desires? If you do not wish to submit to an existing law or an existing method, do you deceive or trick or influence someone else into beginning a rebellion to change the existing method so you can follow through with your own method after the rebellion? If you are caught, do you say, "They did it, not me?" I only took advantage of the opportunity to correct what caused the rebellion.

God puts things here for us to submit to. If we use trickery or deceit or try to influence others to move them out of our way, we are not submitting. That is not serving God. That is playing God.

Are you a person who submits to your circumstances, or are you a rebel to any cause that does not please you. If you are a rebel you think you are God. There is only one God. It is definitely not you. God punishes those who do what you do. When you try to run His show you are trying to grab His glory. He will humble you and it probably coming as you read this.

Good Tools, Bad Tools and the Work

Life only comes around once. So we should live it in the most unselfish way. If we are self-centered are not God centered. God is our creator and as all creations we should live for Him and His wishes.

When a tool is made, it does not take off in its own direction and do the work it wants to do. It was created for a purpose and as a tool will fill its purpose.

We are created for a purpose also. Our purpose is to be a tool for our creator and do the work we are created to do. As any tool, we should make His work easier and more pleasurable for Him. The better the tool the longer it lasts and the more use it gets.

Bad tools or tools that are not efficient are discarded or melted down and remolded. Should we become tools that do not fit a purpose and do a job, we will be remolded into tools that do. That is painful and unnecessary. If we just be the tool we were created to be it won't happen.

Be Unique, Like Everybody Else...

Be unique, like everybody else. We are all unique to one another. Even identical twins.

Why do we try to change things that our Creator made for us to fit the world's needs. Why, when we are so unique, do we set goals that are identical to one another and/or identical to groups of individuals, under the guise of serving mankind or simplifying life?

Shouldn't we be applying our individuality and uniqueness to serve the will of and desires of our creator instead of trying to serve mankind without seeking the will and desires of God?

We can only be a service to mankind by performing the will and desires of God. There are only two masters and we can only serve one. If we serve anything but the will and desires of God, we are not serving God. We are serving the master of darkness. There is no light in darkness. There is no darkness in God. Are you serving darkness or are you serving God?

It's The Motive...

Have you ever been told not to 'hang' with certain kinds of people? Are the people telling you this right or wrong?

If you are on solid spiritual ground and are sincerely searching for lost souls, they are wrong. If you are trying to bring light to the lost, you are right.

If you are seeking pleasure in their world, you are wrong, and you will find that which you seek. If you have wrong motives bondage is certain. If you have right motives, you will shine light on evil and it will be brought out in the open.

What are your desires for hanging with an undesirable crowd? There is an invisible camera watching you and recording your actions. The film will be played back for you on judgment day.

You Are The World...

They say you can tell a lot about a man by the company he keeps. People associate with other who they believe to be worthy. Some associate with those who make them feel good. Some for security. There are a million reasons.

They say, if someone associates with thieves he too is a thief. If he hangs with drunkards he is a drunk, and so on.

We don't need to hear these statements, we need to look at who is making these judgmental statements. Is God making them? No. God is not, but God the only one who is qualified.

So why are these self made gods making these statements. Because they are Satan's helpers. They do not have God and will not have Him as long as they keep others from doing the God's work.

If a man hangs with thieves and brings the Lord to them he probably isn't a thief. He is probably more Godly than those who make such pious statements. If you judge people by who they associate with, and don't know all the facts you will be judged by God. Don't subscribe to these kind of statements. They only make you judge another. That is not of God.

Expressway Or Narrow Winding Road?

What has God done for me today? A better question: What have I done for God today? One question is self centered the other is God centered.

Self centeredness is a wide road and which leadsonly to destruction. God centeredness is a narrow winding bumpy road that has no speeding, no passing, and no changing of lanes. If you drive carelessly you will get off the road.

A comparison of the two roads will tell you the easy wide smooth road is not the way to travel. It leads to added end.

The narrow road lets you fit through all its obstacles if you pay attention and drive carefully. There will be bumps and holes and you will hit them and they will rock you vehicle, but they will not cause death.

The wide smooth road looks so much more appealing to the eye. But what is more appealing to the eye is not always more appealing in reality. The wide road lead straight to hell. If that's where you're headed it the best road to take.

Focus, Focus, Focus...

Just today, don't focus on any of your needs or wants. Focus on how great your savior is.

He is not going to do what you think your needs are anyway, unless, by some strange coincidence, they fit into His plan of salvation for the world, not just yours.

Think about how great it is to have a Savior like Him. One that is not giving you what you think your needs are because you don't know His plan, and your needs are most likely not what His plan calls for.

They are just that, your plans. When have you ever read about a Master following the demands of His servant on a daily basis? Isn't that what you are looking for? Your master to follow your plan?

Its time to wake up and follow His lead. When you do, you will be led the right way, not the way you want to be. Try to impose your way and you will still be led, but not as gently, but you will be led. He is the Master, the Master leads, not you.

Pass Or Fail...

If you want to a Godly person, pray to God that you will overcome temptation. It will always be there and you can only pass it or fail it. If you pass it, you have only been tempted. If you fail it, you need to confess your sin, ask for forgiveness and ask God to help you overcome temptation. Its always there knocking on the door of your heart.

When God shows you how to pass the temptation, the first time you pass it will show you how mundane the temptation was. It was so mundane that it got you many times. You didn't respect its power and it whipped you into sin...many times.

Don't let not respecting the power of temptation do you in. Temptations always repeat themselves whether you pass or fail. If you passed, pass it again. If you failed, don't fail it again because it will put you in bondage if you fail too many times.

Ask for God's help. He is there to help you. But don't take that to where you think he is only there to help you. That's self centeredness. Self centeredness is a bondage in itself that's worse than any bondage caused by temptation.

Good News...

No news is not good news. Good News is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. That is the base for all good. The Gospel has brought the Good News to a wicked world.

Salvation is the best news anyone can receive. You can't just hear the Good News, you have to receive it. When it is received, you will follow its teachings.

Our nature does not want us to become involved with the Good News. It is in darkness and the darkness does not comprehend light. The Good News is the Truth and it will be terrible for those who don't receive and apply it. Those who think the tiny bit of pleasure our sin gives us is great are very wrong. Nothing is great about it and farther from the truth. Pleasure from sin turns into bondage to sin.

The Gospel is great because it saves us from pain more intense than we can imagine. It saves us from burning for eternity. That's a long time.

The Good News prevents this suffering. Isn't that Good!!!

Think...

God will let you think you have all the power you want. He will let you think His way is too slow, or its just too old fashioned, or it doesn't fit in today's times, or its not going to work. He will let you think anything you want. The fact is God is in control, not you, and everything will be done His way when He decides to do it. If you convert His way, it will convert back. He has the power, not you.

Every once in a while He lets you play with His power like a father teaching His child.

There is no such thing as slow in eternity. God is eternity. God does not live in our concept of time. He created time and you live in it while always trying to bend it fit your needs. God will prevail in every way, shape and form and you will not. All you can do is obey or defy Him because you are not strong enough to do anything else but obey or defy. Its your only choice and the consequences of your choice will be yours.

Our Purpose...

Do you know your purpose in life? Many people think their purpose is to do whatever pleases them. Some are pleased by having sex with everyone who appeals to them. Some are pleased when they lie and make themselves great in the eyes of others. Some to tear down others. Some steal, some murder, some drugs and alcohol.

These are not purposes of life. These are the vices of life. They have no value. They are only taking you from the Lord.

Our purpose is to bring the lost to a spiritual life in Jesus Christ. Jesus died for all those vices. They are defeated. Why are you being defeated by something Jesus already defeated?

Put Jesus in your heart and you will defeat every kind of sin available to you. Stay the way you are and every kind of sin available to you will defeat you. Its all in how you want it to be. Some just love living in the bondage of sin. They don't know anything else.

Trust...

God wants you to serve Him on His terms, not yours. He wants you to leave the 'hows,' the 'whys,' and the 'whens,' to Him and put all your effort into being dependent and obedient to Him.

Are you willing to do that. Do you have what it takes? No, you don't You are not strong enough. You have to depend on God's strength to even be obedient to Him. I try, I fail. I trust, I succeed.

Where You Believe...

Some people believe in Football. Some in soap operas, some rock music, some in self. If you are believing so strongly in anything other than Jesus, your belief might as well be in Satan. There are only two place to believe; God or Satan.

Do I Doubt...Even Myself

Do I really believe, in my heart, that Jesus is my Savior? Sometimes our minds play with us and fool us into thinking we are something we are not. So, has my mind tricked me into thinking I believe in Jesus when I really don't?

The signs of whether or not I really believe in Jesus are how I live. Do I live for Jesus' blessing? Do I love everyone, even my enemies? Is God first in my life? Do I love anything more than I love God? Am I a service to mankind?

There are many more signs, but, the one that count most is; Did Jesus die for my sins and resurrect from the dead to forgive me of them. If I don't believe that I may as well not believe anything else because that is the bottom line.

If You Doubt, Think It Out

To say there is no God, or God does not have complete control, or God does not have any power, or God is slow is really asking Him to show you His power in a way you really do not want to see it. This type of thinking is not of God.

Thinking of God is like this: God is everything. Everything is of God. Without Him there would be nothing. God has given us everything we have. Without Him we wouldn't be.

You better think like you are of God so you will become of God. Otherwise He will show you the power and glory you ask to see. You won't like it.

Thank you Lord, for all you've done. I know that everything is from you. The love and faith in me is from you. I will seek all the heavenly treasures rather than the worldly material because heavenly blessing bring me closer to you.

Return on Investment...

What can you give God in return for what He has given you. In the O.T. days, they gave praise and sacrifices as a token of thanks, and then returned to darkness of their sin.

Do you ever even give a praise or a sacrifice between your chapters of sin? Do you think an animal's blood can fix what you've done? It can't. Besides, God wants it all from you because He gave it all to make you what you are.

You have turned to sin rather than God. How can you return to Him? By giving Him your heart, and all of it. That's what He wants. He wants to be in your heart. All you have to do is ask Him to come in and He will.

Bondage...

In order to fully love God, you have to be free of all your bondages. These take up a percentage of your love. If you are full of bondage your love will be given to your bondages.

Your bondages, have to go. Whether they are sex, liquor, drugs, money, or anything that has you carefully focused on it, they are your bondages, and they take up some of your love that belongs to God's. He is first. What ever you are in bondage to you will want all the time. You will want it more than you want God.

You cannot fully love God until you release your bondages to Him. Once you turn them over to Him, they are no longer yours. They are His. Now you can love God with all your heart, all your mind and all your soul.

Truth...

If you want the truth, you have to go to the source of the truth. The source of truth is 'the true source' and all truth comes from the source of truth. You don't get real truth from any other sources, if it is not the original source, it is a counterfeit source.

The truth has not changed from the beginning. Everyone and everything else has changed, and unsuccessfully tried to change the truth to fit their wants or needs. But the truth does not bend. It is what it is and that's all it is.

The source of the truth is God. God is the truth and the truth is God. The truth comes from God and he is the only one who knows the truth. He is the only one that distributes his product, the truth.

Man does not know the truth. He knows what it is and He knows of its source and what his source allows him to know he is usually cut deeply by it.

If you want the truth you have to ask for it first, and then search for it. Your search will last a lifetime because the truth is deep and is in everything. Everything reveals a truth specific to itself. That is its truth.

Be careful during your search. The truth cuts deep, all the way to the bone. Can you handle deep cut? You will be cut deeply. Everyone who meets the truth is cut.

I Am The Greatest...

Do you make things up in your mind making yourself powerful or great, or in control? What are you powerful at? What are you in control of or great at? Where does the strength that powers you come from?

There are two sources of strength. God and Satan. You know who's who. You know what's what. Who are you aligned with? Who is your power. You cant keep it a secret. It will show sooner or later.

Who is really the greatest? Who is really the most powerful? Who is really in control? Who controls you?

Since you are creating greatness and power and control, and the reasons for them in your mind, who have you chosen to praise? God or Satan? Yourself?

Self is a tool of Satan. Unless God is in your heart, Satan, the world or self is your god. When God is in your heart, they no longer have any control over you. They can only tempt.

We Don't Even Know What We Need...

We need to know that God is big enough to meet all our needs, and wise enough to use the most difficult of times to strengthen and deepen our commitment to Him and one another.

The two commandments given by Jesus, are to love the Lord with all your heart and love your neighbor as you love your self.

Instead of asking God to remove our shortcomings and problems that interfere or stop our love God and our neighbor, We should be asking Him to use them to make us strong through them, and to use them strengthen our commitment to Him and our neighbor.

Remember, there is nothing bad that happens in which we can't learn a good lesson from.

You're A Rumor Weed...

You're a rumor weed. Yes, you're a rumor weed. A little piece of a story is all you need. Once you repeat it, its hard to defeat it. Yes, you're a rumor weed. Planting your rumor is planting Satan's seed. It's only the start of Satan's deed.

Don't start rumors. They are of Satan. Once you start a rumor you have done Satan's work, and harmed the reputation of someone who may be doing God's work.

If you start a rumor that means you are afraid of the person you started it about. Otherwise you would have took your issue to the person. You didn't have the courage. You did it behind the back of the other person. Satan told you how to handle it and you obeyed.

Rumors are the tares in the wheat fields. They spread fast and crowd out the other wheat plants (truth). People love controversy. They will believe and spread a rumor before looking to see if it is the truth. The truth is not in those who do such things.

Rumors will be the cause of your death. Start one and it will lead to another. Soon you are a rumor weed. All you will know how to do is spread Satan's seeds in the wheat fields. It must take more courage than you have to bring the issue to the other person.

If you hear rumors and spread them you are no better than the person who started them. The person who started the rumor depends on you to hear it and spread it for Him. If you do Satan has you too.

God's Work or Yours?

When You go into the run down areas, and step down to the level of the sinners, and you are claiming you are there to bring a sinner up to the Lord, You only deceive yourself.

You are not diving down into the depths of sin to do anything other than enjoy the depths you dove into. There is nothing Godly in that level of life. You are only satisfying your own need of sin, so why try to make it look like you're doing God's work when you're filling your own need to sin.

Salvation was thought to bring you from that world. If you go back, whatever the reason you create in your mind, you deceive only yourself.

God looks at the heart and you cannot deceive Him. He knows the truth. You cannot deceive Him into believing you have stepped way back down to bring someone else up.

How we live, or our testimony, is what attracts people to the Lord. They see what we have and want what we have and seek it. Then they find.

When they are in the pit you are climbing down into, they are not looking to come up to the Lord. You are just looking to sneak back into the world you came from.

Its All About You..

God does not want to bring judgment on you. He loves you. He wants you to let go of your pride, your dishonesty, your arrogance, and all your other superfluities so He can have a relationship with you.

As you presently are, in such a sad state of sin, God cannot use anything you offer for any of His purposes, other than to show others what not to be. If you are willing, He will make the necessary changes in you.

You do not need to go down to the sinners level you came from to bring a sinner to the Lord. You need to get yourself on a higher level of spirituality, and they will come to you. You are supposed to be an example of the good life after coming to the Lord. The unsaved sinner is supposed to want what you have. They have to climb out of their level of sin and come to the Lord. You don't go to their level of sin, they come to your level of Godliness.

Your example is your testimony. Its all you can show them. What you do leads others who look up to you, or it can lead them to look down upon you. Its your example that will make the difference.

Talk is Cheap...

If You walk around talking God to everybody you meet, but you are not living God in front of everybody you meet, you are a talker instead of a walker. You are driving more people away than you are bringing.

You are one of those boring people who just flood everybody with a tidal wave of Jesus and wash them away. After a few minutes of you, they are farther away from coming to the Lord than they ever have been. They will duck the next time they see you coming.

It is not God's intention to flood the world. After He flooded it once and it killed all but eight people, He promised never to flood the world again. And then you come along with your flood.

There are others who are successfully bringing many people to the Lord by planting a seed and letting God grow it. They plant, God germinates and someone else sprinkles, not floods. These people don't have a big ego and try to do all the work themselves.

Sometimes it appears like the bringing of people to the Lord is being sabotaged by the tidal wavers. They see themselves driving people away and keep on doing the same thing. Does that imply that it is really God behind their efforts? If not who is behind the work of the tidal wavers of Jesus.

Are the tidal wavers of Jesus presenting their package in an effort to boost their ego or are they trying to bring people to the Lord? God is gentle. The strategy of washing someone to come to God with a tidal wave of Jesus is not.. The tidal wave of Jesus drives more sinners away than it brings.

Seek And You Shall Find...

Seek if you have not yet found. Seek until you find.
Seek, Seek, Seek. If you ask for things amiss, you seek
not and shall find not. If you seek worldly things rather
than spiritual things you ask amiss.

The more you fill yourself with self, the less you can fill
yourself with God.

If you seek God, and not yourself, with all your heart,
you will find Him. What ever you are looking for you will
find when you narrow your search. If you seek self, you
will find self. If you seek God you will find God, but only
when you narrow your search.

Be thirsty, not smugly indifferent. Be less than satisfied
with self. Experience is only a gateway, not an end.
You cannot give a person what you have unless you
first make him thirst for it.

Church Mice of Satan...

Some go to church whenever the church doors are open. They sing in church, they lead Sunday School, they are Ushers, they are Deacons, and some are just there. Some of these are church mice.

The true church mouse will make you think church is the most important thing in the world to them, but its really not.

The church mouse will go out of their way to be friendly, to look like a servant of God, and man, but when a few church mice get together behind closed doors, they back bite, talk about church members, what they are doing to who, discuss other church members' problems or shortcomings, and issues. When a church mouse does this kind of thing, they put a little praise on it so it will pass the grade of the church.

Some church mice are good enough at their act to 'trick' a Pastor into believing in them. Once the Pastor is tricked, they have the walk of the church. They can do just about whatever they want with the Pastor's approval.

The Pastor is unknowingly made a part of the plan of the church mouse or mice. The church mouse can then condemn other church members with the Pastor believing the condemnation, as long as it is done in the grace of the church.

Soon, other church mice see this and they join in the fun. The church is soon, no longer a church. It is a Home of church mice who have a preacher who preaches the Gospel. Satan is the proud new owner of the church.

A situation of our gods...

You made your own mess by fooling around with your own gods. Now you have to either live in your mess, or find a way to correct it.

First, you need to analyze your situation in its entirety from beginning to end. Take an honest look at what your god has changed in your life. You will see your attitudes have changed. Things you used to do in daily life have been replaced by the needs of your god. You have fell into the habits of your own god just to keep your god happy. You think, once you learn the origin of your god and his weaknesses, you can begin to de-thrown him. You are wrong.

You need to turn this false worship over to the Living God and He will fix it. Yes, He will, but not until you take the first step. God's power to correct your life comes only after you take the first step. He'll wait for you to take that step. He has all the time of eternity, but doesn't waste any on someone who wants to stay where they are, and just change the results of where they are. He wants you to come out of where you are.

To come out of where you are, you need to learn your god, and his appetite, and cut off the food of his appetite. How can you de-thrown that which you only know how to follow. When you stop feeding the appetite your god, and start feeding the appetite of the Living God, your first step will be taken and the power of the Living God will come to you. Your god will be rebuked and driven from you. You will then be set free. Your heart will then be filled with the Living God.

That is where your sin has brought you, into the bondage of the god or demon of your own sin.

Satan Steals...

Satan wants to steal your testimony, and he certainly will, if you let him. The key phrase is "you let him." Satan cannot steal anything from you without your help.

When you Satan tempts you, he tempts you from your own lusts. Its only when you let your lusts control your actions, that you lose the battle of temptation with Satan. He is a slick one.

When you lose the battle with temptation you have lost your free will. You have chosen your lusts over your free will not to allow them to control your actions.

The battle does not begin when the sin takes place. The battle starts when something triggers one of your lusts. It is a simple innocent thought that begins the process.

It may be a sexual thought, and if you follow it you will be having immoral sex with someone. It may be the thought of a drink for an alcoholic. When the thought is not subdued it becomes a binge. It may be the thought of having something you cannot afford. If the thought is followed, you will cheat, lie, swindle or steal to fulfill the needs created by that thought.

The sin is in your heart and you follow your heart. Sin is inward. Its the heart not the act. If you do these things you need God to cleanse your heart and they will stop.

Your Testimony Tells Itself...

Your testimony is your actions in someone else's views. People will follow you or run from you because of your testimony. It is as easy to destroy as it is to build. It's all based on your actions.

For an alcoholic, the first drink will destroy his testimony, because many more will follow. For a Christian, one sin will destroy his testimony, because many more will follow. For each, the act of following the temptation of their own lust becomes their bondage. The drink for an alcoholic and sin for a Christian. They get locked in and are unable to stop once they start.

By following their own lusts they abandon God, because those lusts are not of Him. Those lusts replace Him in our hearts, we become obsessed, and they control the love in our heart instead of God. We were led away from God by our own lusts when we could have been led by God. That is Satan's function.

If we do not maintain a high consciousness of temptation and ask God to help us overcome it, we will be led away by it and become a prisoner. When we follow the temptation we are defeated.

It's The Heart...

Jer 17:9; *The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: Who can know it?*

Are you working your ministry, or are you being dragged down by the heathens? Is your ministry strong enough to mingle with the heathens?

If God hasn't made your ministry strong, it's because you have not done your part in building it. God is faithful, you are not.

Your heart deceives you and you think you are doing what is right when you are only doing what you want, and tricking yourself into thinking you are doing God's work.

Your intentions are to do what you want and label it God's work.

Since you cannot fool God, you only fool yourself and some of those around you. When you do this you do the work of Satan and attempt to portray it as God's work. Remember, God is faithful and Satan is deceitful.

Living In Egypt...

Bondage sneaks up on you. You fall right into it. When you sin, whether you know it to be right or not, bondage soon follows. Your sin usually it is not just one sin, but several sins at once.

Each time you repeat the sins they becomes less and less "sins" and more a part of you. After you repeat the sins over and over, each time they become less important. Soon they become almost natural and you begin to commit the sins regularly. When these sins become a natural act to you, the sins become your attitude. When they become your attitude you are in bondage to them. They have taken over your attitude. The sins are not a part of you, you are living in them, and they are controlling you. The sins repeat themselves all by themselves regularly. They just happen. You are locked in and can't get out. The more your bondage sets itself in the tighter its grip gets.

You are helpless to your bondage. You cry out to others for help, but continue to live in your bondage. You are defenseless until you cry out to God. When God is satisfied you have had enough of your bondage, he will remove it and set you free. The next time you go into bondage, your bondage will be seven times worse.

HOW TO BE A:

PEACEMAKER	TROUBLEMAKER
<p>Peace love, forgiveness, loyal, helpful, responsible, good, justice, sensible, wise, humble, silent, doing what's right, wise, respect, truthful, look ahead, good will, live eternally, flourish, excite, understanding, proof, patient, knowledgeable, blessed, profit, wisdom, reverence, godliness, refuge, security, glory, mercy, common sense, rejoice, gentle, joy, advise, delight, hungry, cheer, right, sensible, kind, rebuke</p>	<p>Argument, strife, lie, mock, rebellion, bribe, nag, folly, evil, curse, suspicious, broken spirit, bitter, loud, temper, sin, fool, pride, envy, anger, guilt, perish, poverty, insult, wrath, discouragement, trash, gloom, doom, lazy, gluttony, dishonest, sick, sinner, deceit, Trickery, greed, embezzle, extort, racketeer, gangster, crime, death, kill, curse, rob, beat, harm, grief, sorrow, depression, suicide</p>
WISDOM	FOLLY

You Are What You Eat...

Was eating a piece of fruit the message of Adam and Eve? I think not. I don't think the moral of the story was about an apple. It didn't matter what they ate. It wasn't about eating at all. It was about obeying God.

That apple could have been any noun. An apple is the illustration. Eating is a verb we can substitute any verb for eating. Then we have a tree. Let's leave the tree alone for now and play with some variables.

When you have sex with a married person, you are 'eating' from the tree of adultery. Or, you can be swimming in the sea of adultery. Or drinking from the wine of adultery. Whatever illustration you are still committing adultery. God punished King David for it. So, if you are committing adultery get ready for yours.

So my point is it isn't the illustration that counts. Its the sin you commit that counts. Be care what you eat. You are what you eat.

Right in the Middle...

Every word of God proves to be true by itself for all those who love God and are called to His purpose. You cannot add anything to His words because they are complete.

If you think you can make God's word better, go ahead, but you might want to read the warning about adding to His word in on the last page Revelation. It was put in place especially for those who have a better way than God.

He will rebuke those who try to add to or subtract from His Word. They will be found to be liars anyway. Life will go on as he says anyway.

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His Will...

I beg God for two things. To help me not become a liar, and to give me neither poverty or riches. If I have poverty, I may steal and insult His name. If I have riches, I may love my money and may think I don't need Him anymore.

All I ask is for His will.

Aggravation Your Best Teacher...

You are not tested when life is going smooth and everything is working out for you.

The test comes when your walk with God is in turmoil. It also comes when you feel you have been treated unjustly, or when you did not receive the praise you thought you were due. These things will break through your spiritual walls if you didn't build them strong.

If you only read your Bible and talk to God when you are in a mess, and don't when you're not, you are trying to use God for your own selfishness. He is smarter than you think He is.

When you are in this state of mind, you are taking the first step on your way down. You are applying a half-measure to God who is not into half-measures. Half-measures only bring half-results. All your effects are just that, effects. Look for the causes and let them take care of the effects. If you are walking with God, he will help with the causes before they reach you as effects.

We Can Be Powerful If We Work It The Right Way...

Its our responsibility as followers of Christ to yield ourselves to Him and let Him work through us. When we do, His power will be shown through us. All the power we have is his, not ours. We have none. Apart from Christ, we can do nothing. (John 15:5)

Our duty is to pray and believe in Jesus, and yield ourselves to Him and His mighty power. Then our hearts will be right and His power can work through us.

Only when we pray, believe and yield will God be able to use us for His purpose. We must be content with that which God gives us, even if it is nothing. It is from God. It is what He wants for us at this time.

When God makes a change and blesses us with plenty, we must remain humble and not become proud because we did nothing to achieve what we have been given.

God blessed us, we did nothing. We couldn't do anything without Him. He is in control, not us. He will be forever.

Are You A Weapon or A Weakling?

Our only weapons as a Church of Christ are; to witness for Him; to testify of His love and His power to redeem us; and His abiding presence power to work through us.

These are not weapons until we live by them. We must be living proof. When we take this authority, this power, and this wisdom, we become the weapon of Christ to conquer evil and bring the evil ones to the cross for His forgiveness and salvation.

Christian or Composite Christian?

Are you living your life for Christ, or are you living a composite life of parts and pieces added or subtracted as needed to create the image that you are? If you are living a composite life, God knows. You can deceive yourself, you can deceive others, but you cannot deceive God. He knows the truth . He is the Truth. If you don't stop living a composite life, you will be found out. It will be known by all that you do not have the truth in you

Prayer...

Lord, I know I am overloaded with shortcomings and I cannot do anything to remove them.

I do not ask you to remove them, I ask you to use them for glorifying yourself and the purpose you wish to get done through me.

I thank you for my shortcomings, and I wait for you to make them a strength in my work for you.

Amen...

The Problem With Promises

God gives us a promise, then He gives us a problem so we can be stretched and learn how to deal with the problem. The problem makes us stronger and when we have become strong enough He gives us the promise.

Servant And Master

When I wake up I get on my knees and ask the Lord what He can do for me today, or how will He help me today? Shouldn't I be asking Him what I can do for Him or what I can help Him with?

The way it should be is not how it is. I should not be asking anything for myself, it should be about Him not me.

Sometimes I forget who is the Master and who is the servant.

Where Did You Go?

Only by returning to God will your problems be solved. As a matter of fact, you only have problems because you left God and went your own way.

When you are with God, your problems are not problems. They are chances or opportunities grow in Him.

When you leave God behind, you take things into your own hands and try to use your own strength to solve incidents that are stronger than you are. Since they are stronger than you are, you are fighting a battle that you cannot win.

When you are with God, you have His power to work with you and carry you through the difficult times and make you stronger.

The key to God working through you is;
You have to wait for Him.

Hezekiah's Effective Prayer Plan...

First: He acknowledged that he had a problem. He repented (sack cloth) and headed for the Lord's house. He admitted he was unable to cope with the problem.

Second: He prayed through his problem. He took the matter right to God, (Isaiah 37:4; 15-20) laying before God the problem.

Third: He sought a solution that would give God the glory. His purpose in prayer was that all nations would know that you are God and you alone.

Adversity should not get you all the way down. You should only let it get you down to your knees.

Spiritual Makeup

Some of us, when we feel a bit insecure about our walk with the Lord put on our spiritual make-up. We don't feel we are living up to our potential, so we make ourselves look like a '*beautifully spiritual person*.'

We use eye shadow to shadow the doubt in our look. Maybe the make-up can cover the truth about us.

We put on our spiritual lipstick so our lips stand out. But its not how they look that counts. Its what comes from them.

We add a little rouge to color the view when someone is looking directly at us. We know our face reflects the truth and sooner or later the truth will shine through our rouge.

When we are communicating with others, we should keep a constant check of how much spiritual make-up we are wearing because if we don't apply the proper amount, our truth will shine through our make-up.

Stop And Think For 10 Seconds...

Sit and relax for 10 seconds and let your mind wander.
Times up!!!!

What ever you were thinking about is exactly what your are.

If you were thinking about yourself, or something related to you, yours, yourself or anything related to you, that is what you are about. You yours and yourself. That is your holy trinity.

It is a false trinity. Your holy trinity cannot save you. It cant do anything but worship you and boost your ego.

If you were thinking of others, you are a little more caring than if you were thinking of yourself.

If you were thinking about how you can be a better servant of the Lord, you were on the right track. Not right, just on the right track, because as soon as something related to you comes along your mind will follow it.

Grab For The Gusto...

Since glorifying self is our deepest concern, we need to find a plan to make it a simpler process that brings maximum glory. We can never get enough.

Conceit to the glory seeker is like money to the greedy. More is always better than less.

This is a good example of 'living for now.' It's a simple plan, get all you can as fast as you can. Be famous in the eyes of your fellow man. Be powerful. The world is your theatre, use it well.

There is also a downside to self glorification. The downside only shows once in a while when we are living the high life. When it does we become opposite of our goals. We temporarily become unable to connect and have to settle for less to survive.

But...that's only a taste of the downside, a microscopic taste. Eternity is the complete downside. Its far more better to live for eternity now, than it is to live for now in eternity.

Living With The Right Choice...

Things are getting a lot rougher in today's world. Children are killing their parents, people are driving into stores to steal ATM machines, people are having sex with anyone they can other than their spouses. Jobs are scarce.

We are becoming victims of one another. Everyone is blaming someone else for their woes.

All of these woes present to us a choice. The choice is ours and we will be held responsible. Some of us will choose self. Some of us will choose God.

Those who choose self will join the evil and rough times and become a part of that body. Others will choose God and will become a part of that body.

Those who choose self will probably have a lot more now. Those who choose God will have a lot less now. Material things that is.

Those who choose God will have a lot more in eternity. Those who choose self will have nothing in eternity.

You had better make the right choice because you will have to live with it...for all of eternity.

Born To Serve...

If you can explain it, its not a miracle. If you can say, "I woke up this morning and just out of a blue moon, I decided to follow Jesus," the truth is not in you.

We have to be really beaten up by trying to live for ourselves before we are convinced we can't. That is when we figure out that we cannot live without God.

By beating ourselves over the head with self, and repeating the scenario, we learn through our own self-afflictions that we don't have as much to say as we thought.

Once we realize this, we are turned to head in the proper direction. We do not lead, we follow. We do not become the master, we become the servant.

The more we serve the better we become. We were born to serve. Many of us have it backwards and think we were born to be a master. Nothing is farther from the truth, ant the truth is what we are searching for. God's truth, not ours.

They Ain't Here For Your Pleasure...

People, places and things are here and have been here long before you. They will be here long after you are gone. They are a constant. They do not move around you to make you happy. They have no purpose of pleasing you. They are there and your purpose is to live life and serve them, not rule them.

They are made by God. If you are a servant of God you will serve His creations as well as you serve Him.

You are not to serve the creation before the Creator. He is first. By putting the Creator first, his creations second and yourself third, you will know the joy of God. That's joy. Jesus, Others You. In that order only.

Singin' The Blues..

When you are 'down' people will kick you. You have it coming. Why? Because you are 'down.' If you were believing in the Lord, there should be no 'down.'

'Down' to us is not 'down' to God. It is a time He is working in you tearing down strongholds and replacing them with His ways.

If you get 'down' and feel like giving up, that's exactly what you should do. Give it up. Give it up to the Lord. Try it His way. If you do, you will not be down because you will know he is busting up a stronghold in you so He can make a change for the good.

His way is not only better, it's the only way. You can make all the plans you want, you can set all the goals you want, you can say anything you want, but... God's will will prevail. If that gets you 'down,' then you are not right with Him. He is the master you are the servant. Don't forget this principle. If you do you will be 'down.'

You Are The Antichrist...

Every time you rear your deceitful head and try to control something, or try to change the outcome of God's workings through others, you are not playing God, you are playing the antichrist.

You were made by God to do His work, His way. Somewhere along the timeline, you have convinced yourself that you have a better idea or better way or better presentation than God. Your way is better for His work and you decided to add your touch in the middle of the work being done by others. You did not consider who's work you are tampering with.

The example of the antichrist, which you are portraying, is on a tiny scale compared to that of the real antichrist. You are a tiny actor acting out a large role, and you had better stop and turn back to God now. You have only deceitful words as your weapons to power your sinful plans. The One in heaven has not given you any power to do anything other than to be a servant. You have attempted to change that too.

You have unsuccessfully attempted to replace or dilute a work of God's by adding your 'touch' to it. By trying to make God's work turn in the direction you wanted it to go, and by trying to change the mark of God's work to yours, you have angered the Lord. He will lock you into the bondage of your act. You will always think you have a better way for everything until you turn back to Him.

You have not replaced or tainted anything in God's work, you have only made known those who are tainted and follow you. You have led them to bondage too. Those who are tainted will now come to the surface and support your deeds. The tainted will be solidly behind you all the way to the place of celebration of your deeds: the lake of fire in the end.

Information And Disinformation...

We live in the information age. Some say it is the dis-information age. We are bombarded with information from awakening to bedtime.

There are only two sources of all this information. All the distributors of this information distribute it from one of those two sources.

One source is Satan. His information is the 'dis-information.' His information is based on lies, deceiving, trickery, cheating and manipulating. His information works fast. Anything based on his information will be fast moving, fast acting and fast lived. It will run its course and die fast. But the damage to its target will be done.

The other and pure source of information is God. He is the truth. He provides no dis-information. His works do not return to Him void. He heals and builds. His information is about how to love. The only thing His information destroys is evil.

It is becoming very difficult to distinguish which information is from God and which is from Satan.. Satan has learned how to disguise his information to look like God's. If you don't know any better, he will trick you. The only way to know the truth is to check your information against the scriptures. They are the truth.

It's not Easy Being Perfect...

If you want your friends, your wife, your family or anyone else to be perfect in your eyes, then you need to be perfect first. Or you won't know it when you see it.

To get a little, you have to give a little first. To get a lot you have to give a lot first. You can get anything you want by putting the Lord first, others second and yourself last. Anything in His will for you. If you ask amiss you won't receive.

Those who want to be first will be last. Those who want to be last will be first. That's the law of the Kingdom of Heaven.

You expect nothing short of perfection from others while you are nothing close to perfection yourself. You are selfish and self-centered. Life is not about you.

To obtain J.O.Y. you have to put Jesus. first, others second, and yourself last. If you don't, you will be looking for perfection in all the wrong places. The place to look first is in yourself. When you don't see it there, don't look elsewhere. When you see it there then look for it everywhere.

Deceit Is Deceitful...

If being a Christian were easy it would have no value. It would be a waste of time sacrificing ourselves and doing for others first, if it had no value. It has great value. Its value is not a self based value. It's a type of value a non Christian cannot understand.

A Christians value comes from Putting God first, others second and our self last. It pays off in joy. Joy comes from the closeness to God we get when we serve others...and, we get the peace of God...and we also get to spend eternity in heaven with God. That's value at its highest.

Being a sinner is easy. One just does whatever he wants or whatever comes natural. It doesn't matter who its done to unless they are stronger or meaner than you. Don't think about it, just go ahead and do it, its your world. Whoever it hurts will understand. If they don't, what can they do about it? You don't have to answer to them. You count, they don't.

Look how valuable you are because of doing what comes natural. You can't be trusted. You are for yourself and will do what ever pleases self, no matter what is involved. You think you can explain your sin away when the time comes to answer. Nothing is sacred to you but you and your wishes. You don't have peace, you don't have joy, you don't have God. You have Satan and all he offers. You will have eternity to vacation with him in at his resort on the Lake of Fire.

Grabbers And Givers...

You can only receive if you give. No give, no receive. When you only want to receive, you are a self seeker. Self seekers soon begin to grab. When they grab, whatever they grab does not satisfy them, it temporarily serves the 'need' they've acquired to 'have.'

Whatever you obtain through greed or selfishness will not stay long. God will take it away from you when your sin ripens and judgment comes. It may take your sins a while to ripen, but when they do you can be sure judgment is not far behind.

Its better to take what God gives you and learn to apply it to its fullest, rather than defy Him by taking what He didn't give you, and using only it partially because you only want the sweets out of it.

You are the maker of your own destiny. That's about all you can make. It is made by the way you govern yourself. And how you govern yourself is how God will handle you. You always have to remember, God is in control, not you.

High Horse, High Fall...

Don't get so high up on your horse because you go to church and someone else doesn't. You're not any better because you go to church.

Acting like you're on a high horse tells me you don't learn when you go to church, anyway. So you might want to consider either stop going or go everyday.

To stop going will put your body right where your heart is, not in church. If you go every day, you may hear part of the message. But if you don't it will give you more opportunities to judge those who are not as high on the horse as you are.

To ride the horse you ride, you put yourself on that high horse. Nobody else can reach that high. Since you climbed up on the highest horse you could find, and you have rode it well, you probably won't be able to climb back down, you'll have to fall off to get back down to reality.

That's Another Point...

The spiritual workaholic thinks heaven comes from 'hard spiritual work.' He thinks if he is in church whenever the doors are open, that is a few points. He thinks if he gives a little extra money to the church, that's a few more points. He counts his point all the time from the good works he does.

Everything is based on points with this person. (His own point system) In the end, he will count his points and find that all the good works he could do did not add up to enough points to get him to heaven. Those kind of points do not count.

Belief in the Son of God, the fact he took on your sins, died for them, and resurrected to forgive us of them is the points system. These points, give you all the points you need to get to heaven.

Faith in His Son pleases God more than anything else. We are dependent on this faith in our Christian walk. Faith in Jesus is our only approach to God.

Worst Trade In The History Of The Game

We need to look at our actions from a third person's point of view. This way will remove the self from the action.

If we look at our actions from our own point of view, we will not see it without our own selfishness. Our mind automatically sees it as we do in our favor. Our point of view will rationalize the injury to others as being the right action for us. When we covet something, it becomes 'right' to use any means to get it. The end will justify the means and we claim we have used proper and just actions to obtain our desire.

But God doesn't look at things the same way we do, We take an outward look and see the outward actions of man. God looks at the heart and sees right through all the outward deeds we do to influence or control others so we can have our way. God judges us according to the truth. God knows the truth.

The worst trade in the history of the game is to trade now to be comfortable, and give up eternity in the trade. That is the worst trade in the history of the game. Many players make this trade. Do you want to make this trade. Name your offer, Satan has his checkbook ready.

I Hate You...

Sometimes we 'hate' or we cover our hate up with words like, "I can't stand him," or "I strongly dislike," or other clever verbage to cover the glare of our hate.

When we 'hate' we become confused and we are torn apart by our own internal strife. We become driven out of a peaceful lifestyle into a non peaceful one.

If we look at the cause of these feelings, we will see that the actions or beliefs of others are not the cause. That is, if we can be that honest with ourselves.

We will find the cause to be the fact that we think we are better than they are. This really upsets our apple-cart and we become bitter and resentful about whatever they do.

This is our own sinful pride in us, and we are filled to capacity when we act like this. If we don't look at the truth, we will become that lie we are living.

Limiting Your Potential...

Don't limit your prayer to the goals you have set. This is selfish prayer and stops at the mouth level.

God's love is big. A Lot bigger than our self that we only pray for. We are a part of the body of Christ. We are a part of the entire body, not just a single part. We should continuously pray for others and ask only that God guide us and bless us. This is unity. God wants our unity. If we don't become united, we become divided. If we don't unite we will not be going in the same direction. We will have nothing more than confusion. That is Satan's tool. Getting along too well with Self brings us to Satan. Everything starts or begins with self. Where is your 'self' leading you? Or are you leading it?

Are You The Hunter, Or The Hunted?

Do you want to be the hunter or the hunted? If you want to be the hunter, you need to look at all your past actions, attitudes and thoughts and hunt all the impurities out of them. When you find an impurity you need to remove it from any future actions, attitudes or thoughts.

If you don't remove the impurities you will be hunted by them. They will hunt until they capture you and make you their prisoner.

When you are their prisoner, you won't be able to do anything but what they want you to do because they will be controlling your actions, attitudes and even your thoughts. You can try to think what ever you want, but when you thoughts are controlled, they think what they are controlled to think. You are in bondage.

The only reason you are in bondage and are being controlled is because you let impurities remain inside you, and they took control.

Soul Food...Needs Only One Spice...

The soul needs to be fed as well as the body. When the body is not fed, we feel it physically. When the soul is not fed, we feel it spiritually. Some do not feed the soul daily. When the soul becomes hungry, they try to feed it through the body. They become obese. Some turn to alcohol or drugs. Some turn to sex. Whatever the method they use to feed their soul, does not work and a bondage claims them.

We cannot feed our soul physically. We have to feed it spiritually, with soul food. Soul food is made up of thoughts and meditations, quietness and worship.

Until the soul receives this type of soul food, it will be hungry and something spiritual will be missing. It will not be satisfied.

The soul is made by God for God, and nothing can satisfy the hunger of the soul but God. The soul will remain restless or tormented until it receives food, which is God.

The first step in feeding the soul is to realize your spiritual hunger. Then, on a daily basis, you can add the flavor of God until you are filled. Until you recognize this hunger, you cannot feed it or satisfy it.

It Begins In The Mind...

In Jeremiah 4 it says 'plow up the hardness of your hearts, otherwise the good seed will be wasted among thorns.

This means clean up your minds and hearts, not just your body. You can be clean on the outside, but that doesn't mean anything to God.

God looks at the heart. He sees through whatever we dangle on our outside. Man sees the ornaments we hang on our outside and think we are great. We see our ornaments and think we are doing well. God looks at the heart. He sees our true intentions, even if we attempt to hide them with our outward appearances.

We are not pure and it may not be known by man, but God knows the heart. We need to clean our thoughts. Every action begins as a thought or a temptation. If our thought is a temptation we follow it, we are led away from the Lord by our own lusts. When we are carried away, it starts a fire, and the fire cannot be put out. That is our sin, the fire. It will burn us to a crisp if we don't repent.

Are You A Dirt Bag?

One sin causes another. When we sin, we usually cover it with another. The covering sin has to also be covered or the sin before it will show. Each sin has to be covered because our conscience can't handle it dangling in front of us.

Our conscience is the voice of God. He is in us. That is why we feel guilty when we sin. If we admitted our sin, he will forgive us and cleanse us of any unrighteousness. If we cover the sin we become more dirty. Soon we are a bag of sin. A dirt bag.

Sin is anything we do that is not right with God. Or anything we don't do that we were supposed to do to be right with God. Sin is a two edged sword that will sever our strings to God.

We need to confess our sins as they happen. That is the way to remain spiritually clean.

Its All About You...

Do the right thing or you will be wrong. If you are wrong, you will reap what you sew. You will not be a happy reaper when harvest time comes. This will be your own fault and you won't have anybody to blame but yourself.

If you do the right thing, you will still have trials and tribulations, but they only come when you are weak to make you stronger. A blessing usually follows. They do not destroy you like sinning does.

James says count it all as joy. This does not mean count it as joy to hide the pain. It means grow the strength you get from a trial or tribulation and apply it to your life.

The Law of the Harvest

Sin desensitizes us a little at a time. The first time a sin is committed it is outrageous. We feel the guilt and pressure of it. We feel the righteous looking at us.

The second time, the same sin is less outrageous, or it just doesn't have the shock effect of the first time it was committed. People have already seen it and its not something new they judge anyone for. So they ignore it. Each time the sin is committed it becomes less and less a sin until people become bored with it. Once they are bored, it becomes an accepted practice of society.

What this society fails to realize is there is a consequence for every sin, big or little, and the consequence doesn't show itself until harvest time. Remember good tree good fruit, bad tree bad fruit. Nothing bears fruit until its harvest time.

At harvest time, we don't have a choice of what kind of fruit we are going to eat. Whatever we planted we will harvest. The fruit we will harvest was decided when we planted the seed. Good tree good berries bad tree poison berries. We eat what we sew. It's the law of the harvest

Who Are You?

Do think you are so smart because of your occupation. Don't think you are so mighty because of your body size. Don't ever think you are so rich you don't need anyone. Don't boast about anything of yourself. You are nothing, no matter what you think you are. Its only noise in your mind.

The only thing you should boast about is the fact that whatever you think you are, that is if your thinking is correct, God made you that. You should boast about the fine job He did making you, not what you did.

Remember, you did nothing, but receive God's gift. He gave it, not you. Be thankful the Lord does not think like you.

Another Great Plan That Didn't Happen...

You can make all the worldly plans you wish to make. You can tell all when they are going to take place. You can decide how you want it to happen. You can draw a detailed blueprint. You can do anything you want.

If your plan unfolds as you wished, God caused it to happen, not you. Even if it don't God made that happen too. It just didn't happen God causes all. He threw out you fine plan because it was trash to Him. He is in control, although you may think you are. His will prevails as always.

So, go ahead and make all the big time plans you want. When you do always make sure you figure into your plan all unknown changes that can happen. Just in case God decides to run the plan. That way you can still brag about what you did. Think about this the next time you are shooting off your mouth.

Rules Of The Road...

When a person falls, he usually jumps up and gets right back on the road and pushes forward as hard as he can to make up the downtime. He falls again. And again. He fails to realize he may not be on the road that is right for him.

Now, another on the road, when he falls, he gets back up also. The difference is, he goes back to the fork in the road and where he made the last turn and takes the other road. He corrected his path because he fell once.

Those who go back to the fork in the road and follow the same path did not learn from the falls. They may be disobedient to the rules of the road. They repeat the wrong actions of the road they follow over and over until they see they cannot have their way. The road is tough and won't let them. They fail to realize the same road yields the same results.

When they become sorry and repent for their actions, their mind will open up their eyes and they will see the right road and follow it. You don't get on the right road by being wrong.

This is the rules of the road.

I Don't Want To Hear It...

Remember back when you didn't want to hear anyone who tried to talk about Jesus to you? Those were the days when you really had it together...so you thought. You thought your act was so fine that you didn't need Jesus or anyone else. You had tricked yourself into believing you were self-sufficient.

Then our ways reached their destination, our destruction. All our ways did was cause pain and suffering. We felt bad all the time. We were totally lost. Something was missing. We were not complete. We felt an emptiness that would not go away. We always felt that something bad was about to happen and we couldn't remove it from our mind. We were living in doom and gloom. We tried to cover our inadequate feelings, but now they were shining through. Others could see we were not together. We felt we were living a totally meaningless life. We are going nowhere fast. We know we are falling and cannot do anything but look around for God. We began searching for Him in our mind but didn't know where to look in the physical world.

This is when God steps in and calls us. He calls us and gets our attention, and then waits for us to come and find Him. He guards us while he is waiting. We still have some fight in us and we cannot come to Him until that is broken and all the self-serving ways we know are beaten out of us. When we are admit we are desperate, then, we call on God to save us.

God comes and takes us out of our self inflicted turmoil. We are now saved. We belong. We are no longer alone we have Jesus in our heart. We are alive...forever.

The Mud...

If you try to pull someone out of the mud, and they don't want to come out, they will fight and you will get the mud all over you. You will be dirtied by their mud. If you are not standing on solid ground, you will be pulled into the mud hole right next to them.

The proper way to pull someone out of the mud is to stand back and throw them a rope. If they want to come out they will grab the rope and you can pull them out.

Usually, they just want to have someone join them in the mess of their mud. You will if you try to help them and you are not on the solid ground.

The moral of the story is be solid before you try to make someone else solid.

Lost In Babylon...

I have sinned against God repeatedly in the past. I have disobeyed every one of His commandments many times over. I have mocked Him and His way. I have been a thorn in His side.

He was patient with me. He waited for all my sin to ripen. It has ripened, and he has exiled me from the land I knew, stripped me of all my worldly goods and material possessions. He is breaking down the strongholds that are keeping me from coming to Him. He is using my pain to break them.

Today, I know I am the Israel of the Old Testament. When I turn from God he lets my sin ripen and then punishes me. My punishment is directly proportional to my sin. God is fair and just. When I repent, He restores me. God is love.

Wanna-Be Wolves...

A self-centered person is one who says and does only to receive the needs of himself. Sooner or later, this becomes obvious and the self centered person is left all by himself to fend off the wolves he brought o his own door. When the wolves out number him he runs only to be cornered and the truth about him brought out.

This person is a wanna-be wolf who will use anyone he can to get to his means. He is called a wanna-be wolf because he doesn't have the courage to be a real wolf. Nor does he have the grace not to be a wolf. He is in between.

When it becomes apparent he is a wanna-be wolf, others around him turn into real wolves. The wanna-be is scared straight.

If you want something ask. You shall receive. If you take something, that something will be taken from you. If you use others you will be used.

Wanna-be wolves are just that,,,wanna-bes...

Simply Put...

A missionary said to the cannibal, "Why are you staring at me so intensely?"

The cannibal answered, "Because I am the food inspector."

Trouble stares at us all the time, because it wants to eat us and is making sure we are fit to eat. If we are walking with the Lord, we are not fit for the cannibal.

What's the difference between a fox and a dog?
Three drinks...

Discipline And The Results Of It...

Discipline is that powerful reproof that everyone needs but no one wants. It is the price you pay for failing to learn a lesson from an experience, or a scripture. It happens as a child of a parent, or a child of God.

No more painful to a parent then giving a spanking is giving repeated spankings for the same offense.

Why? Because discipline only reaches its goal when it produces a change of conduct. Tears and sorrow for the offense only show a contrite heart, and unless these tears and sorrow produce a change of conduct followed by acts of repentance, the discipline has failed to achieve it desired end result, a change in conduct.

Thank You, Lord...

Whether we know it or admit it or not, God has provided for us today already. He gave us breath. We are breathing. We only think we breathe on our own. The Bible says God breathed breath into man. If He stops, we stop.

We should be thankful we have the opportunity to be right with Him today. We weren't right with Him yesterday and we are not yet today, We can only do our best. So why are you not doing your best today?

When He decides not to breathe His breath in us we will not have another opportunity to do our best to be right with Him. Better take the opportunity while its here.

Horseplay...

There is no horseplay in the Kingdom of God. Horse playing is the opposite of being a disciplined worker. That is what we become when we are saved. We are saved for our employment, not our enjoyment.

If we horseplay rather than do the work our salvation has assigned us, we are not being right with our Savior. We are disrespecting Him. If we disrespect Him today, we will reap what we sew tomorrow.

Pain and Pleasure are By-products of One Another...

If we can't handle a little pain and suffering today, we won't be able to appreciate the paradise we will receive tomorrow. Pain comes with our territory.

We may suffer what is severe to us today. But let's go back a couple thousand years. We will see what suffering really is when we look at the cross. When we look at the suffering on the cross. We have nothing to complain about. And when we decide to complain or whine about our minute suffering, we need to think of the cross and shut up and enjoy our little.

By Appointment or By Correction...

Before I run around trying to run everyone else's life, job, or show, I must need to be able to do all I command of them. A good leader is always God based. He has his heart filled with God and passes what is in his heart to others. His orders come from his heart.

A person who takes upon themselves to control situations without being authorized from the proper God appointed authority is no more than a noisy voice. All positions of authority come from God. Those in charge were put there because He put them there. Those who put themselves there are 'self' appointed and will be rebuked by God and found to be not true.

God appoints those who are not filled with Him to leader positions also, but they will do His work. Sometimes His work for them is to be corrected. If that is His purpose, it will not return to him void.

If you are appointed to lead, follow God's rules. If you don't you will lead yourself to destruction. Probably by correction.

Look In The Mirror...

When I see something in others that I really dislike, it is something that is also in me. If I am “play acting” and see someone else doing it, I am ready to call them out in front of anyone who will listen. It really burns my anger to see someone “playacting” the same role I have chosen for my self.

We are following our own path, rather than the path of Jesus. We don't have the strength to do what is necessary to follow His script, so we “play act” what we want to script to be. We fake everyone out.

When someone else is doing the same thing, we shine the light on them to keep the light off us.

The next time someone is shining the light on someone else, get a mirror and reflect their shine back to them. The light will be redirected to the right place.

Rebels...

Rebels do not have the blessing of God. They are in rebellion and do not obey anyone unless they are stronger than them. Rebels deny that God is stronger than them because they don't see His physical threat to them. They don't believe He will prevail. They believe they are Him, and they can do whatever without consequence.

They fail to realize how long eternity is. They don't care. They are near sighted or myopic and see only the vapor of life on earth.

They fornicate with whoever they want to when they want to where they want to. They worship their own gods or themselves as their god. They are liars, cheaters, thieves, murderers, and will break any law to achieve their wants. They have no remorse.

But when God sends some calamity their way what do they do? Who will he call? Will an answer come when he cries out to the God he doesn't believe in? Yes, god will answer all cries for Him. He will forgive and forget. He will save you.

If you are a rebel, you better turn to Him now. He's waiting for you.

Do They Hate Me Enough?

People don't like you for one of two reasons. One, you are a Godly person and you try to do what is right or Godly. Two, you are so ungodly that you will stop at nothing to make people see or do it your way.

If you are not liked because you are Godly, that is a positive reason and you can live pretty good with that.

If they don't like you for the second reason, you brought it to your own doorstep. If you would think of something besides yourself, you probably wouldn't have all the problems you have. If you force others to do it your way, you will never be on any ones top ten list. You will be seen as an evil force. Until you stop doing what you are doing, nothing will change other than people will find worse ways to make you suffer for what you did to them.

Stop seeking the praise of man and start seeking the praise of God.

In Whom Do You Put Your Trust?

Hebrews 11:4-8 NLT

⁴ It was by faith that Abel obeyed God and brought an offering that pleased God more than Cain's offering did. God accepted Abel and proved it by accepting his gift; and though Abel is long dead, we can still learn lessons from him about trusting God.

⁵ Enoch trusted God too, and that is why God took him away to heaven without dying; suddenly he was gone because God took him. Before this happened God had said how pleased He was with Enoch.

⁶ You can never please God without faith, without depending on Him. Anyone who wants to come to God must believe that there is a God and that He rewards those who sincerely look for Him.

⁷ Noah was another who trusted God. When he heard God's warning about the future, Noah believed Him even though there was no sign of a flood, and wasting no time, he built the ark and saved his family. Noah's belief in God was in direct contrast to the sin and disbelief of the rest of the world—which refused to obey—and because of his faith he became one of those whom God accepted.

⁸ Abraham trusted God, and when God told him to leave home and go far away to another land which He had promised to give him, Abraham obeyed. Away he went, not even knowing where he was going.

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Write down a step of obedience God is calling upon you to take today. With His help, will you take it?

A Child's Conversation With God

An inquisitive child was having a serious child's conversation with God.

The child asked God how long one of God's hours was in our time.

God answered with thunder and lightning in the background, "One thousand of your years, my child."

The child said, "Wow!!! That's really cool. And then asked, "How much is one of your dollars worth in our money?"

God answered again, this time with more intense thunder and lightning. God said, "One thousand of your dollars."

The Child said, "Wow!!!"

The child was fully impressed and excited, and then asked God, "Can I have one of your nickels?"

With no thunder, God quickly replied, "In a few minutes, my child."

Do They Hate Me Enough?

People don't like you for one of two reasons. One, you are a Godly person and you do what is Godly. Two, you are such an ungodly person, but put on a Godly act that everyone can see through.

In most cases, you are the second type person. You don't have the courage it takes to be a Christian so you act out what you think an Christian is. People hate that worse than if you are Godly. But you're not, so you'll be hated for that reason.

The only way to be hated the right way is to be Godly. Can you cut the muster? Can you turn you life and will over top God and let Him run it. Or do you say you have and keep on trying to be the master? You are the servant and the only right way for you to act is like a servant. Anything else is unacceptable with God. He will whack you on the heart for acting a role you can't even act out.

When you truly decide to turn your life over to God, He will take over and you will slowly become a Godly person. Then people will hate you for the right reason.

How Great I Am...

When you make a mockery of justice and try corrupt or sour all that was intended to be good or righteous, it is just as stupid as when you rejoice to yourself about how great you are. In reality, you are right below nothingness. You should not take pride in the tiny amount of power God has given you. You really don't have any. He gave it and He can take it away at His desire.

You should rejoice in Him who gave you that little bit of power you have. He should be getting all the glory you are taking for yourself. You deserve none.

When you refuse to give Him the glory, someday you will lose your tiny bit of power. He will take it from you and give it to someone who will use it for righteous purposes. You will be sink to an even lower level than you are at now. Then what will you brag about?

My Way or The Highway...

That's right. There are two ways you can have it. Your way or the high way. Your way is not the high way. Your way is the lowest possible way. The high way is God's way. His way is the only high way. All else is low. You are low. He is high. When you remember this you will come down to earth.

In your majestic mind, you have gotten too big for your britches. You will be leveled until you are lowered to a level where God can use you for His mighty purposes.

You cannot ride on the top of the wave forever. God lets you ride it until He is ready to knock you off. When He does, you will be humbled. You won't think you are all that and a bag of chips.

Study Prayer

My Lord Jesus,
Open my heart, open my spiritual eyes, so I may fully understand love, and want to do your will so much that it becomes my will from you.

Lord, don't allow me to miss any of the points in my studies of you. Don't allow me to misunderstand any part of the holy learning. Make learning real to me. I want this to be real to me so I can carry your message to those in need of it.

In this I pray in the name of my Lord, Jesus Christ, my Savior whom I love with all my heart, all my soul and all my mind.

Amen

The Ride Of Your Life...

Sodom and Gomorrah were at fullness of bread and abundance of idleness when the Fire and brimstone fell. That means they were hungry for nothing and didn't need to work. They were at an all time high. They were like you are sometimes, on their highest horse and riding it hard.

You only fall when you are riding your highest horse hard. If you are not riding your highest horse you are either on your way to highest horse or you have already fallen off it.

You don't have a bunch of horses just like you don't have a bunch of masters. You can only serve one master. You can only ride one horse at a time. Tomorrow you may ride a different horse, and the next day a different horse, but they will represent one of the two masters. You need to be sure you are on the horse you are sure you want to ride.

One horse provides a slower, rougher ride full of bumps and holes in the path. It provides many chances to prove you are who or what you say you are. It gives many opportunities to be thankful and appreciative. It is the path for the achiever and your achievements will carry you to a huge rainbow made of bright lights at the end. You made it to heaven.

The other horse will give you a fast ride, and a high intensity, high excitement ride, with many great times. It will be loaded with the best the worldly empire has to offer. It will even present the greatest fire work show ever at the end. It is the shorter lived ride of the two. Its holes are the one you dig, and the bumps are caused by others who are as selfish or more selfish and greedy as you. Zit is full of those, like you, who are racing to grab all they can while on the ride. Welcome to hell.

Get What You Want...

When we think we don't have enough of what we want, trouble may be coming our way. We always want more than we need, but we always get exactly what we need, whether it sinks our boat or not.

If what we want causes big waves and rocks our boat, our boat is floating in the wrong waters. It may have been our wants, not our needs that caused our boat to float into the wrong waters.

Our boat is built to carry our needs, not our wants. Our boat can not handle the waves of the ocean if it is a river boat. If you try to float a river boat full of ocean sized wants, your boat will sink and you will drown in the waves created by the wants. Your boat is not designed for the kind of waves ocean sized wants will make. Our wants are very powerful. When they are packed with more power than our boat can carry, they will surely sink our boat.

When our boat is floating in the proper waters, our wants will not be too heavy for our boat. We can load them on our boat without the worry of sinking. This only applies when the boat is floating in the right waters.

When your boat is floating, the load is balanced and right. When your boat sinks, it's usually because of an unbalanced load. The wants are making their side of the boat too heavy and it will tip over. Once this happens, it's too late to check the load. Check the load before putting it on the boat.

Conscience? Guide You?

The saying, "Let your conscience be your guide," only serves well if you have a conscience. To have a conscience, you have to have Christ in your life. Your conscience is your awareness of good and evil. Your actions, if you are right with the Lord, will follow your conscience.

If your conscience is without Christ, it will have evil in every thread of its existence. You will think you are right when you're not. Even if you have Christ you are not right, you are considered righteous for believing. You are not right. In man's eyes, you may be right, but that is not right. Right is only God's eyes, not man's.

When you do something you know is wrong, you may as well just be wrong and let it go at that. The justification you will use to make it right in your mind will not make it right in God's mind. God is who decides what right is not you. So why justify. It only turns up the fire in your furnace.

When you believe everything you do is right and don't care if it really is, or if it hurts anyone else, you are in bondage. When you go ahead and do it and say you can apologize or explain it later, you are in bondage to the needs of having your own will, not God's.

Bondage is sneaky. It slips up. Just like the father of bondage, Satan. Once you sin, that sin will be repeated. When there is no immediate punishment, Satan will convince you so there will be none at all. You will then do it again. No punishment again, so you do it again. No punishment again. It must be alright. Now Satan has you.

You are in bondage and the punishment or consequence will come when your sin has fully ripened in God's eyes. I promise you it is coming. But..Satan has you now, and by the time it gets here, you will have been sinned so much you won't know which sin the punishment is coming for. And...there is punishment coming from each sin. So get ready to kick back and enjoy the massive punishment coming your way. Bondage just isn't as much fun now as it was when I committed the sin to put me in bondage.

How To Handle a Selfish Person..

We don't have to deal with anyone who is selfish. All you have to do is let them have all they want, and stand back and watch them take until they cannot take anymore. As you continue to watch, you will see them find another and take all they can, then move to another, until one day, they are bloated and explode.

In the meantime, They hold on to what is theirs with a tight fist while they use up what they can manipulate and beg, borrow or steal from others. There is never enough, nor is there anything ever good enough. They just keep wanting more and more. When this becomes visible, they have received the consequence of their selfishness. They are in bondage to it.

The whole point of giving them whatever they can, without injury to yourself or family, is to hurry their consequences. This is not to be done for an evil purpose or a payback, it is done to help them see the wrong in their ways. In a sense it is helping them fill their cup of misery.

A person can only rise to the top after they have given up and are on their bottom. If they have not given up and are not on their bottom, they will be climbing up someone else.

In Bondage To Self...

When I am in bondage to myself, nothing, no one, or no thing can satisfy me. I can only find wrong in things. It's everyone else that's causing my problems, not me. If I find some good in anything, it is only good because it pleases own selfishness. In all my speech, the word "I" is predominant. I think only of what I want and my goal is to satisfy my own needs. If I do something now, and I am caught, and it causes a problem, I can apologize later. My goal is to do what pleases me.

If someone disagrees with me, they are usually wrong and I am always right. I will call them a liar, or tell others they need medication or some kind of help. I am good at convincing others when it comes to me being right. I sometimes use intimidation to make others admit I am right.

If I can't get them to see it my way, I have no use for them and will attempt to discourage others from having dealings with them.

I am on careful watch for those who try to harm me by not letting me have my way. I don't speak or act unless I am right. They cannot see this. Sometimes it is as if I wasn't heard.

Help me, I cannot get my life right because you won't agree to do it my way. Since my way is the way, you are wrong. So, lets do it my way from the start. Otherwise I will figure out a way to do it my way and if you are not a fighter, I will force you to do it my way, anyway.

The Three Always's of Agriculture...

1. You always reap exactly what you sew
2. You always reap more than you sew
3. Harvest time is always at the end of the growing season

ALWAYS No.1

If you sew hate, you will reap hate . If you sew evil, you will reap evil. Whatever you sew is exactly what you will reap.

ALWAYS No. 2

However much you sew, you will reap more. If you plant one apple seed, the tree it grows will produce many apples for the life of the tree. Be careful what you sew because the law says you always receive more than you sewed.

ALWAYS No.3

Harvest time comes as soon as what you sew has been grown and produces fruit. The fruit is your harvest. Good tree—good fruit. Bad tree—bad fruit. As soon as the fruit of whatever you sewed ripens, it will fall off the tree into your yard.

You Are A Murderer...Thou shalt not kill...

For all of you who are looking for a way out, let's take a look at exactly what 'kill' means?

It was translated from the 'murder.' The word 'murder' means to simply hate your brother. Therefore, thou shall not hate his brother, means thou shall not murder thy brother, which has been translated into kill.

1John 3:15 says anyone who hates his brother is a murderer in his heart.

If you hate your brother, you are not right with God. God is love. If you don't have love you don't have God. If you don't have God you have Satan. Who ever you have is who you will spend eternity with.

A Battle, Not A Parade...

Christian life is a battle, not a parade. It is a serious battle in which the enemy, Satan, is trying to discredit the Gospel of Jesus Christ using any method he can use. He will try to divide us against one another. He uses the divide and conquer principle very effectively. He will scheme to make you dislike someone that can help you in your walk with God.

When Christians are given many ideas of Christianity, and divide by their beliefs, Satan has effectively divided them and is about to conquer. All ideas should be checked against the scriptures. If they don't agree with the scriptures, they are of Satan.

Satan uses our own lust against us. He uses our pride, our anger, our sexual desires, or any other vice he can use to derail us in our walk with God.

The only way to beat Satan is to use the scriptures. They bring light upon him and he can only operate in the dark. Unity in the scriptures is the best tool to defeat Satan.

One thing is for sure, the battle of Satan and Christianity is constant. It is a battle, not a parade. You must be victorious or Satan will have you burning with him in hell.

Your Fruit is Ripe....

When you reach the point where you are perverting justice or oppressing those who are poorer than you, the fruit you bear has ripened and is about to fall off your tree and rot.

When your fruit appears on your tree, and is not used or able to be used for a righteous purpose, it will rot and become infested with insects making it no longer good fruit.

It isn't the fruit that's bad. It's the tree. Good tree, good fruit—bad tree, bad fruit. If you are the tree that don't produce good fruit, you will be chopped down and thrown into the fire. At least you will provide a little heat and a little light or a short period of time.

Some people only produce light when they are thrown in the fire and burned. Are you that person?

Conform to Something....

Do you conform to the corrupting influences around you? These influences tend to make us think we have to be better than our peers and those around us. Do you look for something in everyone to condemn them for?

Are you so full of integrity and righteousness that you can condemn others? What can you do to stop being corrupted by those around you and get in tune with God's will for you

Is reading the bible and following the commands God gives in the Bible a reasonable place to begin changing your life to fit God's will rather than keeping it to conform to worldly pressures and influences? Do you want to become Godly, or do you wish to continue in your worldly ways? Each has a place for you in eternity. You know the place of each. You will choose one. Which will it be?

A Savings Account With Compound Interest...

You will not escape God's judgment. You are inexcusable and will be held responsible and judged for your every word, thought, and deed. Every time you wrong another, be it by word, thought, or deed, you are fattening up the a savings account of wrath you have established in heaven. This account will be paid with dividends and compound interest to you on the day of wrath.

Repent or Else...

How will you connive your way out of the wrath you have stored up? There is only one way out . It is to repent and ask Jesus to forgive you and come into your heart and take charge of your life.

Otherwise, you will continue to build your savings account of wrath and you will receive all the dividends and interests you have earned on the day of judgment.

How High You Really Are...

If your pride has kicked itself up a notch, you will think you live higher in the most inaccessible cliffs of life. You think you are above reach. Don't boast. Do not fool yourself. Though you think you soar like an eagle, and build your nest high among the stars, you are still not above reach. All you have to do is boast one time too many, or treat people like dirt, and God will reach down to your heights and pluck you back down to earth. He will humble you.

He will take everything from you and keep you flattened out on the ground until He makes you ready to soar the way He wants you to soar.

Your sins will be exposed and everyone will see you for what you are. You will have to turn to God to be re-deemed. For whatever you have done to others will be done to you. When it is you will be given your soaring wings again.

Three Laws of Life...

There are three certain laws of life;

1. sin will not go unpunished
2. Judgment is swift and soon
3. God restores his people after judgment

Those are the laws of Life. For every action, in order to maintain the balance of nature, there is an equal and opposite reaction.

This is also the law of sin. For every action there is an opposite and equal consequence. This law repeats itself through out your life and will continue to repeat itself as long as you sin.

There is no big or little sin. There is only sin. Sin is sin and it is all the same. If you are hanging over a fire by a ten link chain, which link has to break for you to fall into the fire? All sin is the same. If you have sinned what you believe to be the smallest of sin, you have committed the biggest of sin.

The only way to 'fix' sin is by repenting. Repent means turn away from the sin. It does not mean say you're sorry and keep doing it over and over and say you're sorry over and over..

What Would Jesus Do?

God's people are to be His name bearers in this world, demonstrating by their quality of life what the God of heaven is like.

In the same, you bear the name Christian in a world filled with conflicting definitions of exactly what a Christian is. To be a Christian is to be like Christ. What would Jesus do is the question a Christian ask before making any decision. What would Jesus do in this situation. What would Jesus do with this thought you are having? What would Jesus do here? What would Jesus do there?

If you know Jesus, you will know what He would do in any particular situation. Do what He would do. Why aren't you doing what you know He would be doing?

Sometimes it Has to be A Last Resort...

On one breathe, you hate justice and love evil. Then, when your evil turns on you, you plead to the Lord to help you out of the mess you've gotten yourself into with evil. Do you really expect Him to help you when you hate everything He stands for?

He won't, until you confess your sins and turn away from them. When you do, He will. When you do, your conscience will become God based. You will have more purer thoughts. They get better with time.

When you are knocked down and your face is in the dirt, you begin your search for God. You have proven it does not work your way. If it did you wouldn't be searching for God with your face in the dirt. You'd be on top.

When you begin your honest search for God, His laws come to you. They confuse you at first, but you soon realize they are only to show you how big a sinner you really are. Your first priority is to believe on Jesus and the rest will come to you.

The Grand Author...

Save all the praise you are going to give to any person, place or thing and give that praise to God. God is the author of everything and the praise should go to Him. It is His.

Should you decide to snub God and give the praise elsewhere, He will look elsewhere when your plan backfires on you.

Look up to the Lord and He will look up to you. Look down on the Lord and He will look away from you. He is number one and everything else is after Him. He is in charge and you are in 'serve.' Any other way, is not of God.

Psalm 1

¹ Blessed is the man that walketh not in the council of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

² But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth he meditate day and night.

³ And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

⁴ The ungodly are not so, but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

⁵ Therefore, the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

⁶ For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous; but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Adulteress

Be careful who you choose for an acquaintance, especially if you are married, because they may want to be your next bed partner.

The two become acquaintances and get to know where one another's interests lie. The aggressor, the person who has the strongest drive to wind up in bed, will temporarily adjust their interests to create an appearance that the two have a lot in common. Almost as if they were made for one another.

Should the aggressor, or the follower of the aggression, be already a spouse, an adulterous affair has been born. As soon as the thought of sex with someone who is already married enters the mind, the sin of adultery has been committed in the heart. (Matt 5:28)

If a woman participates in a sexual relationship of any kind with another woman's husband, she is an adulteress. She knows God's laws, but doesn't follow them. Otherwise, she would not be having any kind of an affair with a married person. She has written her own laws and has decided to follow them because they are tailor made for her and fit her goals perfectly. God's rules do not fit her as perfectly as her own. By following His rules she will become righteous. This pulls the plug on having it her way all the time.

She is an adulteress. She has destroyed God's ordained marriage. She can not be true to the person she has 'stolen' from the heart of another, because she is an adulteress at heart and is not capable of living the truth. It is just a matter of time before she becomes tired of her new toy and discard the other half of her circle..

Blaming and Accusing...

Are you always blaming your spouse for something they didn't do? Do you accuse them of wanting to be with others rather than you? Do you make a scene when you think someone is getting a little too close to your spouse. Have you ever called someone who was being nice and accused them of trying to go to bed with your spouse?

If you have done any of these, you don't need to be with your spouse, because your spouse is too good to be with you. Your spouse has to be able to communicate with someone other than you. Your spouse does not sleep with everyone they talk to.

It is not the other person that is wrong, its you. You are not secure with yourself so how can you be secure with your spouse? You have no God in you. Get some.

You need to stop all this craziness and find God. God is the only one that can help you. All the accusing and blaming isn't going to do anything for you or your spouse.

When you accuse your spouse, you only teach them how to treat you badly. Ask God to forgive you, and come into your heart, then He will begin working on your inequities. Other wise, your spouse is going to leave you and your blaming and accusing behind. You will be all alone. You will than have what you are asking for.

Are You A Servant...

Who do you serve? There is one master in heaven and one master of the world. If you are a servant of the master in heaven, you will have to drink from the cup of your master. This means you have to lay down your life for your master and live the way He wants you to live as opposed to how you want to live.

Once you lay down your life for your master and live His way, anything you ask for will be given to you.

When you lay down your life for your master in heaven, there will be opposition in every phase of your life. This opposition should be thought of as a test of your service to your master. If you yield to the opposition you are serving the opposition, or the master of the world, not your master in heaven.

Your master in heaven gives you angels to serve you when you lay down your life for Him. These angels are stronger than the opposition of the world. The opposition is stronger than you when you don't know and apply the Word of God. The opposition is not as strong as you are when you know and apply the Word of God to your life. When you know and apply the Word of God you know His will because His Word is His will for you.

Nehemiah was called by God to rebuild the walls and gates of Jerusalem. The walls of Jerusalem symbolize your life. How are your walls and gates? Are your gates burned with fire? Do they need to be rebuilt? Nehemiah was a servant and knew the principles of rebuilding walls and gates. If you are a modern day Jerusalem, and your walls and gates need to be rebuilt, the book of Nehemiah is God's instruction booklet for rebuilding walls and gates.

The word 'servant' means worker and worshipper.

Satan Has no Portion, Rights, Or Memorial

Satan has no portion of my life. I belong to Jesus. I have been bought by the blood of the lamb. I do not follow Satan. I renounce Satan and all he stands for. I don't even want to hear his voice trying to deceive me. I don't want his temptations that fall right into my path.

Satan has no rights in my life. I have given all the rights to my life to Jesus. I am a servant of Jesus and serve only one master. Jesus is the master. He is in control. Satan has no say. Satan is what I avoid now. I will obey Jesus and rebuke Satan. Jesus is eternal life Satan is eternal death.

Satan has no memorial in my life. His memories are erased. He has no past in my life because I have been forgiven for everything he has led me into. I have become a new creature in Jesus Christ. He has no right to remind me of the good old days with him because they were not truly the good old days. They were days of deception and sinful living. I have renounced them and they are no longer in my memories.

Satan I rebuke you. Get behind me. You are not first in my life. You are not last. You are not in my life at all. You are not wanted in my life. Go away, in the name of Jesus and leave me alone.

Love Is...

Love is respect. Love is honor. Love is giving yourself to the one you love. Love is trust. Love is serving the one you love. You will lay down your life for the one you love at all times.

When you love someone, you fully trust them. When you trust them, you leave them to do whatever they please because their heart is filled with love for you and their desires are to please you. Your hearts are connected, so there is no shortage of trust.

If you don't fully trust them, you don't fully love them. It is conditional love. On the condition they do your wishes for them to do, or only what you want them to do. You don't tie them up mentally or choose who they can share their thoughts with. You don't take away their life from all but you. This is self-centered love or conditional love.

You fully honor them. Your heart will lead you to honor them. Your thoughts are based upon pleasing the one you love. Nothing can separate your hearts when love connects them. Love cannot fill your hearts when there are conditions of love. Nothing can connect your hearts when trust, honor and respect is not first.

When love is pure, nothing can stop it. When love is not pure, it is not love. It is one person in dependence of the other. When love is not pure, it will not prevail. It will separate the hearts that are trying to force a connection.

Are You Full of Love, or Full of Self?

If you say you love someone and don't trust them when you can't see what they are doing, is that love? When you try to choose the friends for the person you say you love, and tell them they can't have this or that person as friends because you don't trust the other person, is it really the other person you don't trust? If you don't trust, you don't love. You trust the one you love and you love the one you trust. Do you think you have to make all the plans for your love partner? Can your partner add or take away from your plans for the two of you? Or, does your plans for the both of you have to be followed to the letter? Do you have to OK whatever your love partner does at all times. Do you tell your love partner what they can or can't do? When or how they should do it? Do you keep a close eye on who your love partner talks to? Do you tell others they cannot talk to your love partner? Do you accuse others of trying to seduce your love partner? Is there any control in your relationship?

If you can honestly say your are experiencing any of these actions, you are being enslaved. Enslavement by deception is an act of the great deceiver, Satan. He is the father of deception. When someone deceives, they are doing the work of Satan. The deceiver is not from God. The deceiver is from Satan. God didn't yolk you together. You chose the deceiver because you were amused by his worldly personality.

God makes couples who are a perfect for one another. They are both full of love for one another. He does not yolk a loving person with a deceiver. When you are loved, trusted, honored and respected, you will love, trust, honor, and respect. If you don't love, trust, honor and respect the person you are with, you are not with the right person. You didn't wait on God. You were alone and did the choosing because you were alone.

Deceit...

Do you carry two sets of scales in your mind? One for weighing things out for yourself, and the other for weighing things out for others? Is the one that weighs more than it says for you and the one that weighs less than it says for others? Is this a double standard?

God want you to be fair and just and humble in all your business. Isn't that the opposite of what you are? Wouldn't you rather have the bigger pile?

Whatever you gain from being dishonest will be taken from you. All the earthly treasures you have collected in your greed, lies, cheating and deceit will be ripped away from you. God will not allow them to remain in your possession.

If your heart is not pure it will be miserable. Inequity breeds misery. You are full of inequity and will soon be full of misery. No matter how much you receive through inequity, you will always hunger for more. The time will come when you hunger for something owned by one who is mightier than you are. When you try to deceive him and take what is his, you will bruise his heel and he will bruise your head.

Your hunger for more and more will only cease when you ask the Lord to purify your heart from all it's inequities and get on your knees and beg Him to lead you to His drinking pond. Then bury your head in it and drink from it. If you get greedy like you were, but with His water and you happen drown yourself, you will be rewarded with eternal life. All it takes is a drink from the right drinking pond.

Why We Are Where We Are...

Maybe we can come up with some twenty-first century definition of why we are where we are. We can find earthly reasons, like this caused this to happen, and that caused that to happen. It's the law of balance.

When we are done estimating, we will find the truth. The truth was told, over and over, two thousand years ago. We are why we are or where we are because of the choices we made that brought us here.

For every evil action, there is a greater evil reaction. We are living proof of this. When the evil we have done catches up with us it is greater returning to us than it was when it left us. Many times.

We are our own worst enemy when we think we are doing evil to others. Evil always returns to its source, stronger than when it left. Therefore, when we are doing evil to others, we are doing more evil to ourselves than we are to them. The others are the vehicle that carries our own evil back to our own doorstep.

Guilty As Charged...

Are you involved in half-hearted worship, empty ritual, persistent rebellion, deception, hypocrisy, corruption, greed, selfishness, dishonesty, hatred, and/or idolatry?

God's verdict is swift and decisive. You are guilty as charged. The sentence will be given and carried out. Captivity to your sin, or exile from life as you know it. There is more to look forward to than endless sin. A full pardon is available upon repentance and a renewed status awaits you when your captivity or exile is completed.

So, feel free to indulge in whatever sin you wish, as long as you feel free to suffer the consequences. The two are a pair. They work hand in hand. They have a pecking order that will be automatically followed. The order is sin/consequence...sin/consequence...sin/consequence...sin/consequence...sin/consequence.

So if you don't like consequences, you should hate sin for the consequences it brings. But since you sin so much you must be just saying you don't like consequences. It looks like you love them.

The Whole Truth, Nothing But...

God is the truth. You should be living in the truth. God gave you his Word. His Word is the Truth. He gave us His church. His church is the pillar of truth. He gave us His Son. Jesus is the Truth. God has given us nothing but the truth.

If you don't take the Truth with you wherever you go and apply it, you are not living the truth. The Truth will set you free. Without the Truth you are living in bondage. You are under the power of deceit. Until you find the Truth, you will have no freedom from your bondage of deceit.

To be free is to live in the Truth. To live in the Truth is to live in God and let Him live in you.

Forgive...Seven Times Seventy...

If you refuse to forgive others, God will refuse to forgive you. You reap what you sew. To not be forgiven by God is to be eternally condemned. To be eternally condemned is to be cast into the lake of fire.

If you don't want to forgive, get your swimming trunks ready, cause you Lake of Fire Resort is hot for you. Better bring some sun glasses and ultra sun screen. The recommended sun screen number is 9999999999. This eternal resort is advertised as the warmest large lake the universe has to offer.

Mercy, Mercy, or Me, Me

If you want to please the Lord and stay out of the path of His judgment, He says in the book of Micah to: be fair and just and merciful to others and walk humbly with your God.

It's not easy to be fair to others when you put yourself first. Its not easy to be fair to others who are not fair to you. Its hard to be fair when you're on top of the world.

Remember, according to Romans 2:1 you are inexcusable for your actions against others, even when they don't show mercy. Your fairness and mercy is up to you, they should not be able to control its output by acting the way they do. They could be acting that way to get you in trouble with God. Mercy and fairness is the path to humility. No mercy and fairness...No humility.

Just...

God is just. To please Him you have to also be just. If your riches come from extortion, or cheating you are not being just. If you have a different measure for others than you do for yourself in any category of life, you are not just.

If you are not just you are not of God. You are of Satan. Being of Satan is equivalent to eternal damnation from God.

Don't think you are above anyone else because your worldly materials are more than theirs. It's not the worldly treasures that count. They will rot or be eaten by moths. Heaven treasures will not. Where will you be when your worldly treasure are eaten by moths or have rotted away.

The Law of The Lie...

Here's what will happen today when you tell your first lie. You will be asked about it and have to tell another to cover it. Then, you will be asked again, and have to tell a third lie to cover the first two. This domino effect will continue until you are found to be a liar.

The first lie was the your best. Each added lie became more unbelievable than the last. Then the lies started getting stupid and then stupider until stupidity took over and overtook you.

You have to remember that the best lies are 99% true. That's right where the first lie you told was rated. Each one became less true until you lied yourself into a net.

The only sure way not to be found a liar is not to tell the first lie. The truth always sets you free, whether it causes trouble or not. The trouble caused is not from you telling the truth. Its from the truth your telling un-covering another's lie.

The wicked enjoy fellowship with others who are wicked; Liars enjoy liars. **Proverbs 7:4**

The More Things Change, The More They Stay The Same...

God keeps His word. Whatever He promises He delivers on time, whether it be a blessing or a punishment.

By reading His Word daily we receive God's Word. We put ourselves Israel's place in the Bible if we are a Christian. If we are not a Christian, we put ourselves in the places of everyone that is not Israel in the Bible.

We do the same things today that was done in Biblical times. The only difference is our 21st century twist to the story. We suffer or enjoy the same consequences as they did, but again, with a 21st century twist.

The only thing that has changed is us and the timeline. God has remained the same all these years. He will remain the same for eternity. We need to get more like Him and quit changing things to suit us. We need to change things to suit Him.

The Fury of God...

God is very jealous over those He loves. That is why He takes vengeance on those who hurt them. He furiously destroys their enemies.

God is slow to anger, but when He is angered, His power is most awesome and He does not stop until He is satisfied.

He uses His weapons against those who harm the ones He loves. His weapons are hurricanes, floods, storms, lightning, rain, and fire and more. All of nature is at His command.

Who can stand before an angry God? His fury is fire and burns everything he wants burned. His fury is water and washes away all that is unsightly to Him.

The Lord is great. When troubled times come He is the place to go. He knows who loves and trusts Him. It is better to love and trust Him than to disobey and challenge Him.

Are You?

Are you still selling yourself to the enemies of God? Or, have you turned away from your inequities and turned to Him? Are you giving yourself to someone God has not given to you to give yourself to? Are you using drugs and alcohol to satisfy an emptiness in your heart? Do you take things that do not belong to you because you think they will help satisfy your need to fill your emptiness? Do you stumble over the truth when it is presented to you? Are you teaching others these things?

If you are doing them you are teaching others them because others are watching you closely. They are lost too and are looking for the same thing you are. You will be held responsible for the teachings you teach to others. Watch what you teach. You cannot escape judgment. You will get away with nothing before God, so why do the crime?

A Way of Life...

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is more than just a theology to be pondered. It is a lifestyle to be lived. It is a righteous lifestyle only fitting to those who God has declared 'not guilty' of offending Him because of their belief and trust in Jesus.

We have to remember, we don't deserve anything but the wrath of God, but through the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we receive His mercy and grace. We become new creatures and we are blessed. He will bless us even in the end. Without the Gospel, we are only going to receive His wrath in the end.

Love Those Bible Translation Experts...

Do you say, "I read only the King James version of the Bible? Or the NIV or the NBS or the NLT because it's the only one with the truth? Have you thought about this? Are you leading anyone away from reading the Bible because you are so adamant that they read one version over another? If you drive someone away, there is a consequence coming your way.

Remember, no matter how good an English Bible Translation is, it has its limits. The original Hebrew Bible was written using 3 languages using 11,280 words. The typical English translation uses 6000 words. Some messages are 'slanted' in one translation or another, so it is good to check several translations and compare them. We also become too familiar with the reciting of some verses, and forget how to do anything with them but recite them, so it is good to read different translations to keep us from becoming a parrot or just skimming over these favorite verses we already know by heart.

Using several translations helps understand what the scripture says, unless you are looking for it to say what you want it to say for your own purposes. Is that biblical?

A Self-Help Book...

When you read self-help books you get just that, “self” help. Help yourself get you out of the mess self has gotten you into.

You can only get help from the One who created you. He knows your purpose, you don't. His help is in His self-help manual. It's called the Bible.

“Self” help focuses on the concept of self. What is it that “I” want in life? What are “my” goals? What should “I” do with my life? What is “my” ambitions? These are self centered questions that will only give self centered answers. We have to ask our Creator for the answers we need about us.

The Bible says self help is no help at all. Self sacrifice is the way, my way to finding yourself, your true self.

Matt 16:25

It's Not About Me...

Its not about me. There was a purpose for me before I was. My purpose was planned without my direction before I was a twinkle in my daddy's eyes. I can only think I chose my purpose. I can think I chose my own job, but God puts me where He wants me. I think I can chose a wife, but God will not mix me with a wife that will not serve His purpose.

The purpose of my life is a tiny part of a bigger purpose. The grand purpose. The grand purpose and whatever I do is already planned for and I will make all the decisions necessary to fill that purpose whether I think I am or not. God directs everything, and I am a tiny part of that everything.

Getting Inner Peace...

Over the last few years, my assets went from a nice home, 3 cars, 2 motorcycles, a large collection of tools, high end stereo equipment, Italian leather furniture, oriental rugs, and the best of everything to nothing. I now have a few sets of clothes, a Bible, sermon tapes and books.

I have fell off of the worldly mountain I built and landed in the bottomof the valley. I have very little material today. My ego has a shrunken head.

Today, I have the joy of the Lord. It comes from the confidence and the belief I have in God. This type of riches is far beyond all the material the world could supply me. It comes from within. God on the inside and the world on the outside today.

Yesterday it was the opposite. The world on the inside, and God on the outside. Once God is put on the inside, peace becomes the goal rather than material wealth.

I plan to continue storing up inner wealth and to leave the worldly treasures for worldly people.

The Wide One-Way Divided Highway...

The only way to true peace and joy is by following the right path that will take you there. There is no distortion on this path, it is a straight narrow path where you cannot stay on if you waver to the left or right.

There is a wide path also. It looks so beautiful when you first get on it, but as you travel towards the end of this path, all the beauty is replaced with rocks and slime. The beautiful trees are uprooted and there are large pot holes all the way to the steep cliff at the end. In the pit at the bottom of the steep cliff is a huge fire that looks like a lake of fire.

When you are close to the end of the wide road, you can hear a large group of people making loud unhappy noises. You can hear their teeth gnawing.

It may seem better to drive down the wide road in life, but it only leads to destruction. The path of peace and joy is very narrow.

Luke-Warm...

Do you drink your coffee luke warm? Does your favorite restaurant serve cooled down coffee? No!!! It doesn't taste good.

God doesn't like luke warm Christians, because the same as coffee or tea, they have to be hot or cold to taste good. His reaction to them is the same as yours to the coffee.

This is complacency or apathy. It is a Christian disease. If you are luke warm, or cooled down, and are not on fire for the Lord, you have this disease. He will spit you out if you don't get hot for Him.

Don't Worry, Be Happy...

Many times, when things are not going our way, we think we have nothing to be thankful for. We think we have been deserted.

Even in our worst times, we have a lot to be thankful for, but we fail to see it because we are dwelling on our misery instead of the things we should be thankful for. We are on our own little pitty pot. If we can't see anything to be thankful anyway. When we fall off, we will be thankful for what we learned while we were on our little pitty pot. Its all about being thankful. Even if we can't see it, its still there.

It's Not For Our Enjoyment, Its for Our Employment...

We are not here for our enjoyment, we are here for our enjoyment. We could have been sent to hell already, but we were instead saved from hell to do God's work.

It seems that we are in hell sometimes, but those times are times of trial for us. If we remain on the course of our employment, we will see that the hell we think we are facing is only a small obstacle we need to overcome. We are overcomers or God would not have chosen us. We should not be always expecting luxury. We should be prepared for the worst. If we look forward to the learning of our turmoil, we will profit from it.

If God Be With You...

If God is with you, who in their right mind would be against you? Anyone can, if they want to be against God. When we do what is right we face strong opposition from those who are not looking to do right. They are not looking to serve God or any of His servants. They are looking to serve themselves.

People who serve their own interests will do whatever it takes to have their way. They will lie, cheat, steal, deceive, manipulate, and convert truth to falsehood to serve themselves. They believe they are powerful and this will make them more powerful in their own reality.

They put themselves before God. They are god in their own eyes. I refuse to put them there. I choose God and will not deny Him for them. I will not obey them when they try to give orders. I refuse to do as they do. It will be a battle. The battle is not with them, its with the evil they represent.

Who Are You?

Are you involved in reading the Bible daily and participating in your ministry?

Do you stand fast to your Christian principles at home and work, or do you waver back because you want to be aa Christian but are afraid of what your co-workers will think of you?

Are you filled with selfish attitudes and evil, or have you accepted and experienced God's cleansing and forgiveness?

Do you avoid compromising situations and defiling influences?

Does your actions show the joy of knowing the Lord is in your heart, or is your heart filled with self-pity and pre-occupied with the world?

Your Own Way...

If nothing is working out for you, try contacting the Lord and asking for His purpose, not yours. Chances are you may be working your own program instead of His.

When we work our own program, we get our own results. When we work His program we get His results. Which do you want? Do you want to work your own program and get your own results, or do you want to work His and get His results?

Persecutes To The Letter...

To be persecuted, you must first persecute. The best way to persecute is by using the Word of God to persecute. When you use the Word of God, you are persecuting those who are foundationless. They will remain foundationless until they are persecuted by the Word enough to make them pick up the Word and use it to persecute others who are foundationless.

To persecute with the Word properly and effectively, one must plant seeds. Seeds are actions and attitudes and sometimes gentle Words.

Its not good to cause a tidal wave of the Word. It will wash away the foundationless..

Word Endurance...

God's word always proves true. It will endure all and if you are not in line with God's word, it will punish you when it endures. It will punish you until you repent and get in line with every letter of it. And...you will only gotten a little tiny piece of what you deserved. Nothing more, nothing less. Its the real law, not the man made law.

Word Blind, Not Color Blind...

You are Word blind if you cannot see God's Word in everything you look at. It is there. Everything is based on the truth. Everything has some symbolic truth or value you should grasp.

To know the Word when you see you have to know it from reading it. If you don't know the Word, you may as well be word Blind because you won't see it.

Whether you can see it or not, His Word will show itself to you in one way or another. Its always better to line yourself up with His Word, because if you don't, it will line you up when the time is right. That can be pleasurable or painful. Its all in where you have yourself lined when it comes time for it to line you up. God's Word does not return to Him void. Every head will bow and every knee will bend.

Building Walls...

You can't build a wall around you that will protect your being. As you learn the Word, you will build a spiritual wall around you that will protect your being. Nothing else can.

It's the spiritual warfare we have to fight and keep the evil forces from penetrating our wall. We can only do that with a spiritual wall. Every brick in every spiritual wall is made from the pure genuine Word of God. Those bricks will last for eternity.

Who's Your Buddy???

Satan is not your friend. He is not someone you should look up to. You should not play evil tricks on others because you think they are humorous. They are from Satan.

If you do his work, he will control you. When he gets control of you, he will destroy you. If he controls you you will become a victim of his tools. Some of his tools are guilt, anger, resentment, lies, fear, materialism, sex and whatever is the opposite of the Word of God.

He likes to make you regret your past. You don't have to. God has forgiven you of your sins. He like to make you act out anger. There should be none if Jesus is in your heart. He like to use your fears. If God be with you who can be against you. He like to make you an approval seeker. If God approves, others don't matter.

By knowing God's Word, you will defeat Satan and all his tricks and torments. God's Word tells you how to torment Satan. It shows you how to send him back to the bottom of his pit.

It comes down to two choices. You can know God's Word and defeat Satan, or you can not know God's Word and be defeated by Satan. You can only serve one master.

Lost In The Crowd...

Those who “follow the crowd” usually get lost in it. When we are in “approval seeking “ mode, we follow the crowd, doing what they do so we can get their approval. We never get it, no matter how hard we try. We wind up blending in with the crowd and getting lost in it.

When we try to please man, we move away from our purpose of pleasing God.

Occupation or Preoccupation?

Ask someone what he does for a living and you will find his occupation. Ask someone his preoccupation and you will find his passion. A person's occupation is a 9 – 5 thing. His preoccupation is executed without fear or trepidation. He worships his preoccupation. It is his god.

We should not let false gods take the place of the Living God. Each day we should take the time to write something we think the Living God is telling us. We will receive peace from Him and become pre-occupied with His holiness and glory.

The Temple...

When we began building our temple, (our heart) we were promised blessings. There was no work, no security, and no assurance of anything. But as we began, that changed. We were still afraid, but shouldn't have been. Get on with the building. God promised blessings while we are building and when we are done.

Our part of the building is to tell the truth, to be fair and live in peace with everyone, including our enemies. Don't plot to harm anyone, don't try to have sex because a member of the opposite sex pleases your sight. Be kind, be forgiving, and ask the Lord for His presence and your blessing will begin.

When you fast, think of the Lord, not what you are doing. Fasting takes from the body so it will receive the Lord without resistance of food and other resistances.

Ask Him for blessings daily, and then live how you should.

Instructions For Life...COL 4:2-6

Devote yourself to prayer, being watchful and thankful, and pray for everyone, that God may open a door for their message, that they may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which all Christians are in chains. Pray that I may proclaim the message clearly, as I should, be wise in the way you act toward others, make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Emergency Numbers	
THE PROBLEM	CALL
when In sorrow	John 14
you have sinned	Psalm 51
when you worry	Matt 6: 19-34
you are in danger	Psalm 91
you are doubting	Hebrews 11
you're down & out	Romans 8:31
want peace & rest	Matt 11:25-30
world seems bigger than God	Psalm 90
your pocket book is empty	Psalm 31
you are lonely & fearful	Psalm 23
you grow bitter & fearful	1Cor 13
how to get along	Roman 12
you are depressed	Psalm 27
people are unkind	John 15
PRAISE THE LORD	

Today A Hero, Tomorrow A Zero...

If you make yourself a hero in the eyes of man today, man will make you a zero in their eyes tomorrow. Unless you can produce better heroics tomorrow, don't make yourself a hero today. Today's heroics must be increased to impress tomorrow, or they will become mundane.

A good hero is consistent in his heroics. If you cannot be consistent in your heroics, don't enter the arena of heroism. You can do 100 heroic things today and you're a hero. If you don't do 101 heroic things tomorrow, you're a zero.

The Fastest in the West...

Getting it done the fastest doesn't always make you the best. It doesn't even guarantee you are good. It just means you are the fastest.

Most things cannot be done the "fastest." They are done with a timing sequence and if the timing is off the whole sequence is off and whatever it is that is going so fast is out of its design idea.

An example is a bus route. It is time based. A bus has to be here or there at this time frame that time frame. When one bus decides to be the fastest, he throws the whole system out of timing. The efficiency of the entire system is destroyed. So, sometimes being the fastest bus only produces chaos for everyone but the fast bus.

Its like that when a Christian does not wait for god. He gets way ahead of God, but he doesn't cause chaos over God's entire system. He causes chaos ia all in his own system.

Are They Worthy?

Don't elevate anyone until you know they are worthy of elevation. You are doing the opposite of judging. That can be worse. You can be giving them praise that will influence others into praising them too. When they don't prove worthy of praise, everyone is deceived.

We do this all the time. We see someone who is beautiful in our eyes and we make them more important than they are. We think they are something they're not. We usually see, once we know them, that they are not what we imagined them to be. They are usually less, seldom more.

We view others like this because we think lowly of our self. When we look up to people we think are good looking, or have lots of money, or are powerful, we make them a false god. We are not worshiping them yet, but after enough praise we will be.

John 1:9

When I sin, I need to confess it right away. I don't need to re-name it with an alibi or an excuse. I need to agree with God that I did it and it is wrong. Waiting until the end of the day to confess it only allows it to fester in me.

If I have a piece of dirt in my eye, I don't wait until the end of the day to remove it. It is removed right now! That is how I need to be with sin if I am going to walk with God. Remove it right now.

Lesser Desperado...

A little while back, I called out in desperation, on the name of the Lord. I asked Him to save me because I was destitute in spirit, physically bankrupt and had no morals. He answered.

Now I do not have that desperation, or the strength I used to call Him. Somewhere it has weakened.

I call you again Lord, as I did then. This time I am already saved, and I ask you to manifest yourself in me and give me the power to do what I need to do for you.

Make me powerful in your way. Whatever you give me to do, keep me from putting myself into it. You are stronger than me, use me to your purpose whether I like it or not.

The Mark of A True Christian...

The mark of a true Christian is the one whom the Spirit of God can teach and guide. The everyday Christian wants nothing to do with anything spiritual and spiritual things have no meaning to him. He has no spiritual capacity, and no understanding of spiritual truths. There are many church goers like that who believe they are practicing Christians, but are too shallow to realize they are not.

Then there are the Christians that operate on the principle that they will do what they can for themselves. They think that as long as they can do for themselves there is no reason to look to God to perform it. They feel thoroughly capable of taking care of their business. They think they are clever enough to get what is coming to them. Eventually, God sends them to the School of Laban (Genesis 29) where He sent Jacob. It is the school of hard knocks where they will learn a few things they thought they knew, but didn't.

When God Speaks...

When God speaks, you can do one of two things: Listen or Ignore. When you listen, life goes smooth. When you ignore, things get chaotic. You become scrambled and your thinking is not right. You become worried and full of anxiety. You are a self created mess.

Not Me...

God is in charge, not me. He is God, not me. God gives me what I need, not me. God loved first, not me. God saves and sanctifies, not me. God gives life's commands, not me. God's Word is the truth, not mine. God is the perfect One, not me. God is the strength, not me. God is pure, not me. God is everything. I am nothing.

Confess Your Sins...

If you confess your sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive you your sins and cleanse you from any unrighteousness,

If you don't confess your sins, Satan will find a stronghold in them and use that stronghold for a launching pad. He will launch an attack on God and a program of sin inside you.

We fight not in the flesh. Satan puts thoughts in our mind. We can't allow those thoughts to have any space in our mind. When we think something for a while, we wind up doing it. So get Satan's seeds out of your mind. Give them no time there.

Put God's Word in your mind and there will be no room for Satan to defile your mind with his wickedness.

Drop It Off At The Cross...

Things that bother me only bother me because I did not do what I was supposed to do with them. I did not leave them at the cross so God could take them from me.

All I am supposed to worry about is doing God's will and getting in line with His Word. When I do this, everything else will fall into place. When I don't I will bear the weight of the thing that is bothering me.

Widsom...

If I get wisdom, I get understanding. Wisdom is in God's Word. I should not sever or turn away from God's Word for earthly or temporary things. Wisdom will protect me from evil. It will guide me into righteousness. When I love wisdom, wisdom watches over me.

Being intelligent, or 'smart' does not mean I have wisdom. Intelligence and smartness come from the world. Wisdom comes from god. Wisdom is supreme, and to have it will cost me all my worldly things, including intelligence and smartness.

I can only get wisdom by reading the Word of God, asking God for it in prayer and listening for His voice.

Love...

Love is completely sincere. There is nothing phony about it. It has no past or future, it is all present. There is no traces of evil in love. Love hates what is evil. We need to grow our love.

Love devotes us to one another. It makes us put others first and ourselves last. Love creates patience and sharing with those we love.

Love teaches us to bless or pray for those who try to harm us. It does not allow us to condemn anyone. Love creates harmony, removes pride and does not see status levels.

If someone else is evil toward us, love stops us from being evil in return. It makes us do what is right in the eyes of God. It creates peace within us.

Love is the Lord's avenger. We do not pay back for love, we accept it as it comes. We move in opposite direction when we are loving or being loved. We become overcome by good. Love is fulfillment of God's laws.

When God's Love Comes Knocking at Your Door...

There is no lock made that can lock out God's love when it comes to the door of your heart. No human force, no human words, promises or deeds can lock it out; no device made by man; no spirit; nothing. When God's love knocks on the door of your heart, it will knock until you answer the door and invite it into your heart. It is waiting patiently right outside the door of your heart for you to answer.

You are aware of God's knock, and you know why He is knocking. Your heart and soul is telling you to open the door. Your mind knows God's love is spiritual and will provide for you. It will teach you how to live in God's love and you will be taken to a dimension of love that is better than you believed could exist.

You are slow to open the door because you are afraid. Having your heart filled with God's love is a new experience. It requires change. It requires that God be first. There are many fears and strongholds built into your heart that are doing all they can to keep your heart closed to the love God is sending to you. They will use others to convince you the knocking love is not from God. These spirits are evil. They use any method they can to convince you not to accept God's love. This is spiritual warfare, and you are not exempt from it, you are a warrior in the middle of it.

When the love of God enters your heart, these strongholds, whether they are people, places or things, will be torn down and no longer be able to control, deceive or manipulate you into listening to them. You will be a new creature with a new outlook on life. You will be full of love.

God's love is knocking and you know it and feel it. You feel it strongly and physically on your outside, but you haven't let it fill your heart yet. Soon, you will question whether or not the kind of love you have known in your life is really love. You know what God's love is. You know it has arrived. All you have to do is open the door to your heart and God will fill you with His love.

While you are putting off opening the door of your heart, you

mind will soon become a battlefield because you are not opening the door. Your heart knows God's love does not go away. It is forever and ever. You know that God's love only knocks on your door when its time to knock has arrived and He is ready to fill your heart. He always sends a message to you letting you know His love is here and is waiting to fill your heart. He has sent you the message.

God's Love only knocks on your door when it is time to fill your heart. God's love may come at an inconvenient time, but when it knocks, your heart will not be able to resist Him for long. Conviction comes with God's love. Your heart will know God's love is knocking and it will slowly answer. Your heart knows there is no love other than the love that God sends. If the love isn't sent by God, it is not true love. It is not sent from the Truth. The Truth is God. Any other love is not love. Only God fills your heart with His love. Any love, other than God's love is only a temporarily scratch to relieve your permanent itch. God's love completely satisfies all your spiritual, physical, mental and emotional needs. No more feeling empty on the inside. No more wondering if you are filled with love from God. You know it.

Do you wrestle with the question of whether or not your heart has already been filled with love? If your heart was already filled with God's love, His love would not be knocking at your door now. Your heart would be full. Your heart and mind and soul would lack nothing. You are lacking God's love right now because you have doubt and you feel empty inside. God's love only has to fill your heart once, because when God fills your heart, it remains filled for all of eternity. There will be no more emptiness, no more wanting to feel love, no more wanting at all. God's love will fill you completely. It is here. Open the door to your heart and let it in.

Separation...

If I pick up a drink, smoke a little crack, snort some coke, drink some whiskey, pop some pills, have sexual relations, or do anything I know is not right with God, I have chose do them over what God wants me to do. I have sinned against God. I knew the thing I did was from Satan, but I did it anyway.

Sometime in the future, that seed of sin will harvest and I will be doing that sin for breakfast, lunch and dinner. One by one my friends will become disgusted and clear away froim me. Then I will be all alone with my sin enjoy the fruits of my labor.

I will then wish there was someone I could talk to about my sin, but I became so enslaved by it they left me behind. I am all alone. Separated from everything. Satan has me on the ropes and is beating me up. He calls seven of his demons and says, "come on, we have a place to live right here. The demons enter and control me.

The only reason I am controlled is because I left God for the sin. He let me enjoy it for its season of enjoyment. When the sin made me it prisoner, God watches sadly and waits for me to call on Him to free me. I am locked in until I call on God.

Satan...

The underlying principle of all Satan's tactics is deception. He is a crafty devil and clever in his acts of camouflage. For Satan's deception to be successful they must be so cunningly devised that its real purpose is concealed by wiles. He works subtly and secretly. No Christian, however spirited, is beyond the seduction assaults of Satan.

Satan does not build a church and call it the First Church of Satan. He is far too clever for that. He works the Sunday School, the Bible class, and even the pulpit. He even invades the church under the cover of an orthodox vocabulary emptying sacred terms of their Biblical sense.

Satan Made Me Do It...

This is a cop-out. Satan didn't make you do anything. You are looking for an excuse because you failed to control your own lusts. You will always fail to control your lusts because they run your life, not you. You are powered by your lusts. You are a sinner at heart.

So when Satan decides to take one of your heart's desires and use it for his purpose, he doesn't force you. You follow the desires of your old nature right into the sin. You are easy pickings for Satan because you are weak. He doesn't even have to work hard to get a grip on you. You are softer than putty in his hands. He will shape you anyway he wants. Anytime he wants.

You sinned because you chose to, and now you've been caught, and you've been shamed accordingly, and now you are looking for someone to put the blame. As you always have. Some things just simply don't change.

Whenever you do something wrong and get caught, its always easy to say the devil made me do it. The fools who are foolish enough to be dealing with you will believe you.

Prayer to Cleanse Our Home of Demonic Influence

After You have removed any articles that are occult or represent false worship, pray aloud in each room the following prayer and anoint each room with oil as you move around.

Dear heavenly Father, I acknowledge that you are my Lord of heaven and earth, and that you have given all things to richly enjoy. I thank you for this place to live. I claim this home for me and my family as a place of spiritual safety and protection from all the attacks of the enemy.

Jesus Christ gave me the authority to use His name and take authority over all demonic spirits and influences and cast them out. In the name of Jesus I command every evil spirit, based on the activities of previous occupants, or any members of my family to leave and never return. I renounce and break all curses, spells and assignments against me or this place, or people who have lived in or visited this place.

I ask you heavenly Father to post guardian angels around this home to guard it from attempts of the enemy to enter and disturb Your purposes for me. I thank you, Lord, for doing this, in the mighty name of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior.

Daily Prayer Covering

Dear heavenly Father, I pray this prayer in the power of the Holy Spirit:

In the name of Jesus Christ, I bind, rebuke and bring to no effect; all division, discord, disunity, strife, anger, wrath, murder, criticism, condemnation, pride, envy, jealousy, gossip, slander, evil speaking, complaining, lying, false teaching, false gifts, false manifestations, lying signs and wonders, poverty, fear of lack, fear spirits, murmuring spirits, complaining spirits, hindering spirits, retaliatory spirits, deceiving spirits, religious spirits, occult spirits, occult spirits, witchcraft spirits (including Jezebel, Delilah and Apollyon), and spirits of Antichrist.

I cover myself with the Blood of Jesus. I bind all curses that have been spoken against me. I bless those who curse me and pray blessings on those who spitefully use me. I bind all spoken judgments made against me and judgments I have made against others. I bind the power of negative words from others, and I bind and render useless all prayers not inspired by the Holy Spirit; whether psychic, soul force, witchcraft, or counterfeit tongues that have been prayed against me. In the name of Jesus I bind up all ungodly power from every source. I use the name of Jesus as you weapon of war to break down, undamn, and blow up the walls of protection around witches, warlocks, wizards, American Indian Shamans and witch doctors, voodoo witch doctors, and Satanists, and I break the power of all curses, hexes, vexes, spells, charms, fetishes, psychic prayers, psychic thoughts, all witchcraft, sorcery, magic, voodoo, all mind control, jinxes, potions, bewitchments, death, destruction, sickness, pain, torment, psychic power, psychic warfare, prayer chains, incense and candle burning, and everything else being sent against me or members of my family. I will use the

Name of Jesus to cut their silver cords. I ask you God, to send angels to carry all these demons and their associated and connected family of curses, and assignments away with confusion to the place You want them to go.

I am God's child. I resist the devil. No weapon against me shall prosper. I put on the whole armor of God. I take authority over this day, in Jesus' name. Let it be prosperous for me and let me walk in your love. The Holy Spirit leads me and guides me today. I discern between the righteous and the wicked. I take authority over Satan, all his demons, and all people influenced by them. I declare Satan is under my feet and shall remain there all day.

I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. I am God's property. Satan you are bound from my family, my mind, my home, and my finances. I confess that I am healed and whole. I flourish, I am long lived, stable, durable, incorruptible, fruitful, virtuous, full of peace, patience and love. Whatsoever I set my hands to do shall prosper, for God supplies all my needs. I have authority over Satan, all demons, and beasts of the field.

God I pray for the ministry you have for me. Appoint me for all you have called me to do for you. I call forth divine appointments, open doors of opportunity, God ordained encounters and ministry positions. I claim a hedge of protection around myself, spouse and children. Throughout this day and night. I ask you God, in the name of Jesus, to dispatch angels to surround me, my spouse and my children today and to put them throughout my house and around my property, souls and bodies. I ask angels to protect my house from any intrusion and to protect me and my family from any harmful demonic, physical or mental attacks. I ask this prayer in the name of Jesus.

Who Am I In Christ?

GOD SAYS I AM :	
Overtaken with blessings	Duet 28:2; Eph 1:3
His disciple	John 13:34-5
The light of the world	Matt 5:14
The salt of the earth	Matt 5:13
The righteousness of God	2Cor 5:21; 1Peter 2:24
A partaker of His divine nature	2 Peter 1:4
Forgiven of all my sins	Eph 1:7; Col 1:14
Strong in the Lord	Eph 6:10
More than a conqueror	Romans 8:37
Free from condemnation	Romans 8:1



The Nature of Demons

REF: Evil Spirits: Matt 12:43-5; Mark 1:23-7; Mark 5:2-10; Mark 7:25-30; Mark 16:9; Luke 10:17; Acts 8:7; Matt 9:32-3; Matt 17:18; Acts 16:18; Mark 16:15-7

DEMONS ARE:	
Evil	Judges 23; 1sam 18:9-10
Intelligent	1Kings22:22-4; Acts 16:16
Powerful	Mark 5:1-18
Disembodied spirits	Rev 16:13-16
Not angels	Acts 23:8-9
Not human	Matt 10:7; Mark 16:7
Are individuals	Mark 16:9
Have knowledge	Matt 8:29; Luke 4:41; Acts 19:15
Have faith	James 2:19
Have feelings	Matt 8:29; Mark 5:7
Have fellowship	1Cor 10:20-1
Have doctrines	1Tim 4:1
Have wills	Matt 12:43-5
Miraculous powers	Rev 16:13-16
Have emotions	Acts7 8:7
Have desires	Matt 8:28-31

THE WORK OF DEMONS: Possess people, cause deafness, dumbness, blindness, cause grievous vexation, lunacy, mania, Uncleanliness, have supernatural strength, cause suicide and convulsions, cause lusts and counterfeit worship, error, sickness, disease, false doctrines, wickedness, fear, bondage, discord, violence, betrayals, deceptions, lying, enchantments, witchcraft, heresies, and allother evil they can that will work against God. They can teach, become forceful, tell fortunes be friendly and many other things.

About Demons...

Demons are called: Devils, familiar spirits, unclean spirits, evil spirits, seducing spirits and many other names.

Thousands of demons can enter at one time. Demons must be discerned, tested and rejected or rebuked by believers. They possess more than ordinary intelligence. Belong in the abyss. Have a personality. Are disembodied spirits. Are Satan's emissaries. Control men and beasts. Fear God. Inflict physical maladies. They war on saints. Influence men. Imitate the dead. Travel. Come and go.

Demons are made subject to Christ. He has given you authority over demons.

Prayer and Praise

I ask you God, to give me the spirit of wisdom and revelation so I may know you better.

I pray also pray that the eyes of my heart may be enlightened in order that I may fully understand that to which I have been called by You, the riches of the glorious inheritance of the saints, and the incomparable great power for believing in Jesus.

That power is like the working of Your mighty strength, which You exerted in Christ when You raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His seat in Your heavenly realms far above all rule and authority, power or domination, and every title that can be given not only in the present age, but in the one to come.

You are almighty and nothing can compare to you. Bless me Lord, and give me more love to give back to you. I rebuke Satan and all he stands for. I praise you and all you stand for.

You are my God and I will have no others before you. I ask you for your riches so I may spread them. I ask you for wisdom so I may spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ where you send me to spread it. I ask in the name of Jesus, my Lord and Savior. Amen

Joy Comes From The Lord...

Can you stand your ground when you are in the minority? How about when your minority is getting smaller and the opposition is growing?

Standing your ground is easier when you're grounded in faith. Psalm 3 is one of the Psalms to help you when your opposition is overwhelming.

David wrote Psalm 3 when he was fleeing from his son Absalom when he usurps the throne. (2 Samuel 15:16-17)

PSALM 3

O Lord, so many are against me. So many seek to harm me. I have so many enemies. So many say that God will never help me. But Lord, You are my shield, my glory and my only hope. You alone can lift my head, now bowed in shame. I cried out to the Lord and He heard me from His Temple in Jerusalem. Then I laid down and slept in peace, and woke up safely, for the Lord was watching over me. And now, although ten thousand enemies surround me on every side, I am not afraid. I will cry to Him, "Arise, O Lord! Save me O my God!" And He will slap them in the face, insulting them and breaking off their teeth.

For salvation comes from God. What joy He gives to all His people.

The Demon Of Sex...

If you are a man, do you look at every woman you see with lust in your heart? When you meet a woman, are you thinking about having sex with her? Do you undress her mentally? Is this your mode of operation with women? Is the sexual act all you can think about when you look at her until you have sex with her?

If you are a woman, do you look at every man you see with lust in your heart? When you meet a man, are you thinking about having sex with him? Do you undress him mentally? Is this your mode of operation with men? Is the sexual act all you can think about when you look at him until you have sex with him?

If this is how you think, you are living in adultery. The demon of sex has you tightly under his control. He has your mind, soul and body. You belong to him. He owns you. You are in bondage.

Matthew 5:28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

If you reverse it, it means the same for a woman. This tells us that sin is committed in our heart, not in the action. Many believe the sin happens when the outward act is committed, but it's not. God looks at the heart. Sin is in the heart. All actions follow the heart. If your heart is full of sin, so are you.

Dr. Law And Dr. Grace

A man was having troubles so he went to his doctor. His doctor asked him what was troubling him.

He said, "Doctor, my eyes are looking where they shouldn't look, my hands are touching what they shouldn't touch, my feet are taking me where they shouldn't take me.

The Doctor said, "Its not your eyes, hands, or feet, its your heart. You have a bad heart. And I have some more bad news, you're going to die if you don't fix it."

The man asked him if he could fix it. He told him, no, he couldn't fix it, he just diagnoses, but he did know another doctor who could.

The man asked, "How much will it cost? Doc replied, "It has never cost anyone anything"

"Is it Painful?"

"Yes, it is very painful." The Doc replied.

"Where can I go to get it fixed?"

The Doc said, " you can go see Dr. Grace, He's right across the hall. Tell him I sent you.

The man went and knocked on Dr. Graces door and the doctor let him in.

The man said, " Dr. Law sent me.

Dr, Grace examined him and said said, "You need a heart transplant."

He reached into the mans heart and pulled it out. It was dirty, nasty, vile wicked and full of stink. Dr Grace placed a new clean heart in the man and the man immediately felt the difference. He felt clean and pure. His life was changed.

Dr. Law was the Law of Moses and Dr, Grace was Jesus Christ.

Stop Whining

Whatever God let into your life yesterday was sent to prepare you for today. Whatever He brings today will better equip you for tomorrow. If we could see the future, we would understand why whatever is happening is happening. God is in control. Nothing happens that he doesn't allow. The problem comes into the picture when you try to take control of what God is doing. When you try to control and you can't, it makes you miserable because you don't know how to control that which you don't know is going to happen. God has the plan, you have damage control. He should run the plan until its complete. If you try it will only make something you should have simply accepted hard to accept.

Goody—Two—Shoes

You say you can't figure out how to live for God. You don't know His will for you. You are confused. You're right you are. You are because you only know how to live for Satan. You have lived for him all your life and now change is complicating the way you do things. You really don't want to give up the perks of living for Satan, the sex, the partying, the doing what you want to when you want to. That is how you have lived so far. Now you have to learn how to do the opposite.

You are confused because you missed the first step of the changing process. The first step is to believe in Jesus as your Savior. Believe He was born, Died for your sins, and resurrected to forgive you. Once you truly believe this in your heart, you have the first step of Christianity. The rest will build on that first step. If you don't have the first step you are living a performance based life and you will never perform good enough to get to heaven,

So quit trying to be a goody—two—shoes act and get on with believing in the first step of Christianity. Right now you are just an act. An act that will not make it in the cinema of life. Others see you for what you are, not what you portray. When you believe in Jesus, you will change from the inside. That is real. You will then be real, as opposed to what you are now.

Ambitions

The only thing more painful or embarrassing than not getting your ambition is finding out that God is not in it, or does not approve of your ambition. Are you looking for your ambition to take God's route or an alternate route to fulfillment? If there is any doubt in any of your ambition, check your ambition against the scriptures. This means read the scriptures until they talk to you about your ambition. The scriptures don't give doubt, they give hope.

Getting Just A Little Closer...

To bring you closer to God He will dislocate your legs. Then you will not be able to walk physically and have to grow spiritual legs. You will have to learn to walk on these spiritual legs.

This is why there is plenty of confusion when you begin to walk on your new spiritual legs. You only know how to walk on your non-spiritual legs.

Learning to walk is a new experience. It is not your actions that make you walk. Its your heart. If your heart is dirty and foul your walk will be dirty and foul no matter how good a disguiser you are.

You cannot fool God. He knows your heart. He is looking inside it right now. He is always looking inside your heart. He always knows what's on the inside of you.

If you have an act, and it is not real, no matter how good it is, you don't fool anyone but yourself. Because when others are being real they can see when you're not. You are a mirror and if they don't see themselves when they look in they know you are not a real mirror.

SO walk the walk, don't just talk the talk. Christianity is the great separator between the walkers and the talkers. Are you walking your talk, or are you talking your walk.

Member or Part of the Body

Are you a church member, or are you a part of the body of Christ. There is a big difference. You can be a church member or a hypocrite, or both. If you sit in church every time the doors are open, and don't know God, you are a class A hypocrite trying to show everyone how much of a Christian you are. You'll show them now, but you'll pay later.

If you serve the Lord you are a part of the Body of Christ. If you don't serve the Lord, you serve Satan. Knowing the Lord is serving Him. Knowing Satan is serving Him. If you take all you can from others and give nothing you don't serve the Lord. Know the Lord is living your life to serve Him. If you put on the costume of a Christian and don't serve god you are only wearing the costume. You are not living it. Take the costume. Everyone will soon know it is a costume. Everyone of them has seen them in their pasts. You know , when they too used to be an avid shopper in Satan's catalog just like you are now. You can't fool someone who has already done all of what you are now doing.

Thoughts to Ponder

Because you have been strong in God, you will prevail among man. (Gen 32:28b)

The tithe in Egypt during the seven year famine was twenty percent of their crops to the Pharaoh. God only asks you to give ten percent of your earnings back to Him. (Gen 47:24)

The path of the Godly leads to life, so why fear death?

Idle hands are the devil's workshop. Idle lips are his mouthpiece.

The Lord despises those who do bad works and try to make them look like good works in the eyes of man.

Spiritual Warfare

Whether you like it or not you are a part of the spiritual warfare between God and Satan. Your mind is the battle ground. During your years of disobeying God, you have allowed Satan to build strongholds of unbelief, prejudice, hatred and other thoughts in your mind. He built them there to prevent you from receiving the truth of the Gospel. He uses them against you whenever you give him the chance. If you are still doing what you used to do before you were saved, these strongholds are still controlling you. You have not let go of them yet.

When Jesus saved you, he didn't save you for your enjoyment. He saved you for His deployment. You became a soldier in His army. You have been given responsibilities as a soldier of God. Responsibilities of a soldier of God are not to be taken lightly. You entered the front line of combat when you were saved. Spiritual arrows and air borne munitions are flying in your direction. You must move forward and rescue the souls which Satan has stolen, and return them to Christ, one soul at a time, You are a recruiter for the Army of Christ. To recruit a soldier, you must break down Satan's mental strongholds so they can receive the truth from the Gospel and submit themselves as soldiers to Christ.

The first battlefield strategy is knowing that Jesus defeated Satan on our behalf when He died on the cross. Our responsibility is to demonstrate and administer His victory to others. The second battlefield strategy is to make proper use of the spiritual weapons Jesus has given us. Since you have the weaponry at hand, refusing to use them will cause spiritual defeat. Every Soul Satan wins is a spiritual defeat.

Read Ephesians 6:10-17 daily. You will know your weaponry and how to use it. It's your war...fight it.

The Girdle of Truth (Eph 6:14a)

Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth,

As a Christian, the spiritual warfare will cause you to be hindered by your own falsehoods and hypocrisy. You will say and do things that you don't really mean, things that really sound good at the time you say them, but you know they are not true. You are full of religious clichés and insincerities. You will do things not to please God, or because you really want to do them, but to please other people. You will think or say to someone who needs your help, God will help you, but in reality, it is your responsibility to help him. That is a cop out. It is religious talk. You are being religious rather than spiritual.

Usually the truth is painful. You need stop being so pious and religious and begin to showcase the Christian inside you.. When you were saved, your needs should have changed from the need to put on a religious front, and look like a holy person, to the need for the real truth and to be a real holy person. .

Put on the girdle of truth and tie it tightly around your religious insincerities so they no longer hang in the way of God's work for you. Your Spiritual responsibilities as a soldier of Christ are to fight evil and return lost souls to Christ. The girdle of truth is one of your defensive weapons. You will need it so learn how to use it.

The Breastplate of Righteousness (Eph 6:14b)

And having put on the breastplate of righteousness

Your heart must be protected. It is your most vital organ, spiritually and physically. Whatever is in your heart will control your actions. Your actions control what kind of fruit your life produces.

It is vital to protect your heart from evil. You need to replace the religious works and religious law in your heart with the righteousness of faith in God and love of your brother. Religious works and law become evil when they prevent you from performing God's will. When you attempt to replace God's will with some pious religious traditions, you will soon try to call your pious man-made traditions God's Law. When you try to live these religious laws and force others to live them, you become a Pharisee. They killed the Lord.

You need to develop righteousness by having faith, not by practicing man-made laws and traditions. Only by having faith in His Son, Jesus Christ, will God grant you righteousness.

If your righteousness comes from your own man-made religious law or pious religious traditions, it will be insufficient in the fierce spiritual battle ahead. Satan will penetrate your man-made breastplate and damage your heart. He will tear it out and take it with him. You want to put on the breastplate of righteousness of Christ, not of your own righteousness. You really don't have any righteousness unless God gives it to you. Your own is counterfeit righteousness.

The Shoes of the Preparation of the Gospel (Eph 6:15)

And having your shod your feet with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace;

As a Christian, you have obligated yourself to learn, know and teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You are obligated to know how you received salvation and how to bring others to salvation. You know you don't save anyone, you bring them to the Lord and He does the saving. It a humble exposition. You have to be humble or you will be humbled.

Be sure you can give a full account to others about how and why the Gospel saved you, and how they can be saved by it.

You don't just wake up one sunny day and go out and do God's work. First you have to be beaten almost into the ground trying it your way. When you see your way does not work, you surrender to God.

Next, you must thoroughly prepare yourself to do God's work. Don't attempt it until you have prepared yourself. Don't use half-measures in preparing yourself. Be thorough. Preparation is not just studying the scriptures, its knowing them. Don't be too busy to learn them for God's work, or He will be too busy when you need Him for your remedial works to get you out of the future trouble you will get yourself in. Memorize verses to fight off Satan's attacks. You need to have the ability to communicate the Gospel message intelligently.

The Gospel causes peace in the heart and mind of those who believe it and obey it. Before you try to teach it, obey it. This is not fun and play. You are a soldier in a spiritual war. Satan is serious. You better be serious or you will die a spiritual death.

The Shield of Faith (Eph 6:16)

In addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one

If you have any courage, and are a good soldier, when you go out against Satan, you will use your weapons to cause him as much trouble as you can.

Satan will launch a counter attack against you like no one on earth can. He will attack your mind first. If that doesn't get the result he wants he will attack your body, and your heart, even your finances. So you need a shield to block his fiery darts. If you don't block them they will burn you. If he cannot get past your shield, he will attack anyone close to you. You better either carry a big shield, or teach those close to you about the weapons of war.

It is your responsibility to protect everything God has made you responsible to protect. This includes yourself, your family, and everything God has committed to you and anything connected to you. Satan will get your dog if he can't get you back.

The shield is made up of faith in Jesus Christ. This is the faith for protection and provisions. It covers everything that needs protection.

The Helmet of Salvation (Eph 6:17)

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God

Your salvation protects your head from Satan and his agents. Protection for the mind is hope. Hope is always expecting good on the promises of God's Word. Hope always looks for the utmost in God's promises. Depression, fear, doubt, or mistrust will crumble under the promises of God's Word.

A soldier wounded in the head can no longer make effective use of the rest of his equipment. You may be the bravest there is, you may be the most efficient, and you may have the best equipment, but when you, the soldier, is wounded in the head, it becomes very difficult for you to make effective use of your ability and your equipment.

The battlefield is the mind. You have to be particular about how you protect your head. Satan will try and bang up your head. He will use depression, or mistrust, or fatigue to wound you in the head. If one of these darts penetrate your helmet you will not be able to use the rest of your armor.

You are saved. Put on your helmet of salvation.

The Sword of the Spirit (Eph 6:17)

And the sword of the spirit, which is the Word of God

God's Word pierces and cuts to the heart. It penetrates. If it didn't, you would have never been saved. When your heart was cut by the Word of God, you cried out to Him and He saved you.

The Word of God is a purely offensive weapon. It will drive Satan from your presence. The other weaponry is defensive. Satan is that tough that in our complete collection of weapons, only one is an offensive weapon. We have to defend ourselves and while we keep defense as our M.O. we have to practice the theory of "One Shot One Kill." We don't waste our bullets firing in the air. We have to take careful aim at Satan and shoot him right between the eyes with God's Word. That shot will drive him away for now, but he'll be back and we'll have to shoot again.

We also need to aim our sword at doubt. Sentences to cause doubt in you usually display the speakers doubt. Doubt planting sentences usually begin with the word "if" and a lot of times "did this really" or "are you sure" is used the sentence. This I call doubt wordage.

You must know the scripture because the devil will misuse it and use it to confuse or confound you. He will be in the fields working hard to get souls. Your job is to stop him in his tracks.

Spiritual Weapons

Once you have put on the spiritual weapons, you have everything you need to protect yourself from the attacks of the devil. You are fully covered except your back. It is bare. There is a reason for this, and you may have another reason in your mind.

One reason is this. You have ran away from everything in life that has ever threatened you, everything you didn't agree with, when you couldn't be the big dog, when you didn't want to face one thing or another, and for many other reasons. These are your fears, and it's now time to face them. Satan will be sending them your way soon. He will send everything your way that you have ever run away from. If they beat you once he will try to use all of them to beat you again. He will use them to break your belief in Jesus. He hates Jesus.

So keep Satan in front of you. Keep the battle in front of you. Don't try to turn around and run. Your back is not protected. You will be his lunch if you turn your back on God and try to run from the battle. Satan's darts will get you from behind.

Your job is to stand up and fight for Jesus. He died for you. He saved you. Before He did, you were always running away from your problems. This is the first battle you can't run from. You cannot fight when you are running away. Its time to stop running and fight the battle. If you run you are running from God. Satan will own you, heart, mind and soul.

Let's Get Offensive...

I do not remember any war being won by defense alone. I don't know of any wars won by the army who retreated.

You are a soldier of Christ. As a soldier of Christ, you are commanded to bring the battle to Satan. You are to use your spiritual weaponry to knock down his walls and storm into his areas of stronghold and then tear down all his strongholds, every single one of them and take all his prisoners back to Christ.

If you are wondering where the devil's next attack is going to come from, you are not on the offensive. You are in defensive mode just waiting for your next spanking. You have not been inspired to fight the good fight by your salvation. You are not being a soldier you are taking a free ride on Jesus' salvation. Go and find Satan and beat him on the head with the Word of God. You don't have to look hard, he'll be in control of someone close to you. Someone who acts just like you used to. Someone who has many of your traits. If they are slick or sly, he is in them.

Satan has been defeated by the cross. He has been disarmed. He has no weapons other than your own vices and lusts to use against you. If you are tempted and follow the temptation, he has you. Use your spiritual weapons when you are being tempted. You know you are being tempted. It's when you are thinking about something you know is not right, but your mind is questioning whether or not to do it anyway. It is your responsibility to show the world that Satan has been defeated. You do this by staying on the attack. Following the temptations of your lusts is the opposite. If you let up, Satan will tempt you. If you follow the temptation Satan wins, you lose.

Praise the Lord...

The Bible has 150 Psalms to praise God. If praising God was not important, that book would not have been added to the Bible.

Praise is a weapon of offense in the spiritual warfare. When God's enemies hear you praising Him, they get really upset. They want that praise. That is why they are evil spirits in the first place. They elevated themselves above God. They tried to get His praise. See where that got them.

Didn't you try to take all the glory in everything you did? Look where you are now because of it. All praise belongs to God. You get none. You are His servant and you give Him the praise. If you try to grab His glory you will be punished.

You have been saved. Now you should give praise for that to God just for that. He could have left you in the sorry shape you were in when you called His name. Just because you were in the sad shape you were in when He saved you, you should praise God with every word that comes out of your mouth. You are bought with the blood of His salvation.

Your nature gives you two options with praise; one—praise God: two—praise man. Or...you can choose your words carefully, and tear down something or someone else by back biting. But it's always better to give praise to God. When you praise God you tear down strongholds of Satan. If you don't tear down Satan's strongholds, you serve Satan. If you serve Satan, you are not of God.

Your Personal Experiences

Although your character may have been anything but desirable, it should have changed since you have been saved. If it hasn't you're probably only deceiving yourself about being saved. But, if it has changed, God can use the good and bad sides of your story.

Telling others what you were like before you were saved, what happened to you when you were saved, and what you are like now is your testimony. Your testimony is a good weapon in the spiritual warfare. It is a recruiting tool for the enlistment of soldiers in the Army of Christ.

When you give your testimony, you are telling others how bad you were, how Jesus changed you and what Jesus has done to cleanse and improve your life. If you are living proof of what your testimony says you will be enlisting soldiers in the Army of Christ. People see the works of God in you and want them too.

Sometimes a person's testimony tells itself. If you get a little too flamboyant, and do not walk what you talk, your testimony will tell itself. People see through phony testimonies. If yours is thin they will see right through it.

There's nothing worse than having a testimony that is not a work of God. Your testimony is either of God or its not. Either way, even if you don't give it, it will soon give itself. People are always watching you. Some are looking for God. Some are looking for Satan. However you govern yourself will determine who you lead them to. It's all in your testimony. The living part of it.

Prayer Is A Powerful Spiritual Weapon...

Prayer is not only a spiritual warfare weapon, it is the most powerful tool God has given us.

In the Old Testament prayer was used to praise God, bring forth families, and deliver the Israelites from other nations under the grip of Satan.

In the New Testament, prayer has brought blessings, removed curses, praised God, thanked God, Raised the dead, removed demons and healed.

What has prayer done for you? If you say you don't think much of it, you may want to revisit your evaluation of prayer. It is one of the main causes that God's called you. He didn't call you because you were so needed that he couldn't do without you.

Earlier in your life, while you were exercising your self given rights to cheat, steal, lie and be sexually immoral, you had a wife, mother, grandmother or aunt who was praying to God to straighten you out. They couldn't stand you the way you were, so they prayed long and hard for you. God heard their prayers, and only after your sin accumulated and ripened to a point where you could not stand yourself anymore, God showed Himself to you, and you cried out for Him to save you. He saved you, but those think for a skinny minute it was because you were deserving. God is great. He answered the prayers of those around you who, unlike you, were righteous with Jesus.

Now if you say you don't think much of prayer, get on your knees and God to forgive you...in prayer.

Preaching The Word Of God...

Preaching God's Word is a direct attack on Satan. You are teaching others about the Word of God and about Satan. He does not want anyone to know the scriptures because the scriptures will expose him for exactly what he is.

If you are going to preach God's Word, you have to stick to God's Word. You cannot add any of your own wordage, or ideas. God's word cuts to the heart. You word only says what you want to say.

God anoints preachers. If you have the anointment, you should be out there preaching God's Word to anyone who will listen and teaching the lost about the wiles of Satan.

A preacher should never preach what the rebels want to hear. Some rebels don't want the truth, they want what will prove them right. Some preachers preach soft on Sunday mornings and hard on Sunday nights. because they do not want to offend any of the church's supporters. It is the preacher's responsibility to deliver the message of God to all, whether they like it or not. If they are not trying to be right with God they will not like it. If they don't want to hear it, then they need to hear it. Give them what they need to hear not what they want to hear. The preacher will be held accountable to Jesus for what he preaches. He will answer to Him on the day of the Lord.

God is love. Love will prevail. Satan has already been defeated by Jesus Christ. It is our responsibility to teach this to all who are lost. What are you doing to teach the lost?

