

SCRIPTURE VERSES FOR “GROWING AS A CHRISTIAN”

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New King James Version

CHAPTER ONE - MATURING IN CHRIST

1. Romans 8:29

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined <to be> conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Ephesians 1:4

just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,

1 Peter 2:9

But you <are> a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

2. 1 John 2:5-6 (Answer=#2)

But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. {6} He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

3. Galatians 5:16

I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

Ephesians 5:1-2

Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. {2} And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

Ephesians 5:8

For you were once darkness, but now <you are> light in the Lord. Walk as children of light

4. 2 Corinthians 4:18

while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen <are> temporary, but the things which are not seen <are> eternal.

Colossians 3:1-2

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. {2} Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

5. Philippians 2:12-13

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; {13} for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for <His> good pleasure.

6. 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord <is>, there <is> liberty. {18} But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

7. Romans 12:2

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what <is> that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

8. Ephesians 4:22-24

that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, {23} and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, {24} and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

9. Romans 13:13-14

Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. {14} But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to <fulfill its> lusts.

10. Romans 6:11-14

Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. {12} Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. {13} And do not present your members <as> instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members <as> instruments of righteousness to God. {14} For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

11. 2 Corinthians 5:7 (Answer = #3)

For we walk by faith, not by sight.

12. Hebrews 11:6

But without faith <it is> impossible to please <Him>, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and <that> He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

13. Romans 4:20

He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God,

14. Romans 4:20-21

He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, {21} and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

15. Matthew 21:22 (Answer = b,a,d,c)

"And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."

Romans 15:13

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 3:12

in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.

Ephesians 6:16

above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

16. Matthew 6:25-32

"Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? {26} "Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? {27} "Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? {28} "So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; {29} "and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. {30} "Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, <will He> not much more <clothe> you, O you of little faith? {31} "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' {32} "For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

17. James 1:2-4

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, {3} knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. {4} But let patience have <its> perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

18. 1 Timothy 6:11

But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.

19. Varies between 24 & 27 - KJ, NKJ, NAS Versions are 24; NIV is 27. Accept any answer in this range

20. Accept any verse

CHAPTER TWO - DEMONSTRATING CHRIST

1. Romans 13:10

Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love <is> the fulfillment of the law.

2. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Love suffers long <and> is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; {5} does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; {6} does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; {7} bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

3. 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. {2} And though I have <the gift of> prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. {3} And though I bestow all my goods to feed <the poor>, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

4. John 13:34-35

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. {35} "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

5. Romans 12:9

<Let> love <be> without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.

1 Corinthians 16:14

Let all <that> you <do> be done with love.

1 John 4:21

And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God <must> love his brother also.

6. Romans 5:5

Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

1 John 4:10

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son <to be> the propitiation for our sins.

7. Mark 12:30

'And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This <is> the first commandment.

Luke 6:27-28

"But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, {28} "bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you.

Ephesians 5:25

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

Titus 2:3-4

the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; {4} that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,

8. 1 John 3:17-18

But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? {18} My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

9. Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

10. Matthew 5:16

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Ephesians 6:7-8

with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men, {8} knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether <he is> a slave or free.

11. Acts 10:38

"how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

12. Romans 16:1-2

I commend to you Phoebe our sister, who is a servant of the church in Cenchrea, {2} that you may receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints, and assist her in whatever business she has need of you; for indeed she has been a helper of many and of myself also.

13. Romans 12:9-21

<Let> love <be> without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. {10} <Be> kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; {11} not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; {12} rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; {13} distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. {14} Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. {15} Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. {16} Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion. {17} Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. {18} If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. {19} Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but <rather> give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance <is> Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. {20} Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head." {21} Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

14. Colossians 3:17

And <whatever> you do in word or deed, <do> all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

15. Galatians 6:9-10

And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. {10} Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

16. James 2:15-17

If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, {16} and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what <does it> profit? {17} Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

17. Philippians 2:5-8

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, {6} who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, {7} but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, <and> coming in the likeness of men. {8} And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to <the point of> death, even the death of the cross.

18. Proverbs 27:2

Let another man praise you, and not your own mouth; A stranger, and not your own lips.

Micah 6:8

He has shown you, O man, what <is> good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justly, To love mercy,

And to walk humbly with your God?

Romans 12:3

For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think <of himself> more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

1 Peter 5:5

Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to <your> elders. Yes, all of <you> be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

19. Psalms 25:9

The humble He guides in justice, And the humble He teaches His way.

A man's pride will bring him low, But the humble in spirit will retain honor.

Proverbs 29:23

A man's pride will bring him low, But the humble in spirit will retain honor.

James 4:10

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

20. Proverbs 11:2

When pride comes, then comes shame; But with the humble <is> wisdom.

Proverbs 16:5

Everyone proud in heart <is> an abomination to the LORD; <Though they join> forces, none will go unpunished.

21. Luke 14:7-11

So He told a parable to those who were invited, when He noted how they chose the best places, saying to them: {8} "When you are invited by anyone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place, lest one more honorable than you be invited by him; {9} "and he who invited you and him come and say to you, 'Give place to this man,' and then you begin with shame to take the lowest place. {10} "But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place, so that when he who invited you comes he may say to you, 'Friend, go up higher.' Then you will have glory in the presence of those who sit at the table with you. {11} "For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

22. Luke 22:24-27

Now there was also a dispute among them, as to which of them should be considered the greatest. {25} And He said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called 'benefactors.' {26} "But not so <among> you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves. {27} "For who <is> greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? <Is> it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves.

23. Philippians 2:3-4

<Let> nothing <be done> through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. {4} Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

CHAPTER THREE - DEVELOPING INTEGRITY

1. James 3:7-10

For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind. {8} But no man can tame the tongue. <It is> an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. {9} With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. {10} Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so.

2. James 1:26

If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion <is> useless.

Proverbs 10:19

In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, But he who restrains his lips <is> wise.

3. Psalms 35:28

And my tongue shall speak of Your righteousness <And> of Your praise all the day long.

Psalms 145:10-12

All Your works shall praise You, O LORD, And Your saints shall bless You. {11} They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom, And talk of Your power, {12} To make known to the sons of men His mighty acts, And the glorious majesty of His kingdom.

Isaiah 50:4

"The Lord GOD has given Me The tongue of the learned, That I should know how to speak A word in season to <him who is> weary. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear To hear as the learned.

4. Proverbs 21:23

Whoever guards his mouth and tongue Keeps his soul from troubles.

Ephesians 4:25

Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one <of you> speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another.

James 4:11

Do not speak evil of one another, brethren. He who speaks evil of a brother and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge.

5. Matthew 12:34-35

"Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. {35} "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things.

6. Proverbs 15:2

The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly, But the mouth of fools pours forth foolishness.

Proverbs 29:11

A fool vents all his feelings, But a wise <man> holds them back.

7. Proverbs 12:25

Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression, But a good word makes it glad.

Proverbs 15:1

A soft answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger.

Ephesians 4:29

Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

8. Matthew 5:8

Blessed <are> the pure in heart, For they shall see God.

9. 1 Peter 1:14-16 (Answer = #3)

as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, <as> in your ignorance; {15} but as He who called you <is> holy, you also be holy in all <your> conduct, {16} because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

10. Mark 7:21-23

"For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, {22} "thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. {23} "All these evil things come from within and defile a man."

11. Ephesians 4:18-19

having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; {19} who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

12. Ephesians 5:3-4

But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; {4} neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.

13. 1 Corinthians 6:15-20

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make <them> members of a harlot? Certainly not! {16} Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body <with her>? For "the two," He says, "shall become one flesh." {17} But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit <with Him>. {18} Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. {19} Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit <who is> in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? {20} For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

1 Thessalonians 4:7-8

For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness. {8} Therefore he who rejects <this> does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit.

1 John 2:15-16

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. {16} For all that <is> in the world; the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life; is not of the Father but is of the world.

14. Psalms 51:10

Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

15. Galatians 5:16

I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

2 Timothy 2:22

Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

16. comment

17. Luke 6:31

"And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise.

18. Leviticus 19:11

'You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another.

Leviticus 25:14

'And if you sell anything to your neighbor or buy from your neighbor's hand, you shall not oppress one another.

Deuteronomy 25:15-16

"You shall have a perfect and just weight, a perfect and just measure, that your days may be lengthened in the land which the LORD your God is

giving you. {16} "For all who do such things, all who behave unrighteously, <are> an abomination to the LORD your God.

18. (Continued) Romans 13:7

Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes <are due>, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

Ephesians 4:28

Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with <his> hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.

19. John 8:44

"You are of <your> father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and <does not> stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own <resources>, for he is a liar and the father of it.

20. Colossians 3:9-10

Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, {10} and have put on the new <man> who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,

21. Hebrews 4:13

And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things <are> naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we <must give> account.

22. Acts 24:16

"This <being> so, I myself always strive to have a conscience without offense toward God and men.

23. comment

CHAPTER FOUR - GROWING IN DISCIPLESHIP

1. Colossians 3:23-24

And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, {24} knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.

2. Proverbs 13:4

The soul of a lazy <man> desires, and <has> nothing; But the soul of the diligent shall be made rich.

3. 2 Chronicles 31:20-21

Thus Hezekiah did throughout all Judah, and he did what <was> good and right and true before the LORD his God. {21} And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, in the law and in the commandment, to seek his God, he did <it> with all his heart. So he prospered.

4. Proverbs 18:9

He who is slothful in his work Is a brother to him who is a great destroyer.

Proverbs 21:25

The desire of the lazy <man> kills him, For his hands refuse to labor.

Ecclesiastes 10:18

Because of laziness the building decays, And through idleness of hands the house leaks.

5. Ephesians 5:15-16

See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, {16} redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

6. 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain <it>. {25} And everyone who competes <for the prize> is temperate in all things. Now they <do it> to obtain a perishable crown, but we <for> an imperishable <crown>. {26} Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as <one who> beats the air. {27} But I discipline my body and bring <it> into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

7. Luke 6:22-23

Blessed are you when men hate you, And when they exclude you, And revile <you>, and cast out your name as evil, For the Son of Man's sake. {23} Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward <is> great in heaven, For in like manner their fathers did to the prophets.

8. 1 Peter 2:19-20

For this <is> commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. {20} For what credit <is it> if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this <is> commendable before God.

9. 1 Peter 2:21-23

For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: {22} "Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth"; {23} who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed <Himself> to Him who judges righteously;

10. John 15:18-19

"If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before <it hated> you. {19} "If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

11. Hebrews 12:5-7

And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; {6} For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives." {7} If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?

1 Peter 1:6-7

In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, {7} that the genuineness of your faith, <being> much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,

12. Romans 12:19

Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but <rather> give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance <is> Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.

13. Acts 5:41

So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name.

Acts 7:59-60

And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on <God> and saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." {60} Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not charge them with this sin." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Hebrews 11:24-26

By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, {25} choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, {26} esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.

14. Psalms 119:67

Before I was afflicted I went astray, But now I keep Your word.

Psalms 119:71

<It is> good for me that I have been afflicted, That I may learn Your statutes.

15. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Blessed <be> the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, {4} who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

2 Corinthians 4:16-17

Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward <man> is being renewed day by day. {17} For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding <and> eternal weight of glory,

Hebrews 12:11

Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

16. Romans 12:1-2

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, <which is> your reasonable service. {2} And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what <is> that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

17. Psalms 37:30-31

The mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom, And his tongue talks of justice. {31} The law of his God <is> in his heart; None of his steps shall slide.

Psalms 119:105

Your word <is> a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

Psalms 119:130

The entrance of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple.

18. James 1:5-6

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. {6} But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

19. John 16:13

"However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own <authority>, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

20. Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; {6} In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

21. Ephesians 5:21-6:4

submitting to one another in the fear of God. {22} Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. {23} For the husband is head of the wife,

as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. {24} Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so <let> the wives <be> to their own husbands in everything. {25} Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, {26} that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, {27} that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. {28} So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. {29} For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord <does> the church. {30} For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. {31} "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." {32} This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. {33} Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife <see> that she respects <her> husband. {6:1} Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. {2} "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: {3} "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth." {4} And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

22. Matthew 6:33

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

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CHAPTER FIVE - OBEDIENCE AND BLESSING

1. John 6:38

"For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

2. John 14:15

"If you love Me, keep My commandments.

3. 1 John 2:3-4

Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. {4} He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

4. 1 Peter 1:22

Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,

5. Matthew 7:24-27

"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: {25} "and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. {26} "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: {27} "and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."

6. Romans 13:1-2

Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. {2} Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.

7. Hebrews 13:17

Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

8. 1 Peter 2:18-19

Servants, <be> submissive to <your> masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh. {19} For this <is> commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully.

9. John 14:23

Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

John 15:10

"If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

9. (Continued) John 15:14

"You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.

10. Exodus 20:1-17

And God spoke all these words, saying: {2} "I <am> the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. {3} "You shall have no other gods before Me. {4} "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness <of anything> that <is> in

heaven above, or that <is> in the earth beneath, or that <is> in the water under the earth; {5} you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, <am> a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth <generations> of those who hate Me, {6} but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments. {7} "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold <him> guiltless who takes His name in vain. {8} "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. {9} Six days you shall labor and do all your work, {10} but the seventh day <is> the Sabbath of the LORD your God. <In it> you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who <is> within your gates. {11} For <in> six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that <is> in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it. {12} "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you. {13} "You shall not murder. {14} "You shall not commit adultery. {15} "You shall not steal. {16} "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. {17} "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that <is> your neighbor's."

11. Matthew 22:34-40

But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. {35} Then one of them, a lawyer, asked <Him a question>, testing Him, and saying, {36} "Teacher, which <is> the great commandment in the law?" {37} Jesus said to him, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." {38} "This is <the> first and great commandment. {39} "And <the> second <is> like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' {40} "On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

12. Deuteronomy 26:16

"This day the LORD your God commands you to observe these statutes and judgments; therefore you shall be careful to observe them with all your heart and with all your soul.

Joshua 1:9

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God <is> with you wherever you go."

Psalms 40:8

I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law <is> within my heart."

13. Psalms 119:59-60

I thought about my ways, And turned my feet to Your testimonies. {60} I made haste, and did not delay To keep Your commandments.

14. Luke 5:1-11

So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, {2} and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing <their> nets. {3} Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. {4} When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." {5} But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." {6} And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. {7} So they signaled to <their> partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. {8} When Simon Peter saw <it>, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" {9} For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; {10} and so also <were> James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." {11} So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

15. Hebrews 11:8-10

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. {9} By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as <in> a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; {10} for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker <is> God.

16. Genesis 22:1-18

Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." {2} Then He said, "Take now your son, your only <son> Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." {3} So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. {4} Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off. {5} And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you." {6} So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid <it> on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. {7} But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where <is> the lamb for a burnt offering?" {8} And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." So the two of them went together. {9} Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. {10} And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. {11} But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am." {12} And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only <son>, from Me." {13} Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind <him was> a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. {14} And Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-Provide; as it is said <to> this day, "In the Mount of The LORD it shall be provided."

{15} Then the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, {16} and said: "By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only <son>; {17} "blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which <is> on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. {18} "In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."

17. Acts 13:22

"And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, 'I have found David the <son> of Jesse, a man after My <own> heart, who will do all My will.'

18. Zechariah 7:8-14

Then the word of the LORD came to Zechariah, saying, {9} "Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Execute true justice, Show mercy and compassion Everyone to his brother. {10} Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, The alien or the poor. Let none of you plan evil in his heart Against his brother.' {11} "But they refused to heed, shrugged their shoulders, and stopped their ears so that they could not hear. {12} "Yes, they made their hearts like flint, refusing to hear the law and the words which the LORD of hosts had sent by His Spirit through the former prophets. Thus great wrath came from the LORD of hosts. {13} "Therefore it happened, <that> just as He proclaimed and they would not hear, so they called out and I would not listen," says the LORD of hosts. {14} "But I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations which they had not known. Thus the land became desolate after them, so that no one passed through or returned; for they made the pleasant land desolate."

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