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The Word & Wisdom on Discipleship

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Introduction

The Word and Wisdom on Discipleship is the second booklet in the Field Guide Journal Series by Kingdom Focus Coaching. It was written to help equip disciples to become disciple makers.

Our first booklet, The Disciple Makers Journal, covered all three topics of our discipleship process: Know where you are in your walk with Christ, Grow in your faith and Go make disciples. In the “Go” part of our training, we teach disciple makers how to answer four key questions for each spiritual discipline. What is it? Why is it important? How to do it and Why people don’t practice each habit. This booklet begins to answer the “Why is it important?” part of the training with a summary of the best quotes and Bible verses for each spiritual discipline and topics covered in our discipleship training. It has been said that “a picture is worth a thousand words,” and we have found that a single quote can have a similar effect.

We hope you enjoy this resource and gain more confidence in your ability to make disciples through it.

Trog Trogdon

Matthew 6:33

President & Founder, Kingdom Focus Coaching

Note: Just like Paul used the wisdom of his day to point to God’s infallible truth (1 Cor 15:33) this booklet contains man’s wisdom, in the form of quotes, to do the same. As stand alone insights to make a broader point we ask the reader to take each quote as they are written. They are at best man’s attempt to summarize, articulate and point to the truth found in the Scriptures and are always subject to the Bible. The Word of God is the sole standard of authority for Christians. It alone is inspired, infallible, inerrant and as such superior to any wisdom from fallen man.

Although we have chosen to reference highly respected pastors, authors and Christian leaders, crediting these authors is by no means an endorsement of their theological views or teachings as a whole. As we always encourage disciples of Christ to do, “be a Berean” and search the Scriptures to see if what any teacher says is true (Acts 17:11).

The Word on Sound Doctrine

“Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.”

- 1 Tim 4:16, NIV

“He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.”

- Ti 1:9, ESV

(See also Ti 1:13).

“... teach what accords with sound doctrine.”

- Ti 2:1b, ESV

(See also Heb 5:12-14).

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.”

- 2 Tim 2:15, ESV

“I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.”

- 2 Tim 4:1-5, ESV

(See also Acts 20:28-30).

“I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ.

But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.”

- Gal 1:6-9, ESV

“Do not add to his words, lest he rebuke you and you be found a liar.”

- Prov 30:6, ESV

(See also Deut 4:2, 12:32, Rev 22:18-19).

“Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

- Jn 14:6, ESV

(See also Acts 4:12, 1 Tim 2:5).

“It is written,” “It is written,” “It is written,”

- Mt 4:1-11, ESV

“But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

- Jn 4:23-24, ESV

“Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.”

- Jms 3:1, ESV

“And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.”

- Heb 4:13, ESV

(See also Lk 12:5, Rm 14:10-11, Mt 12:36-37).

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.”

- Prov 9:10, ESV

(See also Job 31:23, Pr 29:25, Phil 2:12).

“Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.”

- Acts 17:11, ESV

“Jesus replied, “You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God.”

- Mt 22:29, NIV

“The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.”

- Ps 145:18, ESV

“Love... does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.”

- 1 Cor 13:6, ESV

“Instead, speaking the truth in love,”

- Eph 4:15, NIV

(See also 1 Jn 3:18).

“Therefore love truth and peace.”

- Zech 8:19, ESV

“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.”

- 3 Jn 4, ESV

God is truth and His Word is truth: Ps 119 (all), Jn 8:31-32, 14:6, 16:13, 17:17-19, Jms 1:18, 1 Jn 5:20

Wisdom on Sound Doctrine

“Where God speaks I have no opinions.”
- Tommy Nelson

“Men do not reject the Bible because it contradicts itself, but because it contradicts them.”

- **E. Paul Hove**

“Be on guard, the best lies are 90% true.”

- **Anonymous**

“I’d rather stand with God and be judged by the world than to stand with the world and be judged by God.”

- **God’s Not Dead 2**

“We can trust God’s heart even when we can’t see His hand or comprehend His plan.”

- **Anonymous**

“In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, in all things charity.”

- **Meldenius**

“Where the Bible is firm on doctrine we are firm, where it is flexible we are flexible.”

- **Watermark Church**

“We cannot bless what is not God’s best for His people.”

- **Fr. David Roseberry**

“Truth hurts but it doesn’t harm, lies steal but truth heals.”

- **Anonymous**

“Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness, who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter. Woe to those who are wise in their own opinion and clever in their own sight.”

- **Isaiah (5:20-21)**

“Truth without love is a weapon but love without truth is a lie.”

- **Trog Trogdon**

“Jesus didn’t eat with sinners and tax collectors because He wanted to appear inclusive, tolerant, and accepting. He ate with them to call them to repentance.”

- **Anonymous**

“If God was only love, there would be no cross for the Christ. If God was only just, there would be no Christ for the cross. God is love. God is just. Both are fully true at the same time.”

- **Shane Pruitt**

“The fool tries to adjust the truth so he does not have to adjust himself to the truth.”

- **Henry Cloud**

“We are to love God with all of our minds. Jesus tells us to have childlike faith, not childish faith.”

- **Anonymous**

“Jesus spoke the truth in love but He never softened the truth for love.”

- **Rodrigo Navarrete**

“All religions and philosophies say, ‘This is the way.’ Only Jesus says, ‘I am the Way.’”

- **Tim Keller**

“There are only two kinds of religion in the world...They all say, ‘Do, do, do.’ Only Christianity says, ‘Done.’”

- **J. Vernon McGee**

“We need to realize that we can argue about evolution or the existence of God or any number of things, but until we tell people the message of the cross, we have not evangelized them.”

- **Mark Dever**

“Just as bank tellers need a thorough knowledge of legitimate currency in order to spot counterfeit bills, so Christians need a thorough knowledge of the Bible in order to spot bogus religious teachings.”

- **Charles R. Swindoll**

“Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important.”

- **C.S. Lewis**

“Sound doctrine always has been, is today, and ever will be the foremost mark of the true church.”

- **Geoff Thomas**

“The overseer must ... be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict” (Ti 1:9). Already the threat of false teachers was so great that a key qualification for leadership was an understanding of sound doctrine and the ability to teach it.”

- **John MacArthur**

“Almost all the corruptions of doctrines flow from the pride of men.”

- **John Calvin**

“We should no more tolerate false doctrine than we would tolerate sin.”

- **J.C. Ryle**

The Word on Being a Disciple

“And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

- Acts 4:12, ESV

WE’VE ALL SINNED BUT JESUS SAVED US

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.”

- Jn 3:16-18, ESV

(See also Rm 3:22-24, 5:8, 6:23).

DISCIPLES BELIEVE IN & FOLLOW JESUS

“but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.”

- Jn 10:26-27, ESV

(See also Rm 10:9-10, Mt 4:19, 16:24-25).

DISCIPLES UNDERSTAND THE KINGDOM’S VALUE

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”

- Mt 13:44, ESV

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.”

- Mt 13:45-46, ESV

(See also Phil 3:7-11).

“Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.”

- Mt 19:21, ESV

THEY HAVE COUNTED THE COST

“And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.”

- Mrk 8:34, ESV

“And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.”

- Gal 5:24, ESV

“Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple ... “ ... So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.”

- Lk 14:27, ESV

(See passage).

“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

- Mt 6:24, ESV

THEY WALK WORTHY OF THE CALLING OF CHRIST

“I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

- Eph 4:1-3, ESV

(See also 1 Thes 2:12, Col 1:9-12).

“Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

- Jn 14:21, ESV

(See also 1 Ptr 1:14-16).

WALK WORTHY OF THE CALLING (Cont'd)

“For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.”

- 1 Jn 5:3, ESV

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.”

- Jn 14:15, ESV

(See also 1 Jn 2:5-7, Jer 7:23).

“Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you?”

- Lk 6:46, ESV

“And Samuel said, “Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams.”

- 1 Sam 15:22, ESV

DISCIPLES DO EVERYTHING FOR GOD’S GLORY

“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.”

- Col 3:23-24, ESV

“and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.”

- 2 Cor 5:15, ESV

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”

- 1 Cor 10:31, NIV

“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

- Col 3:17, ESV

The Word on Being a Disciple

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."

- 2 Cor 5:17, ESV

THEY BEAR LASTING FRUIT

"...I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing..." "By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples..."

- Jn 15:5, 8, ESV

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide..."

- Jn 15:16b, ESV

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

- Eph 2:10, ESV

"waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works."

- Ti 2:13-14, ESV

(See also Ti 3:8).

THEY GROW & MATURE IN THEIR FAITH

"But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil."

- Heb 5:14, ESV

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen."

- 2 Ptr 3:17-18, ESV

THEIR IDENTITIES ARE IN CHRIST

"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

- Gal 2:20, ESV

"But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God."

- Jn 1:12-13, ESV

"See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him."

1 Jn 3:1, ESV

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

- 1 Ptr 2:9, ESV

"You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you."

- Jn 15:14-15, ESV

"So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,"

- Eph 2:19, ESV

DISCIPLES MAKE DISCIPLES

"and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also."

- 2 Tim 2:2, ESV

"And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

- Mt 28:18-20, ESV

(See also Acts 18:24-26).

THEY ARE LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

"And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,"

- Eph 5:18, ESV

"For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God."

- Rm 8:14, ESV

"And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left."

- Is 30:21, ESV

"But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come."

- Jn 16:13, NIV

(See also Jn 14:15-17, Acts 6:3-5, Gal 5:17-25).

Wisdom on Being a Disciple

"Discipleship is not an option. Jesus says that if anyone would come after me, he must follow me."

- Tim Keller

"The one indispensable requirement for producing godly, mature Christians is godly, mature Christians."

- Kevin De Young

"Only a disciple can make a disciple."

- A.W. Tozer

"Until you have given up your self to Christ you will not have a real self..."

- C.S. Lewis

"To be a disciple is to be committed to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and committed to following Him every day. To be a disciple is also to be disciplined in our bodies, minds, and souls."

- Billy Graham

"We are God's own; to Him, therefore, let us live and die. We are God's own; therefore let His wisdom and will dominate all our actions. We are God's own; therefore let every part of our existence be directed towards Him as our only legitimate goal."

- John Calvin

"Obedience is the only reality. It is faith visible, faith acting, and faith manifest. It is the test of real discipleship among the Lord's people."

- J.C. Ryle

"Grace is free, but it is not cheap. People will take anything that is free, but they are not interested in discipleship. They will take Christ as Savior but not as Lord."

- Vance Havner

"You share what you know, but you reproduce what you are. You cannot impart what you do not possess. You can impress people from a distance, but you can only impact up close."

- Howard Hendricks

"Jesus tells his followers to seek first God's kingdom, and all these things will be added to you.' We are to trust and obey God, and to follow his call in every inch of our lives, in every second of our time, and with every gift with which we have been given."

- Os Guinness

"Jesus' voice leads us not into timid discipleship but into bold witness."

- Charles Stanley

"Spiritual maturity is not reached by the passing of the years, but by obedience to the will of God."

- Oswald Chambers

"The disciple of Christ desires above all else to be like him..."

- Dallas Willard

"We are called to love God with all of our heart, soul, and mind (Matt. 22:37). The Great Commandment actually repeats 'with all' over and over again to remind us that nothing is worthy of our whole self but God alone.

Discipleship, then, is about a redirection of loves to the One who is lovely. The next curriculum, the next conference, or the next community group will only help you grow deeper in your relationship with Christ insofar as it attempts to reorient your love toward the Triune God."

- J.T. English

"We pray that if any, anywhere, are fearing that the cost of discipleship is too great, that they may be given to glimpse that treasure in heaven promised to all who forsake."

- Elisabeth Elliot

"Being a Christian is less about cautiously avoiding sin than about courageously and actively doing God's will."

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"Our Lord had only one desire, and that was to do the will of his Father, and to have this desire is characteristic of a disciple."

- Oswald Chambers

"Disciples are to be rightly related to Jesus, to each other, and to the world. Disciples have three respective duties: to remain (abide), to love each other, and to testify."

- Edwin Blum

"A disciple is a person who has decided that the most important thing in their life is to learn how to do what Jesus said to do."

- Dallas Willard

"Jesus was never interested in having admirers. It's not fans he is looking for (but followers)."

- Lee Strobel

"The mark of true discipleship is not simply hearing and believing, but believing and doing."

- John MacArthur

"Discipleship is not static, but a growing and developing way of life. Always the true disciple is becoming more fully a disciple."

- Leon Morris

"A true disciple has committed himself or herself without equivocation, without reservation to Jesus Christ the Savior."

- A.W. Tozer

The Word on Discipleship

“...and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.”

- 2 Tim 2:2, ESV

PREACH THE GOSPEL & TEACH THEM TO OBEY

“And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”

- Mt 28:18-20, ESV

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

- Acts 1:8, ESV

“And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

- Mt 4:19, ESV

“And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach”

- Mrk 3:14, ESV

“And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.”

- Mrk 16:15, ESV

FOR MATURITY IN CHRIST

“Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.”

- Col 1:28-29, ESV

“And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,”

- Eph 4:11-13, ESV

“For you know how, like a father with his children, we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.”

- 1 Thes 2:11-12, ESV

(See also verse 8, Eph 4:13-15, Gal 4:19, Col 1:9-12, 4:12, 1 Ptr 2:2, 2 Ptr 3:18, Heb 5:11-6:3, 3 Jn 1:4).

CROWNS OF BOASTING

“For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you? For you are our glory and joy.”

- 1 Thes 2:19-20, ESV

(See also Phil 4:1).

SEEK WISE COUNSEL

“Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches.”

- Gal 6:6, ESV

“Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.”

- Prov 13:20, ESV

“Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But deceitful are the kisses of an enemy.”

- Prov 27:6, NASB

“Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety.”

- Prov 11:14, ESV

“Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.”

- Prov 27:17, ESV

FOLLOW GODLY EXAMPLES

“Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us.”

- Phil 3:17, ESV

“What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me — practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.”

- Phil 4:9, ESV

“Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.”

- 1 Cor 11:1, ESV

(See also 1 Cor 4:15-16).

“It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate.”

- 2 Thes 3:9, ESV

OUR PRAYER FOR DISCIPLES

“And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.”

- Phil 1:6, ESV

Wisdom on Discipleship

"The Great Commission is not an option to be considered; it is a command to be obeyed."

- Hudson Taylor

"The church exists for nothing else but to draw men into Christ, to make them little Christs. If they are not doing that, all the cathedrals, clergy, missions, sermons, even the Bible itself, are simply a waste of time. God became man for no other purpose."

- C.S. Lewis

"The Christian life is the disciplined life and the discipling life."

- Mark Dever

"Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ."

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"Discipleship isn't a program or an event; it's a way of life. It's not for a limited time, but for our whole life. Discipleship isn't for beginners alone; it's for all believers for every day of their life. Discipleship isn't just one of the things the church does; it is what the church does." "All who are called to salvation are called to discipleship, no exceptions, no excuses!"

- Bill Hull

"If you make disciples, you always get the church. But if you make a church, you rarely get disciples. Effective discipleship builds the church, not the other way around."

- Mike Breen

"To be a disciple of Jesus is to make a disciple of Jesus."

- David Platt

"If you really want to experience God, go and make disciples."

- Francis Chan

"We reduce discipleship to a canned program, and so many in the church end up sidelined in a spectator mentality that delegates disciple making to pastors and professionals, ministers and missionaries."

- Francis Chan

"Discipleship is the art and science of helping people find, follow and fully become like Jesus."

- Brandon Cox

"Every disciple needs a 'Paul' who can mentor and challenge him. A 'Barnabas' who can walk alongside and encourage him. And a 'Timothy,' someone that he can pour his life into." (paraphrased)

- Howard Hendricks

"When a church becomes an end in itself, it ends. When Sunday school, as great as it is, becomes an end in itself, it ends. When small groups ministry becomes an end in itself, it ends. When the worship service becomes an end in itself, it ends. What we need is for discipleship to become the goal, and then the process never ends. The process is fluid. It is moving. It is active. It is a living thing. It must continue to go on. Every disciple must make disciples."

- Robby Gallaty

"Making disciples of Jesus is the overflow of the delight in being disciples of Jesus."

- David Platt

"Success should be measured not by how many disciples are made, but by how many disciples are making other disciples."

- Bill Hull

"Make disciples" reminds us that disciples are made. Disciples are not spontaneously created at conversion; they are the product of a process involving other believers. This making of disciples is the power of spreading Christianity."

- David Guzik

"The church changes the world not by making converts but by making disciples."

- John Wesley

"Thriving churches have the Great Commission as the centerpiece of their vision, while dying churches have forgotten the clear command of Christ."

- Thom S. Rainer

"Ultimately, Jesus calls his disciples to make disciples, who will make disciples. It is through this factor of multiplication that Christianity has grown and spread into every nation of the world."

- Dr. Craig Kraft

"The Great Commission was given by Jesus to all and every Christian, not only to pastors or missionaries."

- Cristina Boersma

"Making disciples makes us better disciples."

- Anonymous

"The making of a disciple means the creating of a duplicate."

- Juan Carlos Ortiz

"Making disciples by going, baptizing, and teaching people the Word of Christ and then enabling them to do the same thing in other people's lives—this is the plan God has for each of us to impact nations for the glory of Christ."

- David Platt

"Disciple making is intentionally equipping believers with the Word of God through accountable relationships empowered by the Holy Spirit in order to replicate faithful followers of Jesus Christ. Discipleship without reproduction is not biblical discipleship."

- Robby Gallaty

"The message was clear: to be a disciple meant that you learn how to make disciples - an ever multiplying movement meant to bless the whole world."

- Mike Breen

The Word on the Holy Spirit

“And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.”
- Is 11:2, **ESV**

THE PROPHETS LONGED FOR THE DAY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

“And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.”

- **Ez 36:26-27, ESV**
(See also Jer 31:33, Joel 2:28-29).

“But Moses replied, “Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD’s people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!”
- **Num 11:29, NIV**

THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES US POWER & BOLDNESS FOR GOD’S GLORY

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

- **Acts 1:8, ESV**

“And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.”

- **Acts 4:31, ESV**

“because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction.”
- **1 Thes 1:5, NIV**

THE HOLY SPIRITS CONVICTS PEOPLE OF SIN & CONVERTS THEM TO CHRIST

“Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”

- **Jn 3:3-6, ESV**

“Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.”
- **2 Cor 7:10, NIV**

CONVICTS & CONVERTS (Cont’d)

“Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

- **Jn 16:7-14, ESV**

ALL BELIEVERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE HOLY SPIRIT

“And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

- **Acts 2:38, ESV**
(See also 1 Cor 6:19, 12:13).

“In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.”

- **Eph 1:13-14, ESV**
(See also 2 Cor 1:21-22, 5:5).

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.”

- **Jn 14:15-17, ESV**

“But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.”

- **Jn 15:26, ESV**

“because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.”

- **Rm 5:5b, ESV**

The Word on the Holy Spirit

**“The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep.
And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.”**
- Gen 1:2, ESV

BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT & DON'T GRIEVE HIM

“And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,”
- **Eph 5:18, ESV**
(See also Acts 6:3-6).

“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”
- **Eph 4:30, ESV**
(See also Is 63:10).

“But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.”
- **Gal 5:16-25, ESV**

“For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”
- **Rm 14:17, ESV**

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”
- **Rm 15:13, ESV**

“Then he said to me, “This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of hosts.”
- **Zech 4:6, ESV**

“Do not quench the Spirit.”
- **1 Thes 5:19, ESV**

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD

“But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land?... You have not lied to man but to God.”
- **Acts 5:3-4, ESV**

“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.”
- **2 Cor 3:17-18, ESV**

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,”
- **Mt 28:19, ESV**

“how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.”
- **Heb 9:14, ESV**

“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”
- **1 Cor 12:4-7, ESV**

“But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”
- **Ti 3:4-7, ESV**

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”
- **2 Cor 13:14, ESV**

“You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.”
- **Rm 8:9, ESV**

“Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you?”
- **1 Cor 3:16, ESV**

Wisdom on the Holy Spirit

“For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.”

- Rm 8:14, ESV

“We are powerless until the Holy Spirit empowers us.”

- **Trog Trogon**

“It is futile for us to try to serve God without the power of the Holy Spirit. Talent, training, and experience cannot take the place of the power of the Spirit.”

- **Warren Wiersbe**

“The human spirit fails, except when the Holy Spirit fills.”

- **Corrie Ten Boom**

“Oh, how we need to wake up to the fact that the Holy Spirit’s blessing and power is the key to everything.”

- **Jim Cymbala**

“Without the Spirit of God, we can do nothing. We are as ships without wind. We are useless.”

- **C.H. Spurgeon**

“The work of the Spirit is to impart life, to implant hope, to give liberty, to testify of Christ, to guide us into all truth, to teach us all things, to comfort the believer, and to convict the world of sin.”

- **D.L. Moody**

“The Holy Spirit’s main ministry is not to give thrills but to create in us Christlike character.”

- **J.I. Packer**

“The evidence of justification by faith is the ongoing work of sanctification through the Holy Spirit.”

- **Paul Washer**

“When the Holy Spirit is in full control of our lives, He will expect our obedience to the written Word of God.”

- **A.W. Tozer**

“The Spirit and the Word must be combined. If I look to the Spirit alone without the Word, I lay myself open to great delusions also. If the Holy Spirit guides us, He will do it according to the Scriptures and never contrary to them.”

- **George Muller**

“The Holy Spirit will never lead you to do anything contrary to Scripture because He’s the author of Scripture, He never contradicts Himself.”

- **Derek Prince**

“The Bible is clear that the Holy Spirit is God Himself.”

- **Billy Graham**

“The purpose is not that you might get more of the Holy Spirit, but that the Holy Spirit might get more of you.”

- **Chuck Smith**

“The Holy Spirit illuminates the minds of people, makes us yearn for God, and takes spiritual truth and makes it understandable to us.”

- **Billy Graham**

“The same Holy Spirit who implants faith within a life implants the boldness to verbalize that faith.”

- **Alistair Begg**

“The Holy Spirit never entices us to do something that is unholy. Neither does the Holy Spirit ever incline us to embrace a lie.”

- **R.C. Sproul**

“I am convinced that to be filled with the Spirit is not an option, but a necessity. It is indispensable for the abundant life and for fruitful service. The Spirit-filled life is not abnormal; it is the normal Christian life. Anything less is subnormal; it is less than what God wants and provides for His children. Therefore, to be filled with the Spirit should never be thought of as an unusual or unique experience for, or known by, only a select few. It is intended for all, needed by all, and available to all. That is why the Scripture commands all of us, ‘be filled with the Spirit.’”

- **Billy Graham**

“The Spirit-filled life is not a special, deluxe edition of Christianity. It is part and parcel of the total plan of God for His people.”

- **A.W. Tozer**

“Men ought to seek with their whole hearts to be filled with the Spirit of God. Without being filled with the Spirit, it is utterly impossible that an individual Christian or a church can ever live or work as God desires.”

- **Andrew Murray**

“Being filled with the Spirit is simply this - having my whole nature yielded to His power. When the whole soul is yielded to the Holy Spirit, God Himself will fill it.”

- **Andrew Murray**

“If you know Christ, you don’t need to beg for the Holy Spirit to come into your life; He is already there - whether you ‘feel’ His presence or not.”

- **Billy Graham**

“Earthly wisdom is doing what comes naturally. Godly wisdom is doing what the Holy Spirit compels us to do.”

- **Charles Stanley**

“Whom God fills, He uses. A holy life is the authentic sign of being filled with the Spirit.”

- **Leonard Ravenhill**

The Word on Having a Quiet Time

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.”

- Jn 10:27, ESV

JESUS' EXAMPLE

“And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,”

- Mt 4:23, ESV

“And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.”

- Mrk 1:35, ESV

“And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place.”

- Lk 4:42a, ESV

“Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses. But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.”

- Lk 5:15-16, NIV

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GODLY MEN INVEST TIME IN THE BIBLE & PRAYER

“Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.”

- Dan 6:10, NIV

“As for me, I call to God, and the Lord saves me. Evening, morning and noon I cry out in distress, and he hears my voice.”

- Ps 55:16-17, NIV

“Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. Go near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools, who do not know that they do wrong. Do not be quick with your mouth, do not be hasty in your heart to utter anything before God. God is in heaven and you are on earth, so let your words be few.”

- Ecc 5:1-2 NIV

TIME IN THE BIBLE & PRAYER (Cont'd)

“But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.”

- Mt 6:6-8, ESV

“pray without ceasing,”

- 1 Thes 5:17, ESV

“You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”

- Ps 16:11, ESV

(See also Ps 105:4).

“Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life.”

- Ps 143:8, NIV

“In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.”

- Ps 5:3, NIV

“I rise before dawn and cry for help; I hope in your watches. My eyes are awake before the watches of the night, that I may meditate on your promise.”

- Ps 119:147-148, ESV

“Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.”

- Ps 1:1-3, ESV

TIME IN THE BIBLE & PRAYER (Cont'd)

“Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.”

- Josh 1:7-8, ESV

“For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, “In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.” But you were unwilling,”

- Is 30:15, ESV

(See also Ps 46:10).

“The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.”

- Ex 14:14, ESV

“But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.”

- Is 40:31, ESV

“Your testimonies are my delight; they are my counselors.”

- Ps 119:24, ESV

“You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.”

- Ps 32:7-8, NIV

“I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;”

- Ps 130:5, ESV

Wisdom on Having a Quiet Time

**"No Bible, no breakfast."
- Ron Pettit**

"The hardest part of a missionary career is to maintain regular, prayerful Bible study."

- Hudson Taylor

"I have in my own experience found it of the utmost moment to make the care about my own soul the chief business of my life. Abundant as my work is, so much so, that if I had strength to work 24 hours everyday, I would not accomplish what is ready for my hands, and feet and head, and heart; yet with all this I consider my first business to be, and my primary business, day by day, to get blessing for my own soul, food for my own soul, to be happy in the Lord; and then to work, and to work with all diligence."

- George Mueller

"The men who have done the most for God in this world have been early on their knees. He who fritters away the early morning, its opportunity and freshness, in other pursuits than seeking God will make poor headway seeking Him the rest of the day. If God is not first in our thoughts and efforts in the morning, He will be in the last place the remainder of the day."

- E.M. Bounds

"The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work and prayerless religion.

He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but he trembles when we pray."

- Samuel Chadwick

"The battle of prayer is against two things in the earthlies: wandering thoughts, and lack of intimacy with God's character as revealed in His word. Neither can be cured at once, but they can be cured by discipline."

- Oswald Chambers

"The preaching man is to be the praying man. Prayer is the preacher's mightiest weapon. An almighty force in itself, it gives life and force to all. The real sermon is made in the closet. The man—God's man—is made in the closet. His life and his profoundest convictions were born in his secret communion with God."

- E.M. Bounds

"He who runs from God in the morning will scarcely find Him the rest of the day."

- John Bunyan

"If we don't maintain a quiet time each day, it's not really because we are too busy; it's because we do not feel it is important enough... Late nights kill the quiet time... Quiet time is not just a helpful idea, it is absolutely necessary to spiritual growth."

- George Sweeting

"We Christians must simplify our lives or lose untold treasures on earth and in eternity. Modern civilization is so complex as to make the devotional life all but impossible. The need for solitude and quietness (and fervent prayer) was never greater than it is today."

- A.W. Tozer

"Shut the world out, withdraw from all worldly thoughts and occupations, and shut yourself in alone with God, to pray to Him in secret. Let this be your chief object in prayer, to realize the presence of your heavenly Father."

- Andrew Murray

"Often times God wants us to sit before Him in quietness. He doesn't want us to do all the talking. As Isaiah 30:15 says *"In quiet and confidence will be your strength."*

- Charles Stanley

"The amount of time we spend with Jesus, meditating on His Word and His majesty, seeking His face, establishes our fruitfulness in the kingdom."

- Charles Stanley

"A man who is intimate with God will never be intimidated by men."

- Leonard Ravenhill

"We are too busy to pray, and so we are too busy to have power. We have a great deal of activity, but we accomplish little; many services but few conversions; much machinery but few results."

- R.A. Torrey

"No man is greater than his prayer life. The pastor who is not praying is playing; the people who are not praying are straying. We have many organizers, but few agonizers; many players and payers, few pray-ers; many singers, few clingers; lots of pastors, few wrestlers; many fears, few tears; much fashion, little passion; many interferences, few intercessors; many writers, but few fighters. Failing here, we fail everywhere."

- Leonard Ravenhill

"Before the heart unlocks itself for the world, God wants to open it for himself; before the ear takes in the countless voices of the day, it should hear in the early hours the voice of the Creator and Redeemer. God prepared the stillness of the first morning for himself. It should remain his."

- Deitrich Bonhoeffer

"I ought to pray before seeing any one... Christ arose before day and went into a solitary place. David says: 'Early will I seek thee'...I feel it is far better to begin with God—to see His face first, to get my soul near Him before it is near another."

- Robert Murray M'Cheyne

The Word on the Bible

**"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."
- Ps 119:105, ESV**

GOD'S WORD IS TRUE

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth."
- **2 Tim 2:15, ESV**

"The words of the LORD are pure words, like silver refined in a furnace on the ground, purified seven times."
- **Ps 12:6, ESV**

"The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;"
- **Ps 19:7, ESV**

"Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him."
- **Prov 30:5, ESV**

"Your word is completely pure, and your servant loves it."
- **Ps 119:140, CSB**
(See all of Ps 119).

"The entirety of your word is truth, each of your righteous judgments endures forever."
- **Ps 119:160, CSB**

"Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth."
- **Jn 17:17, ESV**

IT IS GOD'S WORD TO MAN, NOT MAN MADE

"We also speak these things, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual things to spiritual people."
- **1 Cor 2:13, CSB**

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."
- **2 Tim 3:16-17, ESV**

GOD'S WORD TO MAN (Cont'd)

"We also have the word of the prophets as confirmed beyond doubt. And you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture comes from one's own interpretation. For no such prophecy was ever brought forth by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit."
- **2 Ptr 1:19-21, BSB**

"And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers."
- **1 Thes 2:13, ESV**

THE BIBLE IS LIVING & ACTIVE

"For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart."
- **Heb 4:12, ESV**

"The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life."
- **Jn 6:63, ESV**

"Is not my word like fire, declares the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"
- **Jer 23:29, ESV**

"So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it."
- **Is 55:11, ESV**

THE BIBLE IS ETERNAL

"For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. For, "All flesh is like grass, and all its glory like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever." And this is the word that was proclaimed to you."
- **1 Ptr 1:23-25, BSB**

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."
- **Mt 24:35, ESV**

"LORD, your word is forever; it is firmly fixed in heaven."
- **Ps 119:89, CSB**
(See also verse 152).

FOLLOWING GOD'S WORD LEADS TO LIFE

"Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, or set foot on the path of sinners, or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the Law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, yielding its fruit in season, whose leaf does not wither, and who prospers in all he does."
- **Ps 1:1-3, BSB**
(See also Deut 29:9, Ps 19:9-11).

"I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you."
- **Ps 119:11, ESV**

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,"
- **Rm 12:2a, ESV**

"As for God, his way is perfect: The LORD's word is flawless; he shields all who take refuge in him."
- **Ps 18:30, NIV**

The Word on the Bible

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,”
- Col 3:16, **ESV**

TREASURE GOD’S WORD

“he said to them, “Take to heart all the words by which I am warning you today, that you may command them to your children, that they may be careful to do all the words of this law. For it is no empty word for you, but your very life, and by this word you shall live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to possess.”

- **Deut 32:46-47, ESV**

“I have not departed from the commandment of his lips; I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my portion of food.”

- **Job 23:12, ESV**

“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

- **Mt 4:4b, ESV**

“I long for your salvation, O LORD, and your law is my delight.”

- **Ps 119:174, ESV**

“Therefore I love your commandments above gold, above fine gold.”

- **Ps 119:127, ESV**

“Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart,”

- **Jer 15:16a, ESV**

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WRITE GOD’S WORD EVERYWHERE

“You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates,”

- **Deut 11:18-20, ESV**

WRITE GOD’S WORD EVERYWHERE (Cont’d)

“Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.”

- **Josh 1:7-8, ESV**

“My son, keep your father’s commandment, and forsake not your mother’s teaching. Bind them on your heart always; tie them around your neck. When you walk, they will lead you; when you lie down, they will watch over you; and when you awake, they will talk with you.”

- **Prov 6:20-22, ESV**

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OBEY GOD’S WORD

“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.”

- **Jms 1:22-25, ESV**

(See also *Jn 15:1-17*).

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the Kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.”

- **Mt 7:21, ESV**

OBEY GOD’S WORD (Cont’d)

“Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you? Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great.”

- **Lk 6:46-49, ESV**

“For Ezra had set his heart to study the Law of the Lord, and to do it and to teach his statutes and rules in Israel.”

- **Ez 7:10, ESV**

“The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.”

- **Ecc 12:13-14, ESV**

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BE READY TO SHARE HIS WORD

“but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,”

- **1 Ptr 3:15, ESV**

“preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching...”

...As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.”

- **2 Tim 4:2, 5, ESV**

Wisdom on the Bible

"Bible study is the metal that forges a Christian."

- C.H. Spurgeon

"Within the covers of the Bible are the answers for all the problems men face."

- Ronald Reagan

"The study of God's Word for the purpose of discovering God's will is the secret discipline which has formed the greatest characters."

- James Alexander

"A Bible that's falling apart usually belongs to someone who isn't."

- C.H. Spurgeon

"Christians who neglect the Bible simply do not mature."

- John Stott

"I am sorry for men who do not read the Bible everyday. I wonder why they deprive themselves of the strength and pleasure."

- Woodrow Wilson

"Within the Scripture there is a balm for every wound, a salve for every sore."

- C.H. Spurgeon

"The Holy Scriptures are our letters from home."

- Augustine of Hippo

"Don't yield to Satan's lie that you don't have time to study the scriptures. Choose to take time to study them. Feasting on the word of God each day is more important than sleep, school, work, television shows, video games, or social media. You may need to reorganize your priorities..."

- Richard G. Scott

"The soul can do without everything except the word of God, without which none at all of its wants are provided for."

- Martin Luther

"The primary purpose of reading the Bible is not to know the Bible but to know God."

- James Merritt

"Sin will either keep you from the Bible or the Bible will keep you from sin."

- D.L. Moody

"The vigor and vitality of your spiritual life will be in exact proportion to the place the Bible is held in your life and thoughts."

- George Mueller

"Don't say God is silent when your Bible is closed."

- Anonymous

"A thorough knowledge of the Bible is worth more than a college education."

- Theodore Roosevelt

"Bible study is the most essential ingredient in the believer's spiritual life, because it is only in study of the Bible as that is blessed by the Holy Spirit that Christians hear Christ and discover what it means to follow Him."

- James Boice

"Ninety-nine Christians in every hundred are merely playing at Bible study; and therefore ninety-nine Christians in every hundred are mere weaklings, when they might be giants, both in their Christian life and in their service."

- R.A. Torrey

"The Bible is one of the greatest blessings bestowed by God on the children of men. It has God for its Author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture for its matter. It is all pure..."

- John Locke

"For every problem on earth, there is a promise in Scripture."

- Trog Trogdon

"Delighting in God's Word leads us to delight in God, and delight in God drives away fear."

- David Jeremiah

"I believe the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man. All the good from The Savior of the world is communicated to us through this Book."

- Abraham Lincoln

"Visit many good books, but live in the Bible."

- C.H. Spurgeon

"The more you read the Bible the more you'll love the author."

- Anonymous

"The Bible is the only book whose author is always present when one reads it."

- Anonymous

"God speaks to us, through His Word by His Spirit."

- T.B. Joshua

"The Bible redirects my will, cleanses my emotions, enlightens my mind, and quickens (restores) my total being."

- E. Stanley Jones

"Either you believe all of the Bible or you don't really believe the Bible at all."

- Anonymous

Wisdom on the Bible

“Rebellion against the Word of God is rebellion against God, whose word it is.”
- Kevin De Young

“The Word of God is like a lion. You don’t have to defend a lion. All you have to do is let the lion loose, and the lion will defend itself.”

- **C.H. Spurgeon**

“You can’t be close to God and far from His Word.”

- **Watermark Church**

“Not every meal is memorable but it’s still nourishing. You might not have an emotional experience after every Bible study, but it’s still nourishing your soul.”

- **Social Media Influencer**

“As Christians, we look at the world through the lens of God’s Word. Any other lens is a skewed view.”

- **Jeremiah Lincoln**

“We present you with this Book, the most valuable thing this world affords. Here is wisdom. This is the Royal Law. These are the lively oracles of God.”

- **Queen Elisabeth’s Coronation**

“The Bible holds treasures beyond our ability to measure.”

- **Anonymous**

“The little value we put on God’s Word is evidence from the little time we give to it.”

- **E.M. Bounds**

“The Word of God well understood and religiously obeyed is the shortest route to spiritual perfection. And we must not select a few favorite passages to the exclusion of others. Nothing less than a whole Bible can make a whole Christian.”

- **A.W. Tozer**

“We should read the Bible as those who listen to the very speech of God.”

- **F.B. Meyer**

“Do not look for the church nearest to your house. Look for the church closest to the Bible.”

- **Paul Washer**

“Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.”

- **Thomas Cranmer**

“The Bible is to be both studied and applied.”

- **Edward E. Hindson**

“A readiness to believe every promise implicitly, to obey every command unhesitatingly, to stand perfect and complete in all the will of God, is the only true spirit of Bible study.”

- **Andrew Murray**

“My conscience is captive to the Word of God.”

- **Martin Luther**

“The best way to interpret Scripture is with the Scripture.”

- **Anonymous**

“The Bible is the greatest of all books; to study it is the noblest of all pursuits; to understand it, the highest of all goals.”

- **Charles C. Ryrie**

“If you are ignorant of God’s Word, you will always be ignorant of God’s will.”

- **Billy Graham**

“I never saw a useful Christian who was not a student of the Bible.”

- **D.L. Moody**

“The wings of an airplane represent the life of every believer.

One wing represents the Person and ministry of the Holy Spirit. The other wing represents the Word of God. Just as a plane cannot fly without both wings, neither can the believer in Christ really ‘fly.’”

- **Bill Bright**

“The Holy Scriptures are more important than gold and silver.

They are to be read constantly, thought about frequently, meditated on regularly and esteemed more than our daily food. God’s Words should be our delight and hope.” (paraphrased)

- **S.D. Gordon**

“Some read the Bible to learn and some read the Bible to hear from heaven.”

- **Andrew Murray**

“Prayer promotes our spiritual growth as almost nothing else, indeed as nothing else but Bible study; and true prayer and true Bible study go hand in hand.”

- **R.A. Torrey**

“Without application, your Bible study is not complete. The goal of opening the Scripture and reading it and studying it is not merely to collect information for your head. The goal of interacting with the Bible and engaging in Bible study is to let God go to work in forming you as a person, in changing the way you think, in transforming who you are, in developing and helping you grow spiritually.”

- **Darrell Bock**

The Word on Prayer

“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”

- Romans 12:12, NIV

GOD HEARS & DELIGHTS IN OUR PRAYERS

“The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.”

- Ps 145:18-19, NIV

(See also Ps 34:17, 1 Ptr 3:12).

“The sacrifice of the wicked is detestable to the LORD, but the prayer of the upright is his delight.”

- Prov 15:8, BSB

(See also verse 29).

“For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.”

- 2 Chron 16:9a, NIV

“May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.”

- Ps 141:2, NIV

“And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.”

- 1 Jn 5:14-15, ESV

GOD TELLS US TO PRAY

“do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

- Phil 4:6-7, ESV

(See also Eph 6:18).

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

- 1 Thes 5:16-18, ESV

“Cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.”

- 1 Ptr 5:7, ESV

“Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

- Heb 4:16, BSB

(See also Ps 50:15, 62:7-8).

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving;”

- Col 4:2, LSB

(See also Rm 12:12).

(See also Dan 10:12, Jn 10:27, 1 Tim 2:8).

GOD ANSWERS OUR PRAYERS

“For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you. Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace. In the day of my trouble I call upon you, for you answer me.”

- Ps 86:5-7, ESV

“The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”

- Jms 5:16b, NIV

“Thus says the Lord who made the earth, the Lord who formed it to establish it—the Lord is his name: Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.”

- Jer 33:2-3, ESV

“I call upon you, for you will answer me;”

- Ps 17:6b, ESV

(See also Ps 65:2, 91:15).

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!”

- Mt 7:7-11, NIV 84

“If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.”

- Jn 15:7, NIV 84

*(*See also 1 Jn 5:14-15, Jn 16:24).*

“...Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”

- Eph 3:20-21, NIV 84

GOD REWARDS OUR PRAYERS

“But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”

- Mt 6:6, NIV 84

“When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.”

- Ps 91:15, ESV

Wisdom on Prayer

**"I would rather teach one man to pray than ten men to preach."
- C.H Spurgeon**

"There is not in the world a kind of life more sweet and delightful than that of a continual conversation with God."

- Brother Lawrence

"The only person who dares wake up a king at 3:00 am for a glass of water is a child. We have that kind of access to God."

- Tim Keller

"God is always speaking, the question is, are we listening?"

- Anonymous

"Prayer is not a monologue, but a dialogue. God's voice in response to mine is its most essential part."

- Andrew Murray

"In our prayers, we talk to God, in our Bible study, God talks to us, and we had better let God do most of the talking."

- D.L. Moody

"Prayer honors God, acknowledges His being, exalts His power, adores His providence, secures His aid."

- E.M. Bounds

"Jesus never taught His disciples how to preach but He did teach them how to pray."

- D.L. Moody

"Prayer is a treasure undiminished, a mine never exhausted."

- John Chrysostom

"The word of God is the food by which prayer is nourished and made strong."

- E.M. Bounds

"Time spent in prayer will yield more than that given to work. Prayer alone gives work its worth and its success. Prayer opens the way for God Himself to do His work in us and through us. Let our chief work as God's messengers be intercession; in it we secure the presence and power of God to go with us."

- Andrew Murray

"We speak only to the degree we are spoken to... Our prayers should arise out of immersion in the Scripture."

- Tim Keller

"The prayer power has never been tried to its full capacity.

If we want to see mighty wonders of divine power and grace wrought in the place of weakness, failure and disappointment, let us answer God's standing challenge, "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not!"

- Hudson Taylor

"He who has learned to pray has learned the greatest secret of a holy and happy life."

- William Law

"To intercede for men is the most powerful and practical way in which we can express our love for them."

- John Calvin

"Four things let us ever keep in mind: God hears prayer, God heeds prayer, God answers prayer, and God delivers by prayer."

- E.M. Bounds

"...True prayer is measured by weight, not by length. A single groan before God may have more fullness of prayer in it than a fine oration of great length."

- C.H. Spurgeon

"The great people of the earth today are the people who pray!

I do not mean those who talk about prayer; nor those who say they believe in prayer; nor those who explain prayer; but I mean those who actually take the time to pray. They have not time. It must be taken from something else. That something else is important, very important and pressing, but still, less important and pressing than prayer. There are people who put prayer first, and group the other items in life's schedule around and after prayer. These are the people today who are doing the most for God in winning souls, in solving problems, in awakening churches, in supplying both men and money for mission posts, in keeping fresh and strong their lives far off in sacrificial service on the foreign field, where the thickest fighting is going on, and in keeping the old earth sweet a little while longer."

- S.D. Gordon

"Prayer is not learned in a classroom but in the closet."

- E.M. Bounds

"Sometimes we think we are too busy to pray. That is a great mistake, for praying is a saving of time."

- C.H. Spurgeon

"Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance, but laying hold of His willingness."

- Martin Luther

"We have to pray with our eyes on God, not on the difficulties."

- Oswald Chambers

"It is possible to move men, through God, by prayer alone."

- Hudson Taylor

The Word on Journaling

“...Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it.”
- Hab 2:2b, ESV

GOD’S WORK IS RECORDED IN SCRIPTURE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

“Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet to be created may praise the Lord.”

- Ps 102:18, ESV
(See also Jb 19:23-25)

“For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.”

- Rm 15:4, NIV

“Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come.”

- 1 Cor 10:11, ESV
(See also Ps 77:11-12, 78:4-8).

GOD COMMANDED HIS WORDS TO BE WRITTEN

“Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Write in a book all the words that I have spoken to you.”

- Jer 30:2, ESV

“And now, go, write it before them on a tablet and inscribe it in a book, that it may be for the time to come as a witness forever.”

- Is 30:8, ESV

“saying, “Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches,”

- Rev 1:11a, ESV
(See also Deut 31:19).

“Then the LORD replied: “Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it.”

- Hab 2:2, NIV

GOD KEEPS RECORDS & BOOKS

“Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

- Lk 10:20, ESV

GOD KEEPS RECORDS & BOOKS (Cont’d)

“Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.”

- Phil 4:3, ESV

(See also Ex 32:32, Mal 3:16, Rev 3:5, 20:12).

“You have kept count of my tossings; put my tears in your bottle. Are they not in your book?”

- Ps 56:8, ESV

WE WRITE TO REMEMBER & REFLECT ON HIS WORDS

“And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”

- Deut 6:6-9, ESV

“And when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself in a book a copy of this law, approved by the Levitical priests. And it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the Lord his God by keeping all the words of this law and these statutes, and doing them, that his heart may not be lifted up above his brothers, and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, either to the right hand or to the left, so that he may continue long in his kingdom, he and his children, in Israel.”

- Deut 17:18-20, ESV

TO REMEMBER & REFLECT (Cont’d)

“My son, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Let them not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart.”

- Prov 4:20-21, ESV

“I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your wonders of old. I will ponder all your work, and meditate on your mighty deeds.”

- Ps 77:11-12, ESV

“My son, keep my words and treasure up my commandments with you; keep my commandments and live; keep my teaching as the apple of your eye; bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart.”

- Prov 7:1-3, ESV

LISTEN, LEARN & REMEMBER THE LORD

“I passed by the field of a sluggard, by the vineyard of a man lacking sense, and behold, it was all overgrown with thorns; the ground was covered with nettles, and its stone wall was broken down. Then I saw and considered it; I looked and received instruction.”

- Prov 24:30-32, ESV

“For God speaks in one way, and in two, though man does not perceive it. In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls on men, while they slumber on their beds...”

- Job 33:14-17, ESV

“My son, be attentive to my wisdom; incline your ear to my understanding, that you may keep discretion, and your lips may guard knowledge.”

- Prov 5:1-2, ESV

(See also Hg 1:5-9, Ps 4:4, 105:5, Acts 2:16-18, 16:6-10).

Wisdom on Journaling

"With a journal 'we have a notebook in which to be a student of life.'"

- Andi Ashworth via Ivan Mesa

"A journal is not a diary. A diary is about the things you did. A journal is about the lessons you learned, the mistakes you made and what God has taught you." Start your spiritual journal today. It will help you to hear and to remember what God is telling you."

- Rick Warren

"The goal of journaling over a lifetime is to 'build a monument to God's faithfulness.'"

- Don Whitney via Ivan Mesa

"People who spend time writing carefully about themselves become happier, less anxious, less depressed and physically healthier."

- Jordan Peterson

"I count myself one of the number of those who write as they learn and learn as they write."

- Calvin / Augustine

"The dullest pencil is sharper than the brightest mind."

- Mark Twain

"Like prayer, journaling clears the vision; steadies the nerves; defines duty; stiffens the purpose; sweetens and strengthens the spirit."

- S.D. Gordon

"Journaling is a way to be a good steward of the Spirit's illuminations."

- John Piper

"What happens to us is not as important as the meaning we assign to it. Journaling helps sort this out."

- Michael Hyatt

"By having a book of 'snapshots,' it allows me to look back over my walk with the Lord in a unique way. It helps me see the ways that God's Spirit in me is producing growth over time. Journaling has become one of the ways that I best connect with God."

- Ali Enos

"Follow effective action with quiet reflection. From the quiet reflection will come even more effective action."

- Peter Drucker

"Perhaps the most valuable contribution the discipline of journaling makes to the pursuit of godliness is how it facilitates meditation on Scripture, especially the ability to intensify attention on the text."

- Don Whitney

"I do not sit down at my desk to put into verse something that is already clear in my mind. If it were clear in my mind, I should have no incentive or need to write about it. We do not write in order to be understood; we write in order to understand."

- C.S. Lewis

"We tend to feel most deeply about what we think most deeply about. By slowing us down and prompting us to think more deeply about the things of God, journaling helps us feel more deeply about them. Writing in a journal provides an opportunity for the intangible grays of mind-work and heart-work to distill clearly into black and white."

- Don Whitney

"There is well over 35 years of scientific research that proves there are many benefits that can be gained through writing about your thoughts and feelings. Lowered blood pressure, improved immune functioning, reduced stress, greater confidence, more clarity for decision making, healing emotional wounds, improving personal relationships, cultivating personal resilience and making meaning out of life events are among the many proven benefits of expressive writing."

- Lynda Monk

"Paper is to write things down that we need to remember. Our brains are used to think."

- Albert Einstein

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

- Jesus

"Journaling helps keep the memory of spiritual experiences with the Lord fresh and vivid."

- Joel Beeke; Terry Slachter

"Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them."

- Psalmist

"Sooner or later a busy man learns to write things down. It's the best way to capture things we are apt to forget. "The strongest memory," says an old proverb, "is weaker than the palest ink."

- Anonymous

"He listens well who takes notes."

- Dante

"Journaling is an effective way of teaching the things of God to our children and grandchildren, and of transmitting our faith into the future (compare Deut 6:4-7; 2 Tim 1:5)."

- Don Whitney

The Word on Community

“Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”
– Gal 6:2, ESV

“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”

– Heb 10:24-25, ESV

“Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? And though a man might prevail against stone who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.”

– Ecc 4:9-12, ESV

“And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts,”

– Acts 2:42-47, ESV

(See also Rm 12:10).

“For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

– Mt 18:20, ESV

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

– Jn 13:34-35, ESV

“And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

– Mt 22:37-40, ESV

“that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.”

– 1 Cor 12:25-27, ESV

“Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.”

– Prov 13:20, ESV

(See also Ps 1:1-3).

“Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.”

– 1 Thes 5:11, ESV

(See also 1 Ptr 4:10, Gal 6:10).

“Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone...”

– Gen 2:18a, ESV

(See also Prov 18:1).

“I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.”

– 1 Cor 1:10, ESV

“Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.”

– Rom 12:16, ESV

“If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.”

– 1 Jn 4:20, ESV

“For the whole law is fulfilled in one statement: Love your neighbor as yourself.”

– Gal 5:14, CSB

“After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go.”

– Lk 10:1, ESV

“So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.”

– Mt 5:23-24, ESV

(See also Jn 17:23, Phil 2:1-4, Jms 5:16, 1 Ptr 3:8).

“Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes! It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.”

– Ps 133:1-3, ESV

“For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.”

– Rm 12:4-5, ESV

(See Rm 12 all).

“Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

– 1 Ptr 4:8-11, ESV

Wisdom on Community

“Let those be your choicest companions who have made Christ their chief companion.”

- Thomas Brooks

“Our relationship with each other is the criterion the world uses to judge whether our message is truthful - Christian community is the final apologetic.”

- Francis Schaeffer

“Christian brotherhood is not an ideal which we must realize; it is rather a reality created by God in Christ in which we may participate. The more clearly we learn to recognize that the ground and strength and promise of all our fellowship is in Jesus Christ alone, the more serenely shall we think of our fellowship and pray and hope for it.”

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

“Christianity isn't meant to simply be believed; it's meant to be lived, shared, eaten, spoken, and enacted in the presence of other people. Try as I may, I can't be a Christian on my own. I need a community. I need the church.”

- Rachel Held Evans

“To follow Christ is to love other Christians... Love between believers isn't a sign of maturity; it's a sign of saving faith.”

- Dever & Dunlop

“Satan always hates Christian fellowship; it is his policy to keep Christians apart. Anything which can divide saints from one another he delights in. He attaches far more importance on godly community than we do. Since union is strength, he does his best to promote separation.”

- C.H. Spurgeon

“Fellowship means among other things that we are ready to receive of Christ from others. Other believers minister Christ to me, and I am ready to receive.”

- Watchman Nee

“To gather with God's people in united adoration of the Father is as necessary to the Christian life as prayer.”

- Martin Luther

“Unity is necessary to the outpouring of the Spirit of God. If you have 120 volts of electricity coming into your house but you have broken wiring, you may turn on the switch, but nothing works - no lights come on, the stove doesn't warm, the radio doesn't turn on. Why? Because you have broken wiring. The power is ready to do its work..., but where there is broken wiring, there is no power. Unity is necessary among the children of God if we are going to know the flow of power... to see God do His wonders.”

- A.W. Tozer

“There is a brotherhood within the body of believers, and the Lord Jesus Christ is the common denominator. Friendship and fellowship are the legal tender among believers.”

- J. Vernon McGee

“Our love to God is measured by our everyday fellowship with others and the love it displays.”

- Andrew Murray

“When a Christian shuns fellowship with other Christians, the devil smiles. When he stops studying the Bible, the devil laughs. When he stops praying, the devil shouts for joy.”

- Corrie Ten Boom

“Aloneness can lead to loneliness. God's preventative for loneliness is intimacy - meaningful, open, sharing relationships with one another. In Christ we have the capacity for the fulfilling sense of belonging which comes from intimate fellowship with God and with other believers.”

- Neil T. Anderson

“Though true Christianity uniquely involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, it is also a corporate experience... Christians cannot grow spiritually as they ought to in isolation from one another.”

- Gene Getz

“Since God is within Himself a fellowship, it means that His moral creatures who are made in His image find fullness of life only within a fellowship. This is reflected in marriage, in the home, in society and above all in the church whose koinonia is built upon the fellowship of the three Persons. Christian fellowship is, therefore, the divinest thing on earth, the earthly counterpart of the divine life, as Christ indeed prayed for his followers: “That they may all be one; even as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be in Us” (Jn. 17:21).”

- J. Hampton Keathley

“The Christian life is not just our own private affair. If we have been born again into God's family, not only has he become our Father but every other Christian believer in the world, whatever his nation or denomination, has become our brother or sister in Christ. But it is no good supposing that membership of the universal Church of Christ is enough; we must belong to some local branch of it. Every Christian's place is in a local church, sharing in its worship, its fellowship, and its witness.”

- John Stott

“The heart of true Christian fellowship is self-sacrificing conformity to a shared vision, namely, to the gospel.”

- D.A. Carson

“He is your friend who pushes you nearer to God.”

- Abraham Kuyper

“Commitment to the Messiah implied commitment to the Messianic community, that is, the church.”

- John Stott

“The church is a community of the works and words of Jesus.”

- Donald English

The Word on Serving Others

**"Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends."
- Jn 15:13, ESV**

"For you, brothers, were called to freedom; but do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh. Rather, serve one another in love. The entire law is fulfilled in a single decree: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

- Gal 5:13-14, BSB

"By this we know what love is: Jesus laid down His life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone with earthly possessions sees his brother in need, but withholds his compassion from him, how can the love of God abide in him? Little children, let us love not in word and speech, but in action and truth."

- 1 Jn 3:16-18, BSB

"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."

- Heb 13:16, ESV

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

- Gal 6:2, ESV

"In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

- Acts 20:35, ESV

"We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves."

- Rm 15:1, ESV

"Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you."

- Mt 5:42, ESV

"Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need."

- Eph 4:28, ESV

"...our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works."

- Ti 2:13b-14, ESV

"A righteous man knows the rights of the poor; a wicked man does not understand such knowledge."

- Prov 29:7, ESV

"If anyone wants to be first, he must be last of all and servant of all."

- Mrk 9:35b, CSB

"If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday."

- Is 58:10, ESV

"For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, 'You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.'"

- Deut 15:11, ESV

"Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world."

- Jms 1:27, ESV

"Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.... Share with the saints who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you. Bless and do not curse."

- Rm 12:10-13, BSB

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

- Eph 2:10, ESV

"Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

- Lk 12:33-34, ESV

"And the crowds asked him, 'What then shall we do?' And he answered them, 'Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.'"

- Lk 3:10-11, ESV

"Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is generous to the needy honors him."

- Prov 14:31, ESV

"And Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all.'"

- Mrk 10:42-44, ESV

"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God."

- 1 Jn 4:7a, NIV

"The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people."

- Ti 3:8, ESV

"And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need."

- Acts 2:44-45, ESV

The Word on Serving Others

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”
- Mrk 10:45, **ESV**

“And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,”

- **Eph 4:11-13, ESV**

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’” “He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’”

- **Mt 25:40, 45, NIV**

“and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.”

- **2 Cor 5:15, ESV**

“Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute. Open your mouth, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy.”

- **Prov 31:8-9, ESV**

“If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.”

- **Lk 6:32-36, ESV**

“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

- **Phil 2:3-11, ESV**

“Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it. Do not say to your neighbor, ‘Go, and come again, tomorrow I will give it to you— when you have it with you.’”

- **Prov 3:27-28, ESV**

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”

- **1 Ptr 4:10, NIV**

“Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.”

- **Prov 19:17, ESV**

“Blessed is the one who considers the poor! In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him; the Lord protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land; you do not give him up to the will of his enemies.”

- **Ps 41:1-2, ESV**

“So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.”

- **Gal 6:10, ESV**

“learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow’s cause.”

- **Is 1:17, ESV**

“Is this not the fast that I have chosen: To loose the bonds of wickedness, To undo the heavy burdens, To let the oppressed go free, And that you break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, And that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; When you see the naked, that you cover him, And not hide yourself from your own flesh? Then your light shall break forth like the morning, Your healing shall spring forth speedily, And your righteousness shall go before you; The glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; You shall cry, and He will say, ‘Here I am.’”

- **Is 58:6-9a, NKJV**

“If among you, one of your brothers should become poor, in any of your towns within your land that the Lord your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart or shut your hand against your poor brother, but you shall open your hand to him and lend him sufficient for his need, whatever it may be.”

- **Deut 15:7-8, ESV**

“Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”

- **Ps 82:3-4, ESV**

Wisdom on Serving Others

"You can always give without loving, but you can never love without giving!"
- Amy Carmichael

"We have to humble ourselves and the way you do that is by serving other people."
- **Tim Tebow**

"We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone."
- **Ronald Reagan**

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"
- **Martin Luther King, Jr.**

"You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you."
- **John Bunyan**

"Those who are happiest are those who do the most for others."
- **Booker T. Washington**

"I shall pass through this world but once. Any good thing therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer it or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."
- **Henry Drummond**

"The first question which the priest and the Levite asked was: 'If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?' But the good Samaritan reversed the question: 'If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?'"
- **Martin Luther King Jr.**

"True Christianity is a life of sacrifice. It requires that in everything we live for the Lord and others, not ourselves."
- **Rick Joyner**

"You are as much serving God in looking after your own children, and training them up in God's fear, and minding the house, and making your household a church for God, as you would be if you had been called to lead an army to battle for the Lord of hosts."
- **C.H. Spurgeon**

"Whenever you serve others in any way, you are actually serving God."
- **Rick Warren**

"Every time we deny ourselves in order to serve someone else, we grow in Christ."
- **David Jeremiah**

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."
- **Winston Churchill**

"Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile."
- **Albert Einstein**

"A servant leaders goal is not to draw a following that results in a crowd but to develop leaders who become a movement."
- **John Maxwell**

"Everybody can be great... because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."
- **Martin Luther King, Jr.**

"The highest form of worship is the worship of unselfish Christian service. The greatest form of praise is the sound of consecrated feet seeking out the lost and helpless."
- **Billy Graham**

"I believe that many professing Christians are cold and uncomfortable because they are doing nothing for their Lord; but if they actively served him, their blood would begin to circulate spiritually, and it would be well with them."
- **C.H. Spurgeon**

"Harmony is produced in ministry when everyone seeks to be a servant."
- **Elizabeth George**

"The true character of ministry is a servants heart."
- **Harold Warner**

"Faithful servants never retire. You can retire from your career, but you will never retire from serving God."
- **Rick Warren**

"The world's idea of greatness is to rule, but Christian greatness consists in serving."
- **John Charles Ryle**

"This life will soon be past, only what we do for Christ will last."
- **C.T. Studd**

"The poor are Jesus in disguise."
- **Mother Teresa**

"God so identified with the poor that their cries express divine pain. The bible teaches us that our treatment of them equals our treatment of God."
- **John Calvin**

"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."
- **Mother Teresa**

The Word on Sharing the Gospel

“...do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.”
- 2 Tim 4:5b, ESV

“And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.”

- **Mrk 16:15, ESV**

“and He said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.”

- **Lk 24:46-47, NASB 95**

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

- **Acts 1:8, ESV**

“But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations.”

- **Mrk 13:9-10, ESV**

(See also Ex 9:16).

“And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.”

- **Mt 24:14, ESV**

“All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.”

- **Ps 22:27, ESV**

“Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word.”

- **Acts 8:4, NKJV**

“For if I preach the gospel, I have no reason to boast, because I am compelled to preach — and woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!”

- **1 Cor 9:16, CSB**

“If I say, “I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,” there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.”

- **Jer 20:9, ESV**

“And they departed and went through the villages, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.”

- **Lk 9:6, ESV**

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

- **Lk 19:10, ESV**

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that everyone who believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because He has not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.”

- **Jn 3:16-18, NIV**

(See also Mrk 16:16).

“Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.”

- **Jn 3:36, ESV**

(See also Mt 25:41-46, 2 Thes 1:8-9).

“Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

- **Jn 14:6, ESV**

(See also Acts 4:12).

“For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

- **Jn 6:40, ESV**

(See also Jn 5:23).

“Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me will live, even though he dies.”

- **Jn 11:25, BSB**

“but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts.”

- **1 Thes 2:4, ESV**

(See also 1 Thes 2:16).

“The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

- **Mrk 1:15, NIV**

(See also Lk 5:31-32, Acts 20:20-21).

“And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”

- **Is 6:8, ESV**

“This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.”

- **1 Cor 4:1, ESV**

“This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

- **1 Tim 2:3-4, ESV**

The Word on Sharing the Gospel

“And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

- Dan 12:3, ESV

“The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.”

- 2 Ptr 3:9, ESV

“How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent?”

As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.”

- Rm 10:14-17, ESV

“Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

- Mt 9:37-38, ESV

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.”

- Rm 1:16, ESV

“All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

- 2 Cor 5:18-21, ESV

(See also 2 Tim 2:24-26).

“I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.”

- 2 Tim 4:1-2, ESV

“but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,”

- 1 Ptr 3:15, ESV

“He appointed twelve that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach...”

- Mrk 3:14, NIV

“And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.”

- Acts 5:42, ESV

“For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.”

- 1 Thes 1:4-5, ESV

“and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.”

- 1 Cor 2:4-5, ESV

(See also 1 Cor 4:20).

“Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

- Phil 2:9-11, ESV

“For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it.”

- Mrk 8:35, ESV

“Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.”

- Ps 2:8, ESV

“The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and whoever captures souls is wise.”

- Prov 11:30, ESV

“To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some.”

- 1 Cor 9:22, ESV

“And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

- Mt 4:19, ESV

“let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

- Mt 5:16b, NIV

Wisdom on Sharing the Gospel

**“Some wish to live within the sound of a chapel bell;
I wish to run a rescue mission within a yard of hell.”
- C.T. Studd**

“Evangelism is not a professional job for a few trained men, but is instead the unrelenting responsibility of every person who belongs to the company of Jesus.”

- D. Elton Trueblood

“To be a soul winner is the happiest thing in the world. And with every soul you bring to Jesus Christ, you seem to get a new heaven here upon earth.”

- C.H. Spurgeon

“Oh, my brothers and sisters in Christ, if sinners will be damned, at least let them leap to hell over our bodies; and if they will perish, let them perish with our arms about their knees, imploring them to stay, and not madly to destroy themselves. If hell must be filled, at least let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let not one go there unwarned and unprayed for.”

- C.H. Spurgeon

“The mission of the Church is to seek and to save those that are lost.” (Lk 19:10)

- James H. Aughey

“We must be global Christians with a global vision because our God is a global God.”

- John Stott

“Give me one hundred preachers who fear nothing but sin and desire nothing but God, and I care not whether they be clergymen or laymen, they alone will shake the gates of Hell and set up the kingdom of Heaven upon Earth.”

- John Wesley

“The world has yet to see what God will do with a man fully consecrated to Him.”

- D.L. Moody

“America is not dying because of the strength of humanism but the weakness of our evangelism.” (paraphrased)

- Leonard Ravenhill

“How can a man believe in hell unless he throws away his life in order to rescue others from it's torment?!”

- C.T. Studd

“When a man is filled with the Word of God you cannot keep him still, if a man has got the Word, he must speak or die.”

- D.L. Moody

“If you had the cure to cancer wouldn't you share it? ...You have the cure to death... get out there and share it.”

- Kirk Cameron

“Evangelism is one thing you can't do in heaven.”

- Mark Cahill

“Have you no wish for others to be saved? Then you're not saved yourself, be sure of that!”

- C.H. Spurgeon

“I preach as a dying man to dying men, as if to never preach again.”

- Richard Baxter

“How can I travel with anybody a half hour without speaking of Christ to them.” (paraphrased)

- George Whitefield

“Could a mariner sit idle if he heard the drowning cry? Could a doctor sit in comfort and just let his patients die? Could a fireman sit idle, let men burn and give no hand? Can you sit at ease in Zion with the world around you damned?”

- Leonard Ravenhill

“Christianity is not a set of private convictions that we cultivate inwardly or whisper among ourselves. It is the message that the whole world needs to hear.”

- Robert Barron

“I would sooner bring one sinner to Jesus Christ than unravel all the mysteries of the divine Word, for salvation is the one thing we are to live for.”

- C.H. Spurgeon

“Evangelism is not imposing anything on anyone; it's simply sharing the truth. It's not our business to make the message acceptable, but to make it available. We are not to see that they like it, but that they get it.”

- Mark Dever & Vance Havner

“God has called us to talk to men. We are to affirm the gospel with our lives and proclaim the gospel with our words. A testimony of our life alone without relating that the source of our life is Christ is a proclamation of self, not Christ. It is not only important to talk to men about God, it is necessary.”

- Howard Hendricks

“A winner of souls must first be a weeper for souls.”

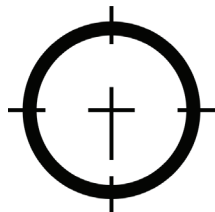
- C.H. Spurgeon

“Salvation is the work of the Holy Spirit. Sharing His Word is the work of every Christian.”

- Anonymous

“The greatest thing we can do for others is to share Christ with them.”

- Trog Trogon



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