

# The Bible Counselor

## for Practical Life

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### (1) ABIDING IN JESUS

Come to God for counsel, understanding & strength = Pv.8:14; Heb.4:16  
Seek and Love Him with our whole being = Jer.29:13; 24:7; Josh.22:5; Deut.10:12; 30:6  
As you accepted walk in Him—by faith = Col.2:6  
Faith from hearing God's Word = Rom.10:17  
Have peace with thoughts and trust in Jesus = Isa.26:3; Rom.8:6; Phil.4:6,7; Pv.3:1-6  
Are changed into what we behold = 2Cor.3:18  
So dwell on these pure things = Phil.4:8  
Rejoice, constant prayer, thankful = 1Thes.5:16-18  
Listen to Holy Spirit, don't resist = Heb.3:7,8  
He will continue to work in you = Phil.1:6  
Minister to others He will bless = Isa.58:10,11  
Share your testimony = Act.22:15  
Praise Him continually = Ps.34:1

### (2) AFFLICTION - TRIBULATION

#### Why God Allows Affliction

Affliction is the result of Sin—has brought pain to all creation = Rom.8:22  
Sometimes cause by own foolishness = Ps.107:17  
Sometimes comes unfairly = Ecc.9:2,11; Jn.9:3  
Distress opens our eyes = Job 36:15; Ps.119:75  
Helps see importance of commands = Ps.119:71,143  
God allows A. so we see results of sin & pride, if we obey & turn from evil get peace = Job 36  
Wants our characters refined as gold = Job23:10  
Become strong after suffering = 1Pet.5:10  
Trials bring patience and hope = Rom.5:3,4  
Scriptures comfort in affliction = Ps.119:50

#### Why Trust God During Affliction?

Unsearchable is God's knowledge & wisdom—through Him are all things = Rom.11:36;  
Isa.55:8,9; Ecc.11:5; 8:17  
God controls all things = Lk.1:37; 1Sam.2:6-9; Isa.46:10; Dan.2:20-22  
His ways are perfect and He is shield = Ps.18:30  
Gave Himself and suffered to deliver us = Gal.1:4; Rom.15:3; 1Pet.4:1; Rom.5:6-8; Eph.5:2; Heb.10:10; Heb.2:9,10  
Makes things beautiful in His time = Ecc.3:11  
All works for good if love God = Rom.8:25-28  
Suffering not comparable to glory = Rom.8:18

#### Affliction For Christ's Sake

Become joint sufferers & heirs with Christ = Rom.8:17  
Believers will suffer for Christ's sake = Phil.1:29  
Think it not strange when suffer, give God glory when it's for Christ = 1Pet.4:12-14; 1:6,7  
Endure suffering as Christ's soldier = 2Tim.2:3  
Temporary trouble brings eternal glory = 2Cor.4:16  
If we suffer will reign with Him = 2Tim.2:12

Blessed are you when you are reviled and cast out for Christ sake = Luk.6:32  
Praise God for being worthy to suffer affliction for His name = Acts5:41

#### What To Do During Affliction

Seek Godly friends during affliction = Job 6:14  
Pray in affliction = Jam.5:13  
Leave troubles with Lord, He defends = Ps.55:22  
Pray for God's will to be done = Matt.26:39  
Scriptures promises deliverance = Ps.119:170  
Scriptures comfort in affliction = Ps.119:50  
Wait on Lord He gives strength = Ps.27:14  
When devil afflicts resist him & be firm in faith knowing others are also afflicted = 1Pet.5:8,9  
Minister to others He lifts darkness = Isa.58:10  
Like Job praise the Lord anyway = Job1:20,21  
Praise Him continually = Ps.34:1

#### Promises We Can Claim In Affliction

The Lord is our refuge in oppression = Ps.9:9  
Helps troubled and lifts the fallen = Ps.145:14  
Mt. crumble but gives promised peace = Isa.54:10  
Will not be tempted above what we can handle = 1Cor.10:13; 2Pet.2:9; Jn.16:33  
His grace sufficient for us, His strength made perfect in our weakness = 2Cor.12:9  
Suffering and pain will be no more = Rev.21:4  
Nothing separate from God's love = Rom.8:38  
God is our refuge and strength = Ps.46:1  
Lord delivers from all afflictions = Ps.34:19  
He hears needy & forgets not prisoners = Ps.69:33  
Maintains the cause of the afflicted = Ps.140:12

### (3) ANGER - BITTERNESS - RESENTMENT

Realize peace of mind is better = Pv.14:30; 10:18  
Deal with it now—prevent festering = Eph.4:26  
Choose not to be controlled by emotions—put away bitterness and wrath = Eph.4:31; Ecc.7:8,9  
Your forgiven as you forgive others = Mat.6:12  
Forgive as God has you = Col.3:13; Eph.4:32  
Give it to God by prayer and submission and receive peace = Phil.4:6,7; Jam.4:6-10

#### Avoiding Anger

Choose happiness by physical body actions = Pv.29:8; 15:13,15,30; 18:6,7,21  
Be slow to wrath = Jam.1:19,20  
Is glory to pass over a transgression = Pv.19:11  
Soft words turneth away wrath = Pv.15:1  
Better rule temper than a city = Pv.16:32; 25:28  
Slow to anger have great understanding = Pv.14:29

#### Results of Anger & Hatred

Hatred stirs up strife—love covers sin = Pv.10:12  
Causes blindness & darkness = 1Jn.2:11; 1Jn.2:9  
Can't love God & hate brother = 1Jn.4:20  
Hidden hatred will be revealed = Pv.26:24-26  
Those quick to anger deal foolishly = Pv.14:17

Anger—habit that returns = Pv.19:19; 22:24,25

### (4) ANXIETY

Not given us fear but a sound mind = 2Tim.1:7  
He gives you power over Satan = Luk.10:19,20  
When worried God gives comfort = Ps.94:19  
Invited to come to throne for help = Heb.4:16  
Pray—don't worry ask thankfully = Phil.4:6,7  
Mt. crumble but gives promised peace = Isa.54:10  
He "keepeth thee"—never slumbers = Ps.121:3

#### Finding Freedom From Anxiety

Pray thankfully without ceasing = 1Thes.5:17  
Choose happiness by physical body actions = Pv.15:13,15,30; 18:6,7,21  
Have peace with thoughts & trust centered on Jesus = Isa.26:3; Rom.8:6; Phil.4:6,7  
Study Bible to learn of Christ = Matt.11:29  
Peace results from obedience to Him = Pv.3:1  
Minister to others He lifts darkness = Isa.58:10  
(See "Abiding in Christ" & "Overcoming" & "Courage" & "Comfort" & "Strength")

### (5) BLESSED ARE THEY...

The beatitudes = Mat.5:3-11  
Blessed is He who is daily at His gates—spends devotional time with Him = Pv.8:17,34  
Are we when we trust in Him = Ps.2:12; 34:8; 40:4; 84:12; Jer.17:7  
Blessed are those who wait on Him = Isa.30:18  
Those who have not seen but believe = Jn.20:29  
Those who are forgiven = Rom.4:7,8; Ps.32:1  
Those who are called to the marriage supper of the lamb = Rev.19:9  
When walk not in counsel of the ungodly = Ps.1:1  
Those who's strength is in the Lord = Ps.84:5  
Who hear the Word and keep it = Luk.11:28  
Who reads and follows Revelation = Rev.1:3  
Blessed if keep judgment and do right = Ps.106:3  
Blessed when walk in the Lord = Ps.119:1; 128:1  
Blessed when keep His laws and testimonies and seek Him with our whole heart = Ps.119:2; Pv.8:32; Ps.112:1  
Blessed is he who endures temptation = Jam.1:12  
Man who's spirit has no guile = Ps.32:2  
The nation who's God is the Lord = Ps.33:12  
Blessed is the man the Lord chastens = Ps.94:12  
Blessed are they that help the poor = Ps.41:1  
Blessed are they that sow by all waters = Isa.32:20  
Blessed is the servant that when He comes finds him doing = Mat.24:46; Luk.12:43  
Blessed are those who keep the Sabbath = Isa.56:2  
Blessed when hated for Christ = Luk.6:22,23  
That are not offended in Him = Mat.11:5; Luk.7:23

Blessed are those who are watching and ready for  
His coming = Luk.12:37; Rev.16:15

## **(6) CHILDHOOD ABUSE RECOVERY**

He has come to heal broken-hearts = Isa.61:1,2  
Revenge destroys self, leave to God—overcome  
evil with good = Rom.12:19-21  
Get rid of bitterness—forgive the offender as God  
has forgiven you = Eph.4:31,32; Col.3:13  
Forgiveness and healing comes when we pray for  
those who do evil to us = Matt.5:44  
Choose to go beyond—actions control emotions =  
Pv.15:13,15,30; 14:30  
(See “Overcoming Anything” & “Depression”)  
Thankfully ask Him for healing = Phil.4:6,7  
Believe He has healed you = Mk.5:34; 6:56  
Continually praise God for your healing, its  
therapeutic = Ps.71:6-8  
Decide to put it in the past and look ahead with  
focus on service to Him = Phil.3:13,14  
(See “Self-esteem” & “God’s Plan For Your Life”)

## **(7) CHRISTIAN SERVICE**

You were created for good works = Eph.2:10  
He chose & ordained you to bear fruit = Jn.15:16  
Glory, honor, & peace comes to every one  
who worketh good = Rom.2:10  
He provides needs for any good work = 2Cor.9:8  
When you have done it for the least of these  
have done for me = Matt.25:40  
We should minister humbly knowing we are  
also sinners = Heb.5:1-3  
Whatever do do it with all might = Eccl.9:10  
Liberal soul made fat & he that watereth be  
watered = Pv.11:9  
Don’t be weary in well doing will reap if faint  
not = Gal.6:9; 2Thes.3:13  
Pray “here I am send me” = Isa.6:8

### **Additional Ministry References**

Help the hungry & afflicted your light shall  
rise in obscurity = Isa.58:10  
Meet physical needs don’t just pray = Jam.2:15-17  
Happy when have mercy on poor = Pv.14:21  
Pray & do good to enemies = Matt.5:44; Lk.6:35  
Remember those in prison as if you were there  
with them = Heb.13:3  
Inherit kingdom if feed hungry, cloth naked,  
visit sick & prisoners = Matt.25:34-36  
God shall supply all your needs = Philip.4:19  
Effective communication of faith is acknow-  
ledging Christ is the good in us = Philem.1:6  
Sow bountifully—reap bountifully = 2Cor.9:6  
Faith without works is dead = Jam.2:26  
Love not just in word but in deed = 1Jn.3:18

Good works makes a glad heart = Pv.12:25  
Cast bread on waters & will return = Eccl.11:1  
Morning sow & evening withhold not = Ecc.11:6  
Blessed when sow beside all waters = Isa.32:20  
Serve Him without fear in holiness & right-  
eousness all day of life = Lk.1:74,75  
Harvest is great labourers are few = Luk.10:1  
He that soweth & reapeth rejoice = Jn.4:36  
I must work the work of Him that sent me  
while it is day = Jn.9:4  
We are labourers with God = 1Cor.3:9  
Take opportunity do good to all = Gal.6:10  
Do willingly not of necessity = Phil.1:4  
Know your labor is not in vain = 1Cor.15:58  
Good deeds silences foolish men = 1Pet.2:15  
Help others who are sharing gospel = Phil.4:3  
Know them by their fruits = Matt.7:16-20  
Witnessing starts at home and extends to  
greater areas around the world = Acts1:8  
Give ourselves continually to prayer and the  
ministering of His Word = Acts6:4

## **(8) COMFORT**

### **The Lord’s Comfort To Us**

He came to comfort all who mourn = Isa.61:2  
He invites you to cast cares on Him because He  
cares for you = 1Pet.5:7  
He heals broken heart & binds wounds = Ps.147:3  
Hears needy & despiseth not prisoners = Ps.69:33  
Scriptures comfort us in affliction = Ps.119:50  
Comfort of the Scriptures gives hope = Rom.15:4  
He has sent the Comforter to us = Jn.14:16  
He is with you always = Matt.28:20; Jn.14:18  
He will never leave nor forsake = Heb.13:5; 9:10  
Though I walk through shadow of death = Ps.23  
Works all things out for good = Rom.8:28  
Replace sorrow with praise & find comfort = Isa.61:3  
(See “Sorrow-Mourning-Grief” & “Overcoming  
Anything” & “Peace in Affliction”)

### **We Are To Comfort Others**

Comfort and edify one another = 1Thes.5:11  
Minister to others He lifts darkness = Isa.58:10  
Father of Mercy comforts us so we and we  
should comfort others = 2Cor.1:3,4  
Gives everlasting comfort & establishes you in  
every good work = 2Thes.2:16,17

### **Comfort From Mourning For Our Sins**

Comforts those who mourn for sin = Matt.5:4  
Helps troubled & lifts the fallen = Ps.145:14  
Be comforted faith makes you whole = Mat.9:22  
His comfort delights the soul = Ps.94:18,19  
As comforted by mother so will he us, when it  
happens we will become healthy, glad, &  
strong & blessing to obey Him = Isa.66:12-14

## **(9) CONFESSION**

Guilt of sin—intentional rebellion to God’s will—  
separates us from father = Isa.59:2; Lam.1:20  
God’s goodness leadeth to repentance = Rom.2:4  
Jesus gives us repentance = Acts5:31  
It is our place to accept repentance and allow it  
to lead us to confession = Ps.38:18; Jer.4:3  
Our confessions should be specific = Lev.5:5  
True repentance & confession results in a will-  
ingness to right our wrongs = Num.5:7; Job7:20  
Confess to God, all sin is against Him = Ps.41:4;  
Ps.51:4; Jer.3:25; Luk.15:18  
Confess to person we have offended = Jam.5:16  
Examples of true repentance and confession  
=Ps.51:1,2; Luk.18:13; Ps.41.4  
Confession leads to the removal of sin = Isa.6:7  
It brings peace of mind = Heb.10:2; Ps.32:1  
Confession heals = Ps.41:4; Hos.1:6; Jam.5:16  
Can ask anything in His will & receive—to con-  
fess & be forgiven is God’s will = 1Jn.3:20,21  
If we confess He promises to forgive = 1Jn.1:9  
God remembers sins no more = Heb.10:17,18  
(See “Forgiveness” “Guilt” & “Repentance”)

## **(10) CONTENTMENT**

Love for world causes disc. = 1Jn.2:15, Rom.12:2  
Seek first the kingdom, and receive needs, don’t  
worry about tomorrow = Matt.6:33,34  
Riches are a snare, be content with having  
needs met, Godliness with contentment is  
great gain, = 1Tim.6:6-8; Lk.3:14  
Pray for needs, imbalance can be snare = Pv.30:7  
Focus on others not self—it is more blessed to give  
then receive = Pv.11:25; Act20:35; 1Cor.10:34  
Choose happiness by physical body actions =  
Pv.15:13,15,30; 10:31; 12:6; 13:3; 18:6,7  
Choose to be content with what you have =  
Philip.4:11, Heb.13:5; Ps.37:16, Pv.16:8  
Through strength in Christ we, like Paul, can  
always be content = Philip.4:11-13  
Praise God continually—in all conditions = Ps.34:1  
In God’s time the faithful abound with blessings—  
spiritual, physical or both = Pv.28:20

## **(11) COURAGE - OVERCOMING FEAR**

God has not given you a spirit of fear but of power,  
love, and a sound mind = 2Tim.1:7; Rom.8:15  
Seek, He hears and delivers from all fears = Ps.34:4  
Call Lord be set free, don’t worry what man may  
do to us with God = Ps.118:5,6; Rom.8:31  
You can choose to not be anxious = Philp.4:6

Respect of Lord brings confidence = Pv.14:26  
Let “God is my Saviour be not afraid” be your  
personal song = Isa.12  
Perfect love casteth out fear = 1Jn.4:18  
Fear nothing, be not afraid I am your God I will  
protect you & save you = Isa.41:10; Jn.14:27  
Peace I give let heart not be troubled = Jn.4:27

### **Promises**

Helps troubled & lifts the fallen = Ps.145:14  
He is your refuge and fortress = Ps.91  
Be strong and have courage He will not fail or  
forsake = Deut.31:6; Josh.1:9; Matt.14:27  
Wait on Lord, He will strengthen you = Ps.27:14  
Str. to those who hope in Him = Ps.31:24; 27:1  
Fear not, stand still, see salvation = Ex.14:13  
Praise & trust God will take away fear = Ps.56:3,4  
Seek wisdom and happiness, sleep, safety = Pv.3:21  
Be Strong fear not God will save = Isa.35:3  
Don’t fear oppressors, He is Creator = Isa.51:13  
Fear not nor be ashamed for God is your Hus-  
band, your Maker & Redeemer = Isa.54:4,5  
Fear not who kills body but soul = Matt.10:28  
Blessings & recovery promised to Israel = Isa.14  
Don’t worry about provisions = Matt.6:5  
Don’t fear future = Matt.6:34  
He “keepeth thee”—never slumbers = Ps.121:3

## **(12) DEFEAT - FAILURE - REJECTION**

Don’t compare yourself to others = Gal.6:4  
Realize God loves you unconditionally =  
Matt.22:16; 10:30,31; Rom.5:8  
Claim the promise, He will direct you = Ps.37:23  
Ask Him for wisdom to succeed or how to be  
accepted according to His will = Jam.1:5  
Remember greatest success is “do justly, love  
mercy, walk humbly” = Mic.6:8  
Choose positive—action controls emotions =  
Pv.15:13,15,30; 19:3; 14:30; 18:6,7  
Seek comfort of the Scriptures = Ps.119:50  
Seek direction in His Word = Ps.119:130  
Realize God has special plan for your life =  
Jn.15:19; Ps.37:23; Jer.1:5; 2Cor.1:21,22  
Determine not to stay defeated = Ecc.9:10; Mic.7:8  
Greatest success is the Father’s will in you life—  
pray “Thy will be done” = Matt.6:10; 26:42  
Pray for Spirit to teach & lead you = Ps.143:10  
(See “Goal Setting,” “God’s Plan for Your Life,”  
“Self-Esteem,” & “Peace in Affliction”)

### **Promises for Hope**

Lord’s rescue brings closer to Him = Ps.34:17  
He upholds the fallen = Ps.145:14; 37:24  
He promises to heal your broken heart = Ps.147:3  
Promised if seek not lack good thing = Ps.34:10  
Humbly give it to God, He lifts you up = 1Pet.5:6,7  
Ask in will, have confidence he hears and will

grant your request = 1Jn.5:14,15  
Obey God brings success = Deut.29:9; 1Chm.22:13  
Seek first the kingdom it will come = Matt.6:33  
Hearing the words "well done" = Matt.25:23  
(See "Wisdom - God's Guidance")

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### (13) DEPRESSION

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Realize your not alone, men of God became depressed = David—Ps.6:6,7; Elijah—1Kg.19:4  
Realize God has not forsaken you = Heb.13:5  
Allow affliction to draw you to Him = Ps.119:67  
Reach beyond your discouragement with trust = Ps.32:10; 57:1; 118:1-9 (See "Faith")  
Come to the Source for joy and peace = Ps.16:8; 2Cor.13:11; 1Cor.14:33; Matt.11:28  
Call out to the Lord for deliverance = Ps.118:5  
(See "Guilt" & "Forgiveness" if applicable)  
Give Him your anxiety & discouragement = Phil.4:6,7; 1 Pet. 5:7; Matt.11:28  
He delivers from fears, saves from troubles, protects those that respect Him, provides needs—He invites you to "taste" or claim these promises = Ps.34:8  
Decide to forget past and look ahead = Phil.3:13

#### Ways to Overcome Depression

Find hope in Scripture = Rom.15:4; Ps.119:28,50  
Believe He will do more than you can even imagine = Eph.3:20  
Praise brings joy, heals brokenhearted = Ps.147  
If due to physical need seek antidotes = 1Kg.19:5-9  
Remember God is bigger than your trial—He supplies all your needs = Phil.4:13,19  
Minister to others lifts darkness = Isa.58:10  
(See "Comfort," "Courage," "Strength," "Peace in Affliction," "Hope," "Loneliness")

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### (14) DIVORCE

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It is normal to sorrow and grieve but never forget God is there for you. = Isa.41:10; Ps.34:17  
Do best to forget past and look ahead = Phil.3:13  
Give it to God in prayer = Phil.4:6,7  
Unforgiveness results in bitter heart = Job 21:25  
Forgive as God has you = Eph.4:32; Col.3:13  
Accept responsibility for your faults = Ps.51:3; Acts 26:10,11  
Ask for forgiveness from those involved, it is healing = Jam.5:16  
(See "Anger-Bitterness-Resentment")  
Let God fill the void—seek Him = Jer.29:13; 24:7  
Choose to go on with your life with God as your guide = Pv.3:5,6

#### Ways to Find Encouragement

Seek Godly counsel—its therapeutic = Pv.27:9; 17; 1:5; 9:9; 13:10  
Rest in hope of when there will be no more sorrow or pain = Rev.21:4  
Realize peace of mind is better = Pv.14:30; 10:18  
Give God your anxiety & discouragement = Phil.4:6,7; 1Pet.5:7; Matt.11:28  
Have peace with thoughts & trust on Jesus = Isa.26:3,4; Rom.8:6; Pv.3:1,2  
Find hope in His Word = Rom.15:4; Ps.119:50  
Minister to others He lifts darkness = Isa.58:10  
Praise Him continually = Ps.34:1

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### (15) FAITH - TRUST - DOUBT

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#### Why Faith is Needed

Unbelief separates from God = Heb.3:12  
By grace through faith are we saved = Eph.2:8  
Trials test and strengthen faith = 1Pet.1:6,7  
Just live by faith = Rom.1:17; Gal.3:11  
Can't please God without faith = Heb.11:6  
God trustworthy man is not = Ps.118:8; Pv.29:25  
Have faith in God's wisdom not mans = 1Cor.2:5  
Ways and thoughts higher than ours = Isa.55:8,9  
Trust with all heart He direct path = Pv.3:5,6  
They that trust shall be as zion which cannot be moved and abideth forever = Ps.125:1

#### Doubt

Unbelief in Jesus as Savior is death = Jn.8:24  
Jesus is patient with our unbelief = Jn.20:27  
He is faithful when we are not = 2Tim.2:13  
He performed physical miracles and are recorded in the Bible that we may believe = Jn.3:12  
Though we fall He will help us up = Ps.37:24

#### Getting Faith

Lord invite taste & see trust be blessed = Ps.34:8  
God gives all a measure, we are to exercise it = Rom.12:3; Jn.3:27; Jam.1:17  
Hearing testimony of others and by the Word of God = Rom.10:14-17

When learn of His love we can trust = Ps.36:7  
Cry "Lord help my unbelief" = Mk.9:24; Lk.17:5  
(See "God is Able")

#### ABC's of Faith

Ask according to His will = 1Jn.5:14  
Believe receive all things = Matt.21:22; Jam.1:6  
You can claim promise, is done in His will as you believe = Matt.8:13

#### Results of Faith

Faith without works is dead = Jam.2:20-26  
Faith size of mustard seed—nothing impossible = Matt.17:20; Mk.9:23  
Belief allows His blessings & mercy = Ps.32:10  
Is the way to eternal life = Eph.2:8  
Receive promise of the Spirit by faith = Gal.3:14

Trying of our faith works patience = Jam.1:3  
There is safety in trust for Lord = Ps.57:1; 9:10; 125:1; Pv.14:26; 29:25; 30:5; Nah.1:7  
He gives you power over Satan = Luk.10:19,20  
You commit to Him He will do it = Ps.37:5

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### (16) FAMILY GUIDANCE

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#### Hope for the Wayward Child

(See "God Welcomes Backsliders")

Come to throne to find help = Heb.4:15,16  
Love is more powerful than a flood = S.of S. 8:7  
Show love it covers multitude of sins = Pv.10:12  
Love covers a multitude of sins = Pv.10:12  
Train up a child he won't depart = Pv.22:6  
God is faithful when we are not = 2Tim.2:13  
Wants to save all = 2Pet.3:9; 1Tim.2:3-5; Jn.12:32

#### Promises

Children are heritage and reward = Ps.127:3  
Walk with Lord family will be blessed = Ps.128:1-4; 112:1-4; Pv.20:7  
Seed of righteous delivered = Pv.11:21  
If we are just, children are blessed = Pv.20:7  
Not forsaken and seed not beggars = Ps.37:25  
Promise to circumcise heart = Deut.30:6  
Grand children are a crown and father is their glory = Pv.17:6  
Train up a child he won't depart = Pv.22:6

#### The Home

House divided shall not stand = Mat.12:25  
Me and my house will serve the Lord = Josh.24:15  
Build home on wise foundation = Pv.24:3,4  
No compromise—a little leaven effects = 1Cor.5:6  
Child learns piety & respect at home = 1Tim.5:4  
Don't love child more than God = Mat.10:37

#### Training

Do just, love mercy, walk humbly = Mic.6:8  
Teach children of blessings or we forget them = Deut.4:9; Ps.119:129  
Teach child of Lord and have peace = Isa.54:13  
Teach when lie down & rise up = Deut.6:7  
Bring up in admonition of the Lord = Eph.6:4  
Chasten them while there is hope—don't despare or give in to there crying = Pv.19:18  
Correct them they will delight you = Pv.29:17  
Discipline and deliver soul = Pv.23:13,14  
Child left to self brings shame = Pv.29:15  
Punishment brings respect = Heb.12:9  
Fathers do not provoke to wrath = Col.3:21  
Father corrects son who delights = Pv.3:11,12

#### Childrens Duty

Honor your Father & Mother = Ex.20:12  
Even child known by doings = Pv.20:11  
Obey your parents = Eph.6:1; Col.3:20  
Must obey God above parents = Mat.10:37

Respect and provide for parents in old age = Mk.7:9  
Disobedience brings parents shame = Pv.29:15

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### (17) FINANCES

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Sound advice—make all you can, save all you can, give all you can!

#### God Wants You To Be Successful

Eat, drink and enjoy good of labor = Ecc.3:13  
God gives us richly all things to enjoy = 1Tim.6:17; Ecc.5:19; Pv.10:22; 8:18; 15:6  
God gives you ability to gain wealth = Deut.8:18  
Seed of righteous are not beggars = Ps.37:25; 10:3  
Seek financial independence = 1Thes.4:11,12  
God will meet all your needs = Phip.4:19  
Better is a little with fear of Lord than great wealth with turmoil = Pv.15:16; Ps.37:16,17

#### Principles Of Financial Success

Seek ye first the kingdom of heaven = Matt.6:33  
Seek Godly counsel = Pv.15:22; 1:5; 9:9; 11:14  
Remember a good name is better = Pv.22:1  
Don't invest in only one place = Ecc.11:1,2  
Work hard but don't be obsessed = Pv.23:4,5; 21:5  
If you vow to God pay it = Ecc.5:4,5  
Abundantly bless if tithe = Mal.3:10; Pv.3:10  
Happy if generous and run honest business = Ps.112:5  
Money standards of a Christian = Ez.18:5-9  
"With the same measure you mete it shall be measured to you" = Luk.6:38

Faithful abound with blessings = Pv.28:20

#### Generosity to Others (the poor)

Focus on others not self—more blessed to give than receive = Acts 20:35; 1Cor.10:34  
Generous man prospers = Pv.11:25; Matt.10:8  
Give to poor will lack nothing = Pv.28:27  
Give or lend to those in need = Matt.5:42  
Give to who can't return it = Lk.6:34  
Don't give to the lazy = 2Thes.3:6-10  
He provides needs for any good work = 2Cor.9:8

#### Warning of the Dangers of Wealth

Laborer sleeps sweet—rich don't = Ecc.5:12  
Don't boast in your success = Pv.27:1; 1Tim.6:17  
Riches without God blessing in vain = Ps.127:1  
Easier to go through eye of needle = Mk.10:25  
Don't exploit the poor = Pv.22:22; 29:7  
Laziness leads to poverty = Pv.10:4; 6:10,11  
Don't become obsessed = Ecc.5:10  
Love of money is root of all evil = 1Tim.6:10  
Wordly treasures can be a bad witness = Jam.5:3

#### Borrowing And Debt

Borrower is a servant to the lender = Pv.22:7  
Wise counsel in this example—don't loan or borrow for more than 7 years = Lv.25:8-17  
Owe no man anything = Rom.13:8  
Ask the Lord to give you wisdom = Jam.1:5



(See “Temptation” & “Contentment”)

Pray to avoid poverty and riches = Pv.30:7

Don’t sign for someone else’s debt =

Pv.6:1; 17:18; 20:16; 22:26; 27:13

#### Lending

Give to who asketh and lend = Mat.5:42

Good man lends with discretion = Ps.112:5

Don’t lend or give to the lazy = 2Thes.3:6,10

Giving to poor like lending Lord = Pv.19:17

The wicked borrow and don’t pay back = Ps.37:21

Pity on poor is lending to Lord = Pv.19:17

### **(18) FORGIVENESS**

#### God Welcomes Backsliders

Lost sheep, lost coin, prodigal son = Luk.15

Joy in heaven one who repentants = Luk.15:7

Still far God sees & welcomes = Luk. 15:20

He welcomes backsliders He heals = Jer. 3:22

God is merciful and is not angry = Jer. 3:12,13

Pray and seek He heals and forgives = 2 Chro7:14

Come unto me and I will give rest = Matt. 11:28

His grace is sufficient for us = 2Cor.12:9

#### God’s Forgiveness For Us

God loved us—sent Son to pay price = 1Jn.4:8-10

He is merciful and slow to anger—has not dealt

with us as we deserve = Ps.103:8-10

Propitiation for the whole world’s sin = 1Jn.2:2;

Heb.9:26-28; 1Jn.3:5; Isa.44:22; Ps.130:4,7

If we confess our sins He forgives = 1Jn.1:9

Gives mercy to ALL that call = Ps.86:5; Neh.9:17

Humble, seek, change He forgive = 2Chron.7:14

East to west—depths of sea = Ps.103:12; Mic.7:19

Promises to forget sin = Heb.10:17; Isa.43:25;

Jer.31:34; Heb.8:12

Gives us inheritance = Col.1:13,14

#### Results of Confession & Forgiveness

A choice not to be dominated by sin = Rom.6:14

Forsake ways, get mercy and pardon = Isa.55:7

We are redeemed from destruction = Ps.103:3,4

Sins are made as white as snow = Isa.1:18

Brings spiritual refreshment = Act.3:19

Are sanctified and justified in Jesus = 1Cor.6:11

He gives us a new heart of flesh = Ez.36:25-28

Receive the gift of God—eternal life = Heb.9:12;

Rom.6:23; Rom.5:17

#### Us Forgiving Others

Don’t choose vengeance = Pv.24:29; 20:22; Don’t

be happy when enemy falls = Pv.24:17

Ignore transgression—it is glory = Pv.19:11

Leave vengeance to God, instead heap coals of

fire on them—food, drink, and kindness =

Rom.12:19-21; Pv.25:21

Love, bless and pray for your persecutors =

Mat.5:39-44; Rom.12:14

If others trespass rebuke them, if they repent

forgive them = Luk.17:3

Get rid of bitterness by being tender and forgive

as God has you = Eph.4:31-32; Col.3:12,13

We are forgiven as we forgive = Mk.11:25;

Luk.6:37; Mat.6:14

Decide to put in past and look ahead = Phil.3:13

### **(19) GOAL SETTING**

Need goals—no vision people perish = Pv.29:18

Seek improvement—wise get wiser = Pv.9:9-12

No goals leads to idleness & this leads to

mischievous & being controlled by circum

stances & environment = Ez.16:49

God wants you to be a success = Eccl.3:13; 5:18

Realize we can do nothing on our own = Jn.15:5

With Him you can do anything = Phil.4:13

Realize in His presence is the fullness of joy =

Ps.16:11; Pv.2:20

Success is obedience to God’s will = Ecc.12:13

Set proper priorities—seek first kingdom & all

else be added = Matt.6:33

Reap what sow—faint not = Gal.6:9

Delight and commit to Lord and He gives

desires and success = Ps.37:4,5; 145:16,19

Don’t limit God with low goals = Eph.3:20

(See “Wisdom” & “God’s Guidance”)

### **(20) GOD IS ABLE**

Able to save from the furnace = Dan.3:17, 28,29

Able to save from the lions = Dan.6:20-22

Able to raise the dead = Heb.11:19

Able to build you up = Acts 20:32

Able to make you stand = Rom.14:4

Able to make grace abound = 2 Cor.9:8

Able to give you a new heart = Ezek.36:26

Able to save you from temptation = Heb.2:18

Able to keep you from falling & present you

faultless before the Father = Jude 24

Able to do more than you can ask = Eph.3:20

Able to remain faithful & keep His promises =

Rom.4:21; 2Tim.2:13

Able to save you to the uttermost = Heb.7:25

### **(21) GOD’S GUIDANCE IN DECISIONS**

God controls all things with infinite under

standing = Ps.145:4,5; 1Sam.2:6-9; Lk.1:37

Believe He can & will guide with wisdom = Jam.1:5

Follow reproof He gives Spirit = Pv.1:23; Rom.8:14

Neglect reproof—reap what we sow = Pv.1:30-32

Humbly commit your life to His will, have faith

He will show you the path of life =

Ps.16:5-11; 2Chron.7:14; Luk.1:38

Decide to always seek first the kingdom = Matt.6:33

Pray to know His will—for pure heart = Ps.143:10

Analyze your motives to abide in will = Jam.4:3

Search Bible—lights way = Ps.119:105; 2Tim.3:16

Ponder path & let ways be established & turn

not to the right or left = Pv.4:26,27

Watch for God’s providential leading = Pv.23:26

If you have a providential sign from the Lord

go ahead in faith = Gal.1:16

If you don’t see the direction clearly seek Godly

counselors = Pv.11:14; 1:5; 9:9; 13:10

He is a shield & guides the way of those who

walk upright = Pv.2:7-9,21; 1:33; Isa.45:2

To old age will carry & deliver you = Isa.46:4

(See “Wisdom” & “Goal Setting”)

### **(22) GOD’S PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE**

You are the workmanship of Christ created and

chosen by Him before the foundations of the

world unto good works = Eph.2:4-5,10

He has a special plan for your life = Jn.15:19;

Jer.1:5; Ps.37:23; Eph.4:11,12

No one can interfere—God controls all things =

Luk.1:37; 1Sam.2:6-9; Ps.145:13

We are sent to the world but not to be like the

world—reveal Christ = Jn.17:14-18

You’re ordained by Him to bear fruit = Jn.15:16

He will not leave you comfortless = Jn.14:18

He gives you power over Satan = Lk.10:19,20

Minister to others He lifts darkness = Isa.58:10

Dedicate life to God’s purpose and He will bring

good from it = Rom.8:28; Ecc.3:11

Blessed are those who trust in Him = Jer.17:7

### **(23) GOSPEL PRESENTATION**

To make an intelligent decision for Christ it is impor

tant to understand: (1) Origin of sin (2) Fall of man

(3) Plan of redemption (4) Process of conversion

#### Origin Of Sin & Fall Of Man

Sin originated with Lucifer (Satan) = Isa.14:12

Lucifer choose sin—self-exaltation and pride =

Isa.14:13,14; Ez.28:17

Sin is rebellion against God’s law based on unselfish

love = 1Jn.3:4; Mat.22:37-40; Rom.8:7

Good and evil are not compatible = Matt.12:25

Satan forced to leave heaven = Rev.12:7-9

Adam and Eve were given a choice and warned

about the results of sin = Gen.2:15-17

They choose the course of rebellion = Gen.3:6

The result was a rebellious nature to all mankind,

all have sinned and deserve death = Rom.5:12

But since by one sin came, by Christ all can be

redeemed by choice = Rom.5:12-21

#### Our Condition

All have sinned and fall short = Rom.3:23,10-12

Wages of sin is death = Rom.6:23

No peace in wickedness = Isa.48:22; 57:20,21

In His presence fullness of joy = Ps.16:11; Pv.2:20

Sin separates us from God = Isa.59:1-4; Gen.3:8

Our Righteousness as filthy rags = Isa.64:6

The fruit of our thoughts is evil = Jer.6:19

We can’t change ourselves = Jer.13:23; 17:9

Can’t earn grace—is free gift so we can’t boast =

Eph.2:8; Rom.3:24

We have no hope without Christ = Eph.2:12

#### God’s Dilemma

God is love = 1Jn.4:8; Jer.31:3

Wants to save all = 2Pet.3:9; 1Tim.2:3-5; Jn.12:32

He is, and must be, fair and just = Ps.36:6; Ex.34:7

Wages of sin is death = Rom.6:23; Gen.2:17

Blood must be shed for remission = Heb.9:22

#### God’s Rescue Plan

By one came death and by one comes life =

Rom.5:17-19; 1Cor.15:22; Acts 4:12

Gave Son that we may have eternal life for those

who believe = Jn.3:16,17; 1Jn.4:10

He is the only way to salvation = Jn.10:9

He took our Sins and by His stripes we’re healed =

Isa.53:5,6; Gal.3:13; 2Cor.5:21

He died for us while we were sinners = Rom.5:8,

1Jn.3:16, Jn.10:15; Heb.2:9

No greater love than to give life = Jn.15:13

#### The Offer

Everlasting life = Jn.3:16; Eph.2:8; Matt.19:29

Will heal, comfort, give peace = Isa.57:18,19;

Ps.29:11; 34:8; Jn.14:27

Come learn of me—I will give rest = Matt.11:28

Cast all your cares on Him = 1Pet.5:7

All thirsty come without price = Isa.55; 44:3

If we confess He forgives and cleanses = 1Jn.1:9

He will not turn any away = Jn.6:37

Will make you a new creature = 2 Cor.5:17

He will bless your life—called thee by name =

Isa.61; Pv.10:22; Isa.58:14

Will give you an inheritance = Matt.25:34;

Ps.25:12; 37:11; Pv.3:35; 8:21; Rev.21:7

He will put a new heart in you = Ez.36:26-28

He gives good desires = Rm.2:4; Act.5:31; Phil.2:13

He is knocking at your hearts door = Rev.3:20

Today if ye hear His voice come—tomorrow

may be to late = Ps.95:7,8

(See “Forgiveness”)

#### ABC’s To Accept Salvation

**Ask** - call on the name of Lord = Rom.10:13

**Believe** - in faith proclaim He is your risen Lord

& gives power to life = Rom.10:9-13; Jn.1:12

**Confess** - with true repentance known sin =

Rom.10:9,10; Acts 3:19,20; Pv.28:13;

1Jn.1:9; Joel 2:12,13

(Pray The Sinners Prayer)  
(See “Guilt-Repentance-Confession” “Forgiveness”)  
**Assurance of Salvation**  
As you accepted walk in Him—by faith = Col.2:6  
Ye may know that ye have eternal life = 1Jn.5:13  
He who has Son has life = 1Jn.5:12,13  
He that abideth in teaching has Son = 2Jn.1:9  
If we sin we have an advocate = 1Jn.2:1  
No man can take us from God = Jn.10:28-29  
We always have freedom to choose = Ez.18:24;  
Heb3:12; 2Pet.2:19-22; Pv.28:18; Rev.3:5  
Christ’s resurrection is our assurance = Acts17:31  
(See “Abiding in Jesus”)

## **(24) GUILT**

Guilt destroys = Ps.31:10; Lam.1:20; Ez.33:10  
Guilt haunts—flee when not chased = Pv.28:1  
Guilt comes with conviction = Rom.14:14; 23  
God winks at times of ignorance—not account  
-able until knowledge of sin = Acts17:30  
We are all guilty of sin = Rom.3:23  
Becomes sin with knowledge of it = Rom.3:20;  
4:15; 7:7; 5:13; Jn.15:22; 1Jn.3:4; Rev.2:5  
Knowledge of sin leads to grief of the heart for  
sin—repentance = Ps.73:21  
If turn at His reproof He will give Spirit = Pv.1:23  
Neglect reproof reap what we sow = Pv.1:30-32  
Let guilt lead to restoration = Lev.6:4; Num.5:7  
Should always seek clear conscience = Acts 24:16  
He gives good desires = Rm.2:4; Act.5:31; Phil.2:13  
(See “Repentance” & “Confession”)

## **(25) HEALING - PHYSICAL/SPIRITUAL**

(For both physical and spiritual healing  
see “Submission to God’s Will”)  
**Advice In Seeking Healing**  
Word of God gives life and health = Pv.4:22  
Merry heart good medicine = Pv.17:22; 15:13  
Total trust in God gives peace = Phip.4:6,7  
Think positive – take pleasure in infirmities –  
when weak then I am strong = 2Cor.12:10  
**Ask**—Call out to God = Matt.7:7; Ps.50:15  
Call elders to pray and anoint = Jam.5:14  
**Believe**—We are made whole by faith =  
Matt.9:22; Lk.18:42; Jam.5:15  
God WILL heal you BOTH spiritually  
[now] & physically [now or later in His  
perfect timing] = Rev.21:4; Ecc.3:11; Jam.5:15  
**Claim**— the promises of healing below  
**Promises For Spiritual Healing**  
Christ came to heal our infirmities = Mat.8:17  
He heals broken heart & binds wounds = Ps.  
147:3

“Thy sins be forgiven”—Spiritual healing is God’s  
priority = Matt.9:2,5; Mk.2:5,9; Lk.5:23  
Forgives iniquity as far as east from west =  
Ps.103:12  
Grace is sufficient—His strength is perfect in our  
weakness = 2Cor.2:9  
Choose to be inwardly renewed daily = 2Cor.4:16  
His promise of peace = Isa.54:10  
Minister to others He lifts darkness = Isa.58:10  
**Promises For Physical Healing**  
God can heal all diseases = Ps.103:3  
I will renew their strength = Isa.40:29-31  
I will heal = Jer.30:17  
Answered prayer for healing = 2King.20:1-6  
Jesus healed diseases = Matt.4:23; 10:35; 9:35

**Promises For Physical And Spiritual Healing**  
Heals disease renews strength like eagles =  
Will heal, comfort, give peace = Isa.57:18,19;  
Ps.29:11; 34:8; Jn.14:27

Make His kingdom your priority and if it is His  
will He will heal or not heal = Matt.6:33  
Spiritual mind brings life and peace = Rom.8:6  
He redeemeth your life from destruction and  
gives kindness and mercy = Ps.103:4

**Terminal or Life Threatening Illness**  
He will never leave nor forsake = Heb.13:5  
Will to live sustains—lose it hope gone = Pv.18:14  
Upright have light even in darkness = Ps.112:4  
God WILL HEAL you BOTH spiritually [now]  
and physically [now or later in His time  
and wisdom] = Ecc.2:1-3; Jam.5:14  
If He sees fit not to heal now He will give you  
power to cope = 1Cor.10:13; Rom.8:37  
Flesh faileth—God’s is strength forever = Ps.73:26  
The influence of your life goes on = Rom.14:7  
We may perish in body—but can have inward  
renewal and trust daily—can look to eternal  
things = 2 Cor.4:16-18; Mat.6:34  
At 2nd coming Both ARE healed = 1Cor.15:52  
One day ALL pain and suffering and death ends  
= Rev.21:4; Isa.65:19,20 (See “Heaven”)  
Sufferings can’t compare to coming glory—one  
day creation be set free from decay—Spirit  
helps in weakness and prays for us—all things  
work together for good = Rom.8:18-28

## **(26) HEAVEN - NEW JERUSALEM**

He gave you a promise of new earth =  
2Pet.3:13; Rev.21:1; Heb.11:10,16  
He has prepared for you a place and will come  
again = Jn.14:1-3; Heb.11:10  
We can’t even imagine what is like = 1Cor.2:9  
God will dwell with us there forever = Rev.21:3  
We will visit with the patriarchs = Mat.8:11

Weary will be at rest = Job 3:17  
Our bodies will be made whole = Isa.35:5,6  
Will sing and have joy and gladness = Isa.35:10  
Former troubles forgotten = Isa.65:17  
Will build houses and plant fruit = Isa.65:21-24  
The wolf and lamb eat together = Isa.65:25  
All will worship Him on Sabbath = Isa.66:23  
Describes New Jerusalem = Rev.21:10-27  
Drink and eat from the tree and river of life =  
Rev.22:1,2,7  
Hunger and thirst no more = Rev.7:16  
No night, light from God = Rev.22:5; 21:23  
No death or crying = Rev.21:4; Isa.65:20  
No sin—will not rise up a second time = Nahum  
1:9; Rev.21:4; 22:15; Job 3:17; Isa.60:18  
Your pleasure will be forever more = Ps.16:11  
Cling to this “blessed hope” = Titus 2:13  
Be ready He’s coming for you = Matt.24:44

## **(27) HOPE**

Tribulation worketh patience, experience and  
hope = Rom.5:3,4  
Give up will to live hope is gone = Pv.18:14  
Hope brings gladness = Pv.10:28; Ps.31:24  
Lord comforts and pities the afflicted = Isa.49:13  
Gives rest to heavy laden = Mat.5:4-12  
Blessed who’s trust and hope is in Lord = Jer.17:7  
He keeps his promise of peace = Isa.54:10  
In His Word we can hope = Ps.119:114; 80:82;  
Through comfort of Bible have hope = Rom.15:4  
Our hope is in Him—He sets free the prisoner,  
food to hungry, etc = Ps.146; 145:14; 39:7,8  
He is hope for protection = Ps.33:18-22  
He is hope for direction in life = Ps.16:8-11  
Faith—hope comes by the resurrection = 1Pet.1:21  
Our ultimate hope is for salvation = Ps.130:7;  
Heb.6:19; 1Thes.5:8; 2Thes.2:16  
Believe that all things work together for good  
gives hope to the soul = Rom.8:28

## **(28) JEALOUSY - ENVY - COVET**

J-E-C is in our evil natures = Jam.4:5  
**Reasons for J-E-C**  
May be the cause impure motives for hard  
work but is useless = Ecc.4:4  
May be motivated by the success of the wicked  
= Ps.37:1,7; Pv.24:1  
May be for property of others = Ex.20:17  
Jealousy may be for own property—no fury like  
a jealous husband = Pv.6:34

**Results of J-E-C**  
Envy is as the rottenness of bones = Pv.14:30  
Destruction—it slayeth = Job5:2; Pv.27:4

Where J-E-C there is strife, confusion and evil  
at work = Jam.3:16  
Love is strong as death, jealousy is cruel as the  
grave = SofS.8:6

**Turning From J-E-C**  
We are to love, [charity = love] love envieth  
not = 1Cor.13:4; Gal.5:24-26  
Choose not to retain iniquity in heart = Ps.66:18  
Pray for renewal of your mind = Rom.12:2;  
Eph.4:23,24; Isa.55:7  
Change motivation - associate J-E-C with mental  
pain, and no J-E-C with peace of mind = Heb.  
11:25,26; 2Cor.12:9  
Remember Jesus gave himself for your deliver-  
ance = Luk.4:18  
Watch & pray to avoid temptation = Mk.14:38  
Diversion—replace old with new habit pattern  
sing song, recite verse, ect = Isa.12; Phil.4:8  
Fill your heart with God’s Word = Ps.119:11  
(See “Overcoming Anything” &  
“Overcoming Temptation”)

## **(29) LONELINESS**

Come to the source for joy and peace = Ps.16:8;  
2Cor.13:11; 1Cor.14:33; Matt.11:28  
Casts cares on Him He careth for you = 1Pet.5:7  
He has a special plan for your life = Jer.1:5;  
Ps.37:23; Eph.2:10; Eph.3:20; 4:11,12  
Focus your life on His will = Pv.3:5-6; Ps.1:1-3  
Remember you are never alone—I am with you  
always = Matt.28:20; Jn.14:18  
He has sent the Comforter to you = Jn.14:16  
Never leaves nor forsakes thee = Heb.13:5; 9:10  
His comfort delights the soul = Ps.94:19

**Loss of Spouse or Loved One**  
Don’t give up will to live—hope is gone = Pv.18:14  
Works all things out for good = Rom.8:28  
Tears night but joy comes in morning = Ps.30:5  
Look forward to the resurrection morning =  
1Thes.4:16-18

**The Lord’s Comfort To The Lonely**  
As comforted by mother so will he us, when it  
happens we will become healthy, glad, and  
strong—blessing to obey Him =  
Isa.66:12-14  
Hears needy and forgets not prisoners = Ps.69:33  
When Israel returns He comforts—mourning turns  
to joy—satisfy needs of people = Jer.31:1-14  
Though I walk through shadow of death = Ps.23  
Gives everlasting comfort and establishes you in  
every good word and work = 2Thes.2:16,17  
**How To Avoid Loneliness**  
Seek Him in His Word—Scriptures written for our  
comfort = Rom.15:4  
Give up life in service for His sake and you will

find it = Matt.10:39  
Minister to others He lifts darkness = Isa.58:10  
Scriptures comfort in affliction = Ps.119:50  
God is Father of Mercy—God of comforts us  
in trials so we can comfort others = 2Cor.1:3-4  
Seek Godly companionship, one can uplift  
another when he is down = Ecc.4:9-12  
Spend time with church family—comfort and  
edify one another = 1Thes.5:11  
Find comfort replace sorrow with praise = Isa.61:3

### (30) LOVE

#### God's Love For Us

God is love = 1Jn.4:8,16  
Love of Christ passes knowledge = Eph.3:19  
Nothing can separate His love = Rom.8:38,39  
Jesus will never leave or forsake us = Heb.13:5  
No greater love then to give life = Jn.15:13  
Showed love by dying for us = 1Jn.3:16; Rom.5:8  
Loves us with everlasting love = Jer..31:3  
Behold what manner...called sons = 1Jn.3:1

#### Our Love For God

Can't love anyone more than Him or don't  
deserve Him = Mat.10:37-38  
Love Him with all heart, soul, might = Deut.6:5  
Cannot love God and hate brother = 1Jn.4:20  
Can't serve two masters = Luk.16:13; Mat.6:24  
We will keep His commandments if we love  
Him = 1Jn.5:2,3; Jn.14:15,21,23, 15:10;  
Ps.119:97,113,119,127,159,163  
Will have peace when love the law = Ps.119:165  
Greatest command is to love God = Mat.22:37;  
Mk.12:30; Luk.10:27

#### Love For Others

Love others as God does us = 1Jn.4:11; Eph.5:2  
We are His disciples if we love = Jn.13:35  
Don't know God if we don't love = 1Jn.4:8  
Love one another = 1Thes.4:9; 3:12; Rom.  
12:10-14; 1Pet.1:22; 3:8; 1Jn.3:11  
We should love our neighbor as ourselves =  
Mk.12:31; Jam.2:8; Lev.19:18, 19:34  
Love our enemies = Mat.5:44; Luk.6:27-29; 32,35  
Love in deeds and in truth = 1Jn.3:18  
Do to least, is like doing to Him = Mat.25:40

#### Powerful Results of Love

Characteristics of charity (love) = 1Cor.13:4-8  
Charity (love) edifieth (confirms) = 1Cor.8:1  
Love fulfils the law = Rom.13:8,10  
Love can't be quenched by Flood = Song of S.8:7  
Love covers all sins = Pv.10:12  
If we love brother we abide in the light = 1Jn.2:10  
Love shown in ministering to others lifts darkness

and results in great blessings = Isa.58:10

### (31) OVERCOMING ANYTHING

Break habits by submission, accepting the  
Word, and practicing it = Jam.1:21,22  
Acknowledge your weakness = Ps.32:5  
Realize need for repentance to change = Joel 2:12,13  
Called us to right so He will help = Isa.42:6  
He knows how to deliver = Rom.13:14  
**ASK** - knowing He won't refuse a good thing =  
1Jn. 5:14; 3:22, Lk.11:9-13, Jn.14:13, 15:7  
Ask and is given, seek and find = Mat.7:7,8  
**BELIEVE** - His Word is true = Ps.119:160 33:4,  
86:15, Jn.17:17, Deut.32:4, 1K.17:24  
**CLAIM** - sin not have dominion = Rom.6:14  
His Promise of Victory = 1Cor.15:57; 1Jn.5:4  
Consider yourself dead to that sin = Rom.6:11  
(See "Understanding Temptation")

### (32) OVERCOMING TEMPTATION

#### Understanding Temptation

Wrestle not with flesh and blood = Eph.6:12  
Temptation is from Satan not God = 1Thes.3:5  
Christ was also tempted - is nota sin = Heb.4:15  
It is comfort to know that only the Lord knows  
your thoughts = 1Kg..8:39; Job42:2  
Stages of temptation—not sin unless we choose to  
continue to dwell on thought = Jam.1:15  
Sin is first conceived in the heart (mind) =  
Acts8:22; Jam.1:15; Mk.7:21; Mat.5:28  
Sin repeated becomes a habit = Pv.5:22  
Holy men of God also struggle = Rom.14:7-20  
Realize He knows how to deliver you = 2Pet.2:9  
Can't overcome without Him = Jn.15:5; 3:27  
He can keep from falling = Jude 24,25; Phil.4:13  
He has given you power over Satan = Lk.10:19

#### Deliverance from Temptation

Scripture gives understanding = Pv.2:11  
Take His advice "watch & pray" = Matt.26:41  
Choose—be determined to serve Him out of love =  
Jn.8:29; Gen.39:9; Dan.1:8; 1Sam.12:24  
Come to throne to find help = Heb.4:15,16  
He won't let us be tempted above what we are  
able and He provides escapes = 1Cor.10:13  
Don't doubt deliverance = Rom.6:11; 2Pet.2:9  
Walk in Spirit and you won't fulfill lusts of the  
flesh = Gal.5:16; 6:8  
Temptation is the trying of our faith = Jam.1:2,3  
We gain victory over world by faith = 1Jn.5:4  
Don't need to worry of future = Mat.6:34  
Because Christ was tempted He knows how to  
help us keep from temptation = Heb.2:18

#### Renewal Of The Mind

Begins in the mind = Matt.15:19; 2Sam.11:2

Need renew mind = Rom.12:2; Eph.4:23,24  
Must "gird" (restrain) the mind from these  
thoughts = 1Pet.1:13  
Seek transformation by re-association—focus on  
positive long term results instead of  
immediate pleasure = Rom.12:2; Isa.55:7  
(1) **Total Submission** - without Him victory is  
impossible = Jam.4:7; Jn.15:5  
(2) **Determine - out of love for God** = Don't  
dwell on temptation = Job31:1; Pv.6:25  
I can do all through Christ = Phil.4:13,19  
(3) **Motivation - out of trust of others** =  
Associate the immoral act with pain & moral  
conduct with with pleasure = 2Cor.12:9,10  
Look for long term good = Heb.11:25,26  
(4) **Diversion** - flee temptation = If tempted  
because of environment flee—make not  
provisions for the flesh = Rom.13:14  
If temptation is in mind replace thought  
with new habit pattern: sing song, recite verse,  
ect = Isa.12; Phil.4:8; Ps.40:3

#### Prevention of Temptation

Take heed to His Word lest we fall = Ps.119:9  
Submit to God resist devil he flee = Jam.4:7  
Hide His word in your heart = Ps.119:11  
Claim His power = Isa.40:28,29; Lk.10:19  
Dwell on good things = Phip.4:8; Col.3:2  
Praise Him continually = Ps.34:1  
Avoid - make not provision to sin or leave a  
door open for it = Rom.13:14; Pv.22:3  
Avoid idleness it breeds mischief = Ez.16:49,50  
Get support = Ecc.4:9-12; Pv.11:14  
Has given us divine power in all life that by  
promises we may escape sin = 2Pet.1:3,4

### (33) PEACE WITHIN

Love the law have great peace = Ps.119:165  
Be spiritually minded is life and peace = Rom.8:4  
He "keepeth thee"—never slumbers = Ps.121:3  
Have peace with thoughts and trust centered on  
Jesus = Isa.26:3; Rom.8:6; Phil.4:6,7  
Study Bible to learn of Christ = Matt.11:29  
In His presence fullness of joy = Ps.16:11; Pv.2:20  
Peace results from obedience to Him = Pv.3:1  
Minister to others He lifts darkness = Isa.58:10  
Should always seek clear conscience = Acts 24:16  
Sleep peacefully when = Ps.4:8; Pv.3:24  
Will heal, comfort, give peace = Isa.57:18,19;  
Ps.29:11; 34:8; Jn.14:27  
Come learn of me—I will give rest = Matt.11:28  
Cast all your cares on Him = 1Pet.5:7  
All thirsty come without price = Isa.55; 44:3  
Mountains may crumble but He fulfills His  
promise of mercy and peace = Isa.54:10

### (34) POWER OF CHOICE

We choose daily—blessings or curse = Deut.30:19  
Choose way then God can direct steps = Pv.16:9  
Can't waver between opinions = 1King18:21  
Good doesn't just happen we must refuse evil  
and choose good = Isa.7:15  
We reap the fruit of our choices—own way will  
slay us but those who listen will be safe and  
not fear evil = Pv.1:29-33; Gal.6:7,8  
We're chosen and ordained by Him = Jn.15:16  
He has special plan for your life—but must choose  
it = Jer.1:5; Ps.37:23; Eph.2:10; 4:11,12  
Choose this day whom will serve = Josh.24:15  
Cleave unto the Lord with purpose of heart =  
Acts11:23; 1Cor.15:58; 16:13; Phil.1:27  
Press on towards the mark = Phil.3:13,14  
Hold fast the profession of our faith without  
wavering = Heb.10:23  
Hold fast to what you have so no one can take  
your crown = Rev.3:11  
(See "Submission to God's Will")

### (35) PRAISING GOD

#### Who Should Praise Him

Let all nations & people praise Him = Ps.117:1; 67:3  
All that moves in heaven, earth, & sea = Ps.69:34  
Everything that has breath = Ps.150:6  
All flesh = Ps.145:21

#### Where Should Praise Him

Enter His courts with thanks & praise = 100:4  
Praise Him in His sanctuary = Ps.150:1  
Good to praise Him in groups = Ps.34:2; 22:22; 35:18  
In whatever you do in word or deed = Col.3:17

#### To Whom Should We Tell Our Praise

Let our praise be known among the nations =  
Ps.57:9; 66:8; Isa.12:4; 79:13; 105:1  
To the brethren in the church = Heb.2:12

#### When To Praise Him

On the day of your conversion = Isa.12:2-4  
Praise should continually & forever = Ps.34:1;  
35:28; 86:12; 145:1; Heb.13:15; 30:12  
In whatever you do in word or deed = Col.3:17  
While we live & while have being = Ps.146:2  
In everything give thanks = 1Thes.5:18

#### How To Praise Him

Praise with all & pure heart = Ps.86:12; 119:7  
With every breath = Ps.150:6  
With all your flesh = Ps.145:21  
Prayer—calling upon His name with thanks =  
Ps.116:17; 105:1; Phil.4:6; Col.4:2  
With trumpet, violin, harp, tamborine, dance,  
stringed instruments, organs, loud & high  
sounding cymbals = Ps.150:3-6; Ps.33:2,3  
With our lips shall we praise = Ps.63:3; 34:1;



63:5; 71:8; 145:21  
“Sing” praises to God = Ps.47:6; 69:30; 30:4;  
68:32; 81:1; 92:1; 147:1; 13:6  
Lift up hands to His name = Ps.63:4  
With joyful noise—thanksgiving & rejoicing =  
Ps.81:1; 95:2; 107:22

#### **Why To Praise Him**

So His name will be exalted = Isa.12:4  
For His honor = Ps.71:8  
For His ever enduring mercy = 107:1  
Is good, pleasant and comely = Ps.147:1; 92:1  
For He is good and lovingkindness is better  
than life = Ps.63:3; 106:1  
For He is Great and worthy of your praise =  
Ps.48:1; 2Sam.22:4; Ps.7:17; 96:4; 75:1  
For the peace in your soul = Ps.63:5; Col.3:15  
For being your strength = Ps.81:1  
For the generous and constant provisions of  
your needs = 107:8; Ps.145:15-21  
For your blessings = Ps.13:6; 2Cor.9:15  
For revealing truth to you = Ps.119:7  
For victory in Jesus = 1Cor.15:57  
As a freewill offering to Him = Ps.119:108  
To give thanks = Ps.30:4; 92:1; 106:1

#### **(36) PRAYER**

He’s close to those who call = Ps.145:18; Jer.29:12  
Come boldly to the throne of grace = Heb.4:16  
Cast your cares upon Him = 1Pet.5:7; Ps.55:22  
You may have confidence if you ask in His will  
= 1Jn.5:14,15; Mat.26:39; Jam.4:3; Jn.9:31  
He answers ALL that call on Him = Rom.10:12  
Call, He will show great and mighty things that  
you don’t even know to ask for = Jer.33:3  
Knows what your needs before you ask = Mat.6:8  
When you don’t know what to pray the Holy  
Spirit intercedes for you = Rom.8:26,27  
Gives good gifts = Mat.7:7-11; 1Jn.3:22; Jn.16:23-26

#### **How To Pray**

With humble heart, pray, seek, turn from sin &  
He will hear = 2Chron.7:14; 1Pet.5:5  
Must forgive to be forgiven = Mk.11:25  
Pray with supplication and thanksgiving =  
Phil.4:6,7; Col.3:15; 1Thes.5:18; Eph.6:18  
With fasting = Mk.9:29; Mat.17:21; Dan.9:3  
Pray for your persecutors = Mat.5:44; Luk.6:28  
Pray for others = Jas.5:16; 1Tim.2:1  
Group prayer is effective = Act12:5; Mat.18:19  
The Lord’s prayer = Mat.6:9-13; Luk.11:2

#### **When And Where To Pray**

Morning, noon, night = Ps.55:17; Dan.6:10  
Seek early and find = Pv.8:17; Hos.5:15; Isa.26:9  
Seek a private place for prayer—don’t seek  
admiration of men = Mat.6:5,6

Without ceasing = 1Thes.5:17; Act.6:4; Luk.18:1  
Call on His name to give thanks =  
Ps.116:17; 105:1; Phil.4:6; Col.4:2  
Call in you day of trouble and He delivers =  
Ps.50:15; 55:16,17; 34:15; 86:7; Joel 2:32

#### **The Results of Prayer**

Prayer brings peace = Phil.4:6; Col.3:15  
He hears prayers of the destitute = Ps.102:17  
Brings forgiveness—He wants to forgive = Ps.86:5  
Abide—ask and it will be done = Jn.15:7; 1Jn.3:22  
Will find Him if you seek with your whole heart  
= Jer.29:13; 1Sam.12:24; Joel 2:12  
He is able to do more than we ask = Eph.3:20  
Prayer of righteous avails much = Jam.5:16

#### **Importance of Faith**

Abide in Him, ask and He gives = Jn.15:7, 16  
Believe that you will receive = Mk.11:24;  
1Jn.3:23; Mat.21:22; Heb.11:6  
Faith size of mustard seed move mountains  
= Mat.17:20; Mk.11:23; Luk.17:6  
Receive when ask in unwavering faith = Jam.1:6,7

#### **(37) REPENTANCE**

Repentance is God revealing sin, you having  
sorrow enough that you hate it and desire  
to change = Ez.36:31; Ps.38:18; Jon.3:8  
We need repentance to change = Joel 2:12,13  
God leads to repentance = Rom.2:4; 2Cor.7:10  
God gives good desire = Rm.2:4; Act.5:31; Phil.2:13  
Jesus gives us repentance as a gift = Acts.5:31  
Describes the act of repentance = 2Chrn.7:14;  
Isa.55:7; Joel 2:12; Act3:19  
True repentance accepts responsibility = Ps.51:3  
True repentance turns from sin = Ez.18:30  
Joy in heaven for one who repents = Luk.15:7  
(See “Guilt” & “Confession”)

#### **Comfort From Mourning Sin**

Comforts those who mourn for sin = Matt.5:4  
Helps troubled and lifts the fallen = Ps.145:14  
Be comforted, faith makes you whole = Mat.9:22  
His comfort delights the soul = Ps.94:19  
As comforted by mother so will he us, when it  
happens we will become healthy, glad, strong  
and blessing to obey Him = Isa.66:12-14

#### **(38) SELF-CONTROL - TEMPERANCE**

We are bought with a price so glorify God in  
body and in spirit = 1Cor.6:20  
Every man who strives for mastery is  
temperate in all things = 1Cor.9:25  
Instructed to keep bodies in subjection = 1Cor.9:27  
Not to be as animals that need bridle = Ps.32:9  
Self-control better than might = Pv.16:32; 25:28  
Pray for proper balance in all things = Pv.30:8,9

Seek knowledge—leads to temperance = 2Pet.1:5,6  
Make not provisions for flesh = Rom.13:14  
Fruit of the spirit is temperance—seek to walk  
in the Spirit = Gal.5:22,23  
God promises to perfect, stablish, and strengthen  
you = 1Pet.5:10; Phil.1:6  
The armor of God gives victory = Eph.6:11  
(See “Overcoming Temptation”)  
**Additional References**  
Lack of it leads us to destruction and poverty  
= Pv.23:2,21; 1Cor.9:27  
One area is in how much we eat = Pv.23:21  
Eat only what is sufficient for thee = Pv.25:16  
Need self-control of the mouth = Pv.13:3; 10:19  
The mouth is hardest to control = Jam.3:2  
Be swift to hear, slow to speak and wrath = Jam.1:19  
Church leaders are to be temperate = Tit.1:7,8  
He that thinketh he stands take heed lest he  
fall = 1Cor.10:12

#### **(39) SELF-WORTH**

You are created in God’s image = Gen.1:26  
God does not have favorites = Rom.2:11  
You are a child of God = 1Jn.3:1; Jn.1:12  
You are Christ’s brother = Heb.2:11  
He formed you in womb = Isa.43:2; Job31:15  
He knew your name before birth = Isa.66:5  
You are wonderfully made = Ps.149:13  
Love greater than mothers love = Isa.49:15  
He numbers hairs on your head = Matt.10:30  
Created, called and will save = Isa.43; Ex.33:12  
You were worth Jesus dying for = Gal.2:20  
He is creating a mansion for you = Jn.14:13  
He works all things for your good = Rom.8:28  
God has special plan for you = 2Cor.1:21,22;  
Ps.37:23; Jer.1:5  
When you follow He will help you reach your  
full potential = Pv.3:5-6; Ps.1:1-3

#### **(40) SEXUAL IMMORALITY**

Men of God fell to sexual immorality—is given  
in the Bible to reveal the pain that  
results—broken homes and strife.  
David—lost respect of nation = 2Sam.11; Pv.31:3  
Jacob had a dysfunctional home—Reuben fell =  
Gen.36:22; Judah fell = Gen.38:15 but  
**Joseph broke the chain and overcame  
love for God; Trust of someone else;  
fled from temptation = Gen.39:8-13**  
Realize there IS a way of escape = 1Cor.10:13  
Choose to glorify God with your body =  
1Cor.6:18-20; 10:31

#### **Renewal Of The Mind**

Begins in the mind = Matt.15:19; 2Sam.11:2  
Need renewed mind = Rom.12:2; Eph.4:23,24  
Must “gird” (restrain) the mind from these  
thoughts = 1Pet.1:13  
Seek transformation by re-association—focus on  
positive long term results instead of  
immediate pleasure = Rom.12:2; Isa.55:7  
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impossible = Jam.4:7; Jn.15:5  
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because of environment flee—make not  
provisions for the flesh = Rom.13:14  
If temptation is in mind replace thought  
with new habit pattern: sing song, recite verse,  
ect = Isa.12; Phil.4:8; Ps.40:3  
(See “Overcoming Temptation”)

He is able to keep you from falling = Jude1:24  
**Sexual Activity Reserved For Marriage**  
If cannot contain better to marry then burn with  
passion. Fornication—“indulgence unlawful  
lust” through any “unnatural” means is not  
given as an option) = 1Cor.7:8-9; 7:36,37  
It is good to retain virginity or okay to marry—  
shows sexual fulfillment is restricted to  
marriage = 1Cor.7:25-27  
Avoid fornication by spouse and the spouse has  
control over the others body = 1Cor.7:1-3  
Flee “fornication”—“indulgence in unlawful  
lust [desire]” = 1Cor.6:18-20

#### **Homosexuality**

Is “against nature” is dishonouring the body,  
considered by God vile affections, and is  
leaving natural use of the body = Rom.1:21-32  
Is an abomination = Lev.20:13  
Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah are an  
example of results = 2Pet.2:6; Jude1:7  
See “Renewal of the Mind” above to overcome  
**Masterbation - Self Sexual Gratification**  
No direct reference so determine principles.  
Is not “natural use” of the body—context is  
homosexuality but masterbation isn’t  
natural either = Rom.1:26-32  
God created sexual fulfillment for marriage =  
1Cor.7:1-3; 8-9; 7:25-27; 36,37  
Adultery against law (Ex.20:14,17) and can be  
committed in heart = Matt.5:28; 15:19  
Told to flee fornication—“indulgence in  
unlawful lust [desire]” = 1Cor.6:18-20

Is sin against body, you're a temple, bought with a price glorify God = 1Cor.6:18-20  
Christ was example and did not practice self-gratification in any form = 1Pet.2:21  
See "Renewal of the Mind" above to overcome

#### **Warning and Instructions**

Flee "fornication" to "indulge in unlawful lust (desire)" = 1Cor.6:18-20  
Is sin against your body, you are the temple, glorify God = 1Cor.6:18-20  
We are instructed to "abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul" = 1Pet.2:11  
Are to keep the body under subjection—we are not animals = 1Cor.9:26,27  
He that power over will and keep his virgin doeth well = 1Cor.7:37  
They that are Christ's have crucified the lust and affections of the flesh = Gal.5:24  
Body is temple, if defile God will destroy = 1Cor.3:17-19  
Flesh and the Spirit are opposites = Gal.5:16-21  
Christians have crucified affections and lusts of the flesh = Gal.5:24  
Make a choice to be sexually satisfied with your spouse = Pv.5:19  
Deviation from God's plan for sexual fulfillment results in destructive habits = Pv.5:22

#### **(41) SORROW - MOURNING - GRIEF**

Allow grief, it's okay—is a time = Eccl.3:4; 7:1-4  
Sorrow and grief are normal but never forget God is still there for you. = Isa.41:10; Ps.34:17  
Express your feelings to God as David = Ps.77  
Jesus sympathizes and shares our grief = Jn.11:35  
He came to comfort all who mourn = Isa.61:2  
Casts cares on Him He careth for you = 1Pet.5:7  
Phil.4:6,7; Jam.4:7  
Jesus is a comforter and healer of those who mourn = Isa.61; Jn.16:20  
Search and find the comfort and hope promised in God's Word = Rom.15:4; Ps.119:50  
Allow the Lord to replace your mourning with a spirit of praise = Isa.61:3  
Time is healing, joy comes in time = Job.30:31  
Choose to go on with life = Phil.3:13; Pv.3:3-5  
Choose happiness by physical body actions = Pv.15:13,15,30; 10:31; 19:3; 14:30; 18:6,7  
Christians can replace sorrow with hope to see loved ones again = 1Thes.4:13  
Works all things out for good = Rom.8:28  
Look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears, no more death, sorrow or pain = Rev.21:4; 7:17; Isa.51:11; 25:8; 60:20

#### **(42) STRENGTH**

Can't rely on our human strength = Ecc.9:11  
His strength is made perfect in our weakness = 2Cor.12:9; Isa.40:29; 25:4  
He doesn't want you to live in fear—given spirit of power = 2Tim.1:7; Rom.8:15  
The way of the Lord is strength = Prov.10:29; Isa.26:4; Ps.18; Isa.12:2; Ps.19:14; Dn.11:32  
God promises to perfect, stablish, and strengthen you = 1Pet.5:10; Phil.1:6  
God is strong, always ready help in trouble = Ps.46  
The joy of the Lord is your strength = Neh.8:10  
The armor of God gives victory = Eph.6:11-17  
Lord gives strength and peace to His people = Ps.29:11; 68:35; 73:26; Isa.45:24; Mic.5:4; 1Chron.29:12; Hab.3:19  
Blessed when our strength is in Him = Ps.84:5

#### **The Strength Of God**

We can do all things through Christ = Phil.4:13  
His weakness stronger than our strength = 1Cor.1:25  
God controls all things = Job.12:9-25; Ps.145:4,5; 1Sam.2:6-9; Lk.1:37  
God's greatness seen in all the world = Ps.8  
Don't rely on violence, power belongs to Him, His love is constant = Ps.62:8-12  
He gives you power over Satan = Lk.10:19,20  
Lord rescues and protects His people = Ps.37:39,40  
They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength, run and not be weary = Isa.40:31  
Blessed is he who's strength is in God = Ps.84:5  
Lord is light, salvation, and strength, we have no reason to fear = Ps.27  
Seek Him and His strength continually = Ps.105:4; 1Chron.16:11  
In day I cried out He gave strength = Ps.138:3

#### **(43) SUBMISSION TO AUTHORITY**

God puts rulers in place = Pv.8:15,16  
God is the ultimate authority, He ordained them so we're subject to them = Rom.13:1  
Opposing them is opposing God = Rom.13:2  
Do our best for peace = Rom.12:18; 14:19  
Do all things without complaining or arguing = Phil.2:14  
Be content = Heb.13:5; Phil.4:11  
Submit to laws as long as they are not against God's laws = 1Pet.2:13; Pv.8:15, Rom.13:1-7; Mat.17:24,25; Dan.2:21  
If there is a conflict obey God = Act.5:29; 4:19

#### **(44) SUBMISSION TO GOD'S WILL**

His thoughts not ours = Isa.55:8; Eccl.3:11

He sees end from beginning = Isa.46:10  
Not willing any perish—He sees the future and in His wisdom may allow = 2Pet.3:9  
Season for everything = Ecc.2:1-3  
He works ALL things for our good = Rom.8:28  
He will never leave or forsake = Heb.13:5  
Submit yourselves to God = Jam.4:7; Num.23:26  
Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God = Rom.12:1  
Commit the keeping of souls to Him in well doing as to a faithful Creator = 1Pet.4:19  
Serve Him without fear and in righteousness all your days = Lk.1:74,75  
Serve Him with all your heart = 1Sam.12:20  
Our response should be, "if the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that." = Jam.4:15  
Pray "Thy will be done" = Matt.6:10; 26:42  
Pray for Spirit to teach and lead you = Ps.143:10

#### **(45) WISDOM**

#### **What Is Wisdom**

Lack of wisdom is rejection of Bible = Jer.8:7  
Destruction comes from rejection of spiritual knowledge = Hosea 4:6  
Fools don't desire wisdom = Pv.18:2  
Can't trust our own wisdom = Pv.14:12  
Wise feareth and departs from evil = Pv.14:16  
Wisdom brings peace, happiness, longevity, riches, and honor = Pv.3:13-18  
Wisdom is pure, peaceable, gentle, mercy, and brings fruits without hypocrisy = Jam.3:17  
Fear of Lord is begin of wisdom and knowledge = Pv.1:7; Job.28:28; 9:10; Pv.2:10,11  
Lord is the source of wisdom = Isa.11:2; Pv.2:6  
Reverence for the Lord is education = Pv.15:33  
Wise man will hear, increase learning and attain to wise counsel = Pv.1:5  
Wisdom is a spiritual gift = 1Cor.12:8  
He gives wisdom and knowledge to His people = Ecc.2:26; Isa.33:6

#### **Seeking Wisdom**

Ask according to His will and get it = 1Jn.5:14  
Believe He can and will provide it = Jam.1:5  
Seek it in His Word = 2Tim.3:16; Ps.119:130  
Mediation on Word brings it = Ps.119:97-105  
Learn, remember and will prosper = Pv.19:8  
A wise man is who shows his good works with meekness = Jam.3:13  
(See "God's Guidance" and "Goal Setting")

#### **(46) WISE COMPANIONSHIP**

Path of wicked seduceth them = Pv.12:26  
Don't follow majority in wrong doing = Ex.23:2

Blessed if walketh not with sinners = Ps.1:1; 26:4  
Don't envy wicked or desire presence = Pv.24:1  
Better to stand at gate of temple than dwell in house with sinners = Ps.84:10  
Don't go with or follow example of wicked = Pv.4:14; 12:11; 1:10-15  
Leave if perceive not lips of knowledge = Pv.14:7  
Company of sinners disgraces parents = Pv.28:7  
One sinner destroys much good = Ecc.9:18  
Little leaven affects whole lump = 1Cor.5:6  
Bad company ruins good character = 1Cor.15:33  
Be not unequally yoked = 2Cor.6:14  
Have no fellowship with darkness = Eph.5:1  
Walk with wise be wise or vice versa = Pv.13:20

#### **(47) WITNESSING FOR CHRIST**

He that believes in God has a witness in Himself = 1Jn.5:10  
Good works makes a glad heart = Pv.12:25  
Choose to carry name of Christ and depart from iniquity = 2Tim.2:19  
Ye are light and salt of the world = Matt.5:13-16  
Share your testimony = Act.22:15  
Our love for Christ should give us the desire to "work the work of Him that sent me while it is day" = Jn.9:4  
A true witness delivers souls = Pv.14:25  
The gospel is the witness we share = Mat.24:14  
We are to bear witness of the light = Jn.1:7-9  
Pray "here I am send me" = Isa.6:8  
Our commission is to open eyes and turn them from darkness to light = Acts 26:16-18  
Happiness results when He increases and we decrease = Jn.3:28  
Don't be weary in well doing, we will reap in due season if we faint not = Gal.6:9  
Wordly treasures is a bad witness = Jam.5:3  
Some will die for their witness = Rev.20:4  
(See "Christian Service")

#### **Witnessing During Persecution**

May face prison or be brought before rulers for your faith and given a chance to give testimony = Luk.21:12  
Decide before hand not to contemplate or worry what to say, promised wisdom that cannot be resisted = Luk.21:14,15;  
Christ suffered persecution we can expect it also = 1Pet.4:1,12; Heb.2:9,10  
Praise God for persecution—His Spirit is with you = 1Pet.4:13,14  
If suffer with Him we will be glorified with Him. Suffering cannot compare to the glory which shall be revealed in us = Rom.8:17,18  
Commit the keeping of your soul to Him in well doing = 1Pet.4:19