

THE PATH OF THE CHILDREN OF GOD

Numbers 6:24-26 "The Lord bless you and keep you! May the LORD make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! May the Lord turn his face upon you and give you peace!"

THE POSITION OF THE LORD - FATHER AND LORD

The eternal takes care of all His Creation with Love and Authority, having given humanity the gift by grace of eternal life through the sacrifice of His Son Jesus Christ.

Jn 3:16 ... God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

As a Father, He has shown and will continue for eternity to demonstrate His Love to all His children and to all of His creation.

1 Jn 4:8 God is love.

Jom 1:18 "He willed to beget us according to his will by the word of truth, that we might be the firstfruits of his creatures."

Ps 146:5-9 Blessed is he ... whose hope is in the LORD his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keepeth faithfulness for ever, who rendereth justice to the oppressed, who giveth food to the hungry. The LORD delivers the captives, the LORD opens the eyes of the blind, the LORD raises up the oppressed, the LORD loves the righteous, the LORD protects the strangers, and sustains the fatherless and the widow.

Gr 31:3 "The Lord has appeared to me from times long gone. "Yes, I love you with an eternal love. (my people)

As Lord, however, He rules over everything created by Him and expresses His Will as He wishes.

1 Chr 29:11-12 "To you, O LORD, the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, the majesty, for all that is in heaven and on earth is yours! To thee, O LORD, be the kingdom; to you, who exalt yourself as sovereign above all things! From you come wealth and glory; you lord it over everything; in your hand are strength and power, and it is in your power to make great and to make everything strong.

Ps 47:2 ... the Eternal, the Most High, is fear-in-hand, supreme King over all the earth.

Ps 103:19 The LORD hath set his throne in heaven, and his dominion is over all.

Ps 33:11 The will of the Lord endureth forever, and the purposes of his heart endure from age to age.

Ps 111:3 His works are splendid and magnificent, and his righteousness endures forever.

Ps 146:10 The LORD reigneth forever; thy God, O Zion, reigneth as king, all ages. Hallelujah.

Ps 115:3 "Our God is in heaven; he does whatever he pleases."

THE POSITION AND PRACTICAL PATH OF THE SON OF GOD

The position of the Christian is to manifest that he is a child of God, with the identity, love and authority of Christ, and as a child he must walk with God. We see in practice all that the Christian is called to do in the daily life of his life.

1) KEEPING THE THREE MAIN COMMANDMENTS OF LOVE

To love, adore and fear the Eternal, to love one's neighbor as oneself and to love one's brothers and sisters as Jesus loved us, not with words but with deeds and in truth, obeying his commandments.

LOVING GOD AND LOVING ONE'S NEIGHBOR

Mk 12:29-31 Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord: therefore love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this: "Love your neighbor as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these."

These two commandments summarize the ten commandments given earlier in the Old Testament, but in addition to these there are at least six hundred commandments in God's Word, which instruct us and shape our behavior.

The Ten Commandments: (Deut 5:6-21)

Ex 20:1-17 "Then God spoke all these words:

1 "I am the LORD thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. (ONE AND ONLY GOD THE CREATOR)

2 Have no other gods besides me. Do not make for yourself a sculpture, or an image of anything that is in heaven above, or here below, on earth, or in the waters under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor serve them, for I, the LORD thy God, am a jealous God; I punish the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me, and I show kindness unto the thousandth generation unto them that love me, and keep my commandments. (the so-called "gods" are only demons Deut 32:17)

3 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain: for the LORD shall not hold him guilty who speaks his name in vain. (using HIS NAME for one's own interests, swearing falsely Lv 19:12, prophesying lies Jerk 14:14; Ps 139:20 but above all FOR MONEY Phil 3:18-19)

4 Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Thou shalt work six days, and do all thy work: but the seventh is a day of rest, consecrated unto the LORD thy God: thou shalt not do any ordinary work in it, neither thou, nor

thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor the stranger that dwelleth in thy city: for in six days the LORD made the heavens, the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day, and sanctified it. (to offer worship to God on the Sabbath day Ex 31:15)

5 Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

6 You shall not kill. (neither by deeds, nor by the tongue Jom 3:6)

7 You shall not commit adultery. (neither by deeds, nor by lust of the heart Mt 5:28)

8 You shall not steal. (or defraud Mk 7:21-22)

9 Do not bear false witness against your neighbor. (there is no white or colored lie or half-truths, lying is lying, slander is slander Ps 12:2)

10 You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his servant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his ass, or anything of your neighbor. (coveting other people's goods leads to the sin of jealousy and envy)

1 Jn 3:23-24 This is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and that we love one another according to the commandment he has given us. He who keeps his commandments abides in God and God in him. By this we know that he abides in us: by the Spirit who has given us.

Rom 13:8-10 ... he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. In fact, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not kill," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and any other commandment are summed up in this word: "Love your neighbor as yourself." ... Love therefore is the fulfillment of the law.

Gal 5:14 "The whole law is fulfilled in this one word, "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Mt 5:19-20 "Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments and thus teaches men will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say to you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

Mt 5:44-45 "But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who mistreat you and persecute you, that you may be children of your Father who is in heaven.

Jn 14:21,23 "He who has my commandments and keeps them loves me; and he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him. Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word; and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and dwell with him.

1 Jn 3:18 "Little children, let us not love in word or tongue, but in deed and in truth.

Rev 12:7 "Worship him who made the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters."

Jn 4:23 ... true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father seeks such worshipers.

Rev 22:9 ... Worship God!

Ec 12:13 ... Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole thing for man.

Some examples of integrity

Enoch

Ge 5:24 And Enoch walked with God, and then he disappeared, because God took him.

Noah

Ge 6:8 ... Noah found favor in the sight of the Lord. ... Noah was a righteous man, of integrity, in his time; Noah walked with God.

Job

Job 1:8 And there was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. This man was upright and upright; he feared God and shunned evil. The LORD said to satan, "Have you noticed my servant Job? There is no other on earth who is upright, upright, fears God and shuns evil like him." (Job 2:3)

Abraham

Ge 26:5 ... Abraham obeyed my voice and kept what I had commanded him my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.

David

2 Sa 22:22-24 ... I have kept the ways of the Lord, and have not wickedly strayed from my God. For I have kept all his laws before me, and have not departed from his precepts. I have been upright toward him, and I have guarded against my iniquity.

1 Kings 11:34 ... David, my servant, whom I chose, and who kept my commandments and my statutes.

Hezekiah

2 Kings 18:1,5-6 ... Hezekiah, son of Ahaz, king of Judah. He put his trust in the LORD the God of Israel; and of all the kings of Judah who came after him or who preceded him, there was none like him. He kept in union with the Lord, did not cease to follow him, and kept the commandments that the Lord had given to Moses.

Zechariah and Elizabeth parents of John the Baptist

Lk 1:5-6 "In the days of Herod king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the turn of Abiah; his wife was a descendant of Aaron and her name was Elizabeth. They were both righteous before God and kept all

the commandments and precepts of the Lord beyond reproach.

Paul

Phil 3:5-6 "I, circumcised on the eighth day, of the race of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Jew son of Hebrews; as for the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, a persecutor of the church; as for the justice that is in the law, blameless.

THE NEW COMMANDMENT OF BROTHERLY LOVE

In addition to confirming the ten moral commandments summarized in the two commandments love God and neighbor, Jesus added a new one different (from loving one's neighbor understood as a non-believer), to love the members of God's family not as oneself but as Jesus loved, which means in an eviscerated, unconditional, sacrificial, special way.

Jn 13:34-35 "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. As I have loved you, you also love one another. By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

Gal 6:2,10 "Bear one another's burdens, and you will fulfill the law of Christ. So then, as long as we have the opportunity, let us do good to all, but especially to our brothers in faith.

Always put God first, always return to first love

Lk 14:26 "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father, his mother, and his wife, his brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.

What did Jesus mean by these words? Hate your own life and that of your family?

We obviously know that the word hatred is an adverse feeling against someone to hurt them, but in this context Jesus was emphasizing who to put one's trust in life and to which authority to be submitted first,

whether to the creature or to the Creator, knowing that human nature sins and can do nothing without God. An example is given to us by this Scripture:

Pr 13:24 "He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him chastens him in time."

Here he also speaks of hatred, but he does not say that the father hates his son because he is evil, but on the contrary those who do not correct him or discipline him in good conduct hate him, that is, he leaves him to himself to abuse his free will, to always do what he wants without thus recognizing respect for authority.

Rev 2:3-5 "I know that you have endurance, and have endured many things for my name's sake, and have not grown weary. But I have this against you: that you have abandoned your first love. Remember therefore from whence thou hast fallen, repent, and do the works of before..."

2) ESTABLISHING A DAILY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Seek intimate communion with the Holy Spirit daily, speaking in tongues, receiving new revelations to produce the fruits of the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 13:14 "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all."

Jn 4:24 God is Spirit; and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and truth.

Rom 8:26-27 The Spirit helps us in our weakness, because we do not know how to pray properly; but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs that cannot be uttered; and he who examines hearts knows what the Spirit's desire is, because he intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Jude 1:20 "But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith, praying by the Holy Spirit.

Eph 6:18 Pray at all times, by the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication; watch to this end with all perseverance. Pray for all the saints.

Producing the Fruits of the Spirit

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

3) FEEDING ON GOD'S WORD EVERY DAY

Seek to know more about the Holy Spirit through meditation on the holy scriptures and putting the Word into practice with His help. The apostle Paul shows us how to have fellowship with the Word of God in our hearts, which is equivalent to having Jesus dwell continuously in our hearts, as it is written in these verses:

Cl 3:16-17 "Let the word of Christ dwell in you abundantly; instruct and exhort one another with all wisdom; sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs from the heart to God under the impulse of grace. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, thanking God the Father through him.

Jn 15:10 "If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love."

Jn 15:5,7 "I am the vine, you are the branches." He who abides in me and in whom I dwell bears much fruit; for without me you can do nothing. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for what thou wilt, and it shall be done unto you.

2 Peter 19-21 We also have the most solid prophetic word: you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a shining lamp in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Know first of all this: that no prophecy of Scripture comes from a personal interpretation; for no prophecy ever came from the will of man, but men spoke from God, because they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

2 Tim 3:16 "All Scripture is inspired of God, and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for setting things straight, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete and well equipped for every good work."

Gal 1:11-12 "I declare to you, brethren, that the gospel which I preached is not the work of man; for I myself did not receive it, nor learned it from a man, but received it by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

1 Thess 2:13 "For this reason we also always thank God, that when you received from us the word of God's preaching, you accepted it, not as the word of men, but as the word of God which works effectually in you who believe.

Ps 27:4 "One thing I have asked of the LORD, and that I seek, that I should dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, that I may behold the beauty of the LORD, and meditate in his temple.

Ps 1:1-2 Blessed is the man ... whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and meditate on that law day and night.

Ps 119:148 My eyes prevent the watches of the night, that they may meditate on thy word.

Jos 1:8 Let this book of the law never depart from your mouth, but meditate on it day and night; take care to do all that is written in it: for then you will succeed in all your undertakings, then you will prosper.

Lk 11:28 Blessed are those who hear the word of God and do it.

Jm 1:22 ... Put the word into practice and do not just listen to it, deceiving yourselves.

4) LETTING THE HOLY GHOST GUIDE YOU IN EVERY SITUATION IN LIFE

Surrender totally to the Holy Spirit to be guided in every moment of life, because he knows everything.

Acts 8:29 "The Spirit said to Philip, "Come closer, and come to that chariot."

Acts 13:2,4-5 "As they worshipped the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, 'Set aside Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.' And so, sent by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there sailed to Cyprus. When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the Word of God.

Acts 20:23 "I only know that the Holy Spirit in every city testifies to me that chains and tribulations await me.

Acts 21:10-11 ... a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. He came to us and took Paul's girdle, bound his feet and hands, and said, "This is what the Holy Spirit says, 'In Jerusalem the Jews will bind the man to whom this girdle belongs, and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.'"

1 Corinthians 2:16 ... we have the mind of Christ.

Lk 12:11-12 Do not worry about how and what you will answer in your defense, or what you will say, for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that very moment what you should say.

Mk 13:11 ... do not worry in advance about what you will say, but say what will be given you in that hour; for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.

Gal 5:25 "If we live by the Spirit, we also walk guided by the Spirit."

Winning every battle

Psalms 144:1-2 "Blessed be the LORD, my rock, who trains my hands to war, and my fingers to battle." He is my grace and my fortress, my high refuge and my deliverer, my shield in which I take refuge...

2 Samuel 22:30,33-36,38-41 "With thee, I can attack a host... God is my mighty stronghold and makes my way perfect. He makes my feet like those of hinds and makes me firm on my high places. He trains my hands for

battle, and my arms can hold out a bow of bronze. You have also given me the shield of your salvation and your kindness has made me great. I pursued my enemies and destroyed them, and I did not turn back until I had annihilated them. I annihilated and crushed them, and they could no longer get up; they have fallen under my feet. You have girded me with strength for battle, and you have caused those who rose up against me to bow under me; you have turned your backs on my enemies before me...

1 Corinthians 15:57 ... thanked be God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Rom 8:37 "We are more than conquerors through him who loved us."

1 John 2:13-14 "Young people, I am writing to you because you have overcome the evil one. Young people, I have written to you because you are strong and the word of God dwells in you, and because you have overcome the evil one.

THE VICTORIOUS PATH OF THE CHILDREN OF GOD

1. WALKING ON SNAKES AND SCORPIONS

To overcome the attacks and temptations of the enemy we must use the WORD OF GOD with the authority that Jesus Christ has given us.

Jesus said:

Lk 10:19 "Behold, I have given you power to walk upon serpents and scorpions, and upon all the power of the enemy; nothing shall harm you.

So we must believe, make this promise our own and put it into practice

2. WALKING FOR THE SPIRIT

Overcoming sin by walking with the Holy Spirit

Gal 5:16 ... walk by the Spirit, and you will by no means fulfill the desires of the flesh.

Rom 8:13 "For if ye live according to the flesh ye shall die; but if by the Spirit ye put to death the works of the body, ye shall live."

Mi 6:8 O man, he hath made known unto thee that which is good; what else does the LORD require of thee, but that thou shouldest do righteousness, and love mercy, and walk humbly with thy God?

3. WALKING SUPERNATURALLY ON LIFE CIRCUMSTANCES

Overcoming all the circumstances and difficulties that befall our lives every day by maintaining our vision of Christ's sacrifice. Let us not look and dwell on the problem because we will fall as the apostle Peter did.

Mt 14:28-32 Peter said to him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come!" And Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and went to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was frightened, and as he began to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand, seized him and said to him, "Man of little faith, why did you doubt? And when they got into the boat, the wind calmed down.

4. WALKING BY FAITH AND NOT BY SIGHT

Those who walk by faith in Christ will not be guided by what their eyes see as "lust of the eyes" nor by any desire "lust of the flesh" nor by their own vanity and pride "pride of life". Because they were the three sins that caused Satan to fall, but he will let himself be guided by the Spirit of God to carry out the works that God has already prepared, that is, the final path of faith: the salvation of souls.

1 Peter 1:6-9 "Therefore you rejoice, even though now, for a short time, it is necessary for you to be afflicted with divers trials, so that your faith, which is being tested, which is far more precious than gold that perishes, and yet is tested by fire, may be a cause for praise, glory, and honor at

the time of the manifestation of Jesus Christ. Although you have not seen him, you love him; believing in him, although you do not see him now, you exult with ineffable and glorious joy, attaining the end of your faith: the salvation of souls.

5) WORKING IN FAITH BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY GHOST

Work in practice by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:8 "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Rom 15:18-19 For I would not dare to speak of things which Christ had not worked through me in order to lead the Gentiles to obedience, by word and deed, by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:4-5 "My word and my preaching were not persuasive speeches of human wisdom, but a demonstration of the Spirit and power, so that your faith might be founded, not on human wisdom, but on the power of God.

1 Thess 1:5 For our gospel was not preached to you only with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit, and with full conviction

Heb 2:4 "God himself added his testimony to theirs by signs and wonders, by mighty works of every kind, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to his will."

6) PREVENTING TEMPTATION THROUGH PRAYER AND FASTING - HATING EVIL AND SIN

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit.

Mt 26:41 "Watch and pray, that you may not fall into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Mt 6:17-18 "When you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that

it may not appear to men that you are fasting, but to your Father who is in secret; and your Father, who sees in secret, will reward you.

Lk 2:36-37 Annas was also there, prophetess, daughter of Fanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very advanced in years: after living with her husband seven years since her virginity, she had been widowed and had reached the age of eighty-four. He never left the temple and served God night and day with fasting and prayer.

Eph 4:30 "Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."

1 Thess 5:19 "Do not quench the Spirit.

Ps 51:10-11 "O God, create in me a pure heart, and renew within me a steadfast spirit." Do not cast me out of your presence, and do not take away your Holy Spirit.

To keep oneself cleansed from sin through prayer and fraternal communion.

2 Corinthians 7:1 ... beloved, let us purify ourselves from every defilement of flesh and spirit, accomplishing our sanctification in the fear of God.

Cl 4:2 Persevere in prayer, watching in it with thanksgiving.

1 Thess 5:17 ... never stop praying.

Eph 4:32 "But be kind and merciful to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ."

Jom 5:16 "Confess your sins to one another, pray for one another, that you may be healed; the prayer of the righteous has great effect."

Rom 12:2,9 ... be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may know by experience what is the will of God, the good, the pleasing and perfect will. Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor evil and hold fast to good.

Jm 1:27 ...to keep themselves pure from the world.

Lm 3:40 "Let us examine our ways, let us evaluate them, and let us return to the Lord."

1 Peter 1:15 ... As he who called you is holy, you also must be holy in all your conduct.

7) MAINTAINING AND INCREASING THE FAITH AND THE FULNESS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

To stand firm is firm in the faith and to exercise it through the love that God has poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit and to ask to be filled with the Holy Spirit and to receive and exercise the gifts of the Spirit.

2 Tim 4:6 7 (Paul) I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

Acts 4:31 "After they had prayed, the place where they were gathered trembled, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

Acts 4:8 "Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said...

Acts 6:5 "They elected (deacon) Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 11:24 "For he (Barnabas) was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith.

Acts 13:9 "Then Saul, also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit...

Rom 12:3 "By the grace that has been granted to me, I say to each one of you, let him not have a higher conception of himself than he ought to have, but have a sober conception of himself, according to the measure of faith which God has assigned to each one.

2 Corinthians 13:5-6 "Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; test yourselves." Don't you recognize that Jesus Christ is in you? Unless the result of the test is negative. But I hope you will recognize that the proof

is not negative against us.

Rom 14:22 "You, the faith you have, keep it for yourself before God...

Heb 4:14 "Therefore, having a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us stand firm in the faith we profess.

Cl 2:5 ... I rejoice to see your order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

1 Peter 5:8-9 "Be sober, be watchful; your adversary, the devil, walks about like a roaring lion looking for whom he can devour. Resist him by standing firm in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings afflict your brothers and sisters throughout the world.

Cla 1:23 ... persevere in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and not be moved by the hope of the gospel which you have heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven...

Lk 17:5-6 The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord said, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this sycamore tree, 'Lift yourself up and be brought into the sea,' and he would obey you.

1 Thess 1:3-4 "We must always thank God for you, brethren, as is right, because your faith grows excellently, and the love of each one of you all for one another abounds more and more; so that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God, because of your steadfastness and faith in all your persecutions and afflictions which you endure.

Eph 5:18-21 "But be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and singing with your hearts to the Lord; thanking God the Father continually for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; submitting to one another in the fear of Christ.

Asking for and exercising the gifts of the Holy Ghost

1 Corinthians 12:7-11 Now to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given, by the Spirit, the word of wisdom; to another, the word of knowledge, according to the same Spirit; to another, faith, by the same Spirit; to another, charisms of healing, through the same Spirit; to another, the power to work miracles; to another, prophecy; to another, the discernment of spirits; to another, but all these things are done by the one and the same Spirit, distributing the gifts to each one in particular as he wishes.

Rom 12:6-8 "Therefore having different charisms according to the grace that has been granted to us, if we have the charism of prophecy, let us prophesy according to faith; if of ministry, let us devote ourselves to the ministry; if of teaching, to teach; if of exhortation, to exhort; he who gives, let him give with simplicity; he who presides, let him do so diligently; he who does works of mercy, let him do them with joy.

8) CONTINUING THE WORK OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

To imitate the Lord Jesus by continuing His work by exercising the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

At 10:38 ... Jesus of Nazareth; how God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and power; and how he went everywhere doing good and healing all those who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

Mt 28:18-20 Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. 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 things whatsoever I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

Everything we do must always be for the Love of God

Cl 3:12-14 "Clothe yourselves, therefore, as God's elect, holy and beloved,

with mercifulness, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience. Put up with one another and forgive one another, if one has something to complain about another. As the Lord has forgiven you, so do you. Above all these things, clothe yourselves with love, which is the bond of perfection.

1 Jn 5:3 "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments; and his commandments are not burdensome."

2 Joh 1:6 In this is love that we walk according to his commandments." This is the commandment in which you must walk as you learned from the beginning.

Gal 5:6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is of value; what counts is faith that works through love.

2 Pt 1:5-7 "For this same reason, you put all your efforts into it, and add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control patience; to patience godliness; to godliness brotherly affection; and to brotherly affection love.

Everything we do must always be to the Glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31 "Whether you eat or drink, or do anything else, do everything for the glory of God.

1 Peter 4:10-11 ... each, ... the charism he has received, he should put it at the service of others. ... that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong glory and power forever and ever. Amen.

Phil 2:11 ... let every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Cla 3:17 "Whatever you do, in word or deed, do all things in the name of the Lord Jesus, thanking God the Father through him.

Rom 16:27 "To God, who is one in wisdom, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever." Amen.

TO BE PRACTICED WITH THE FAMILY

- Worship of the Lord every Saturday (communion and prayers every day)

Ex 20:8-11 (fourth commandment) Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. ... the seventh is a day of rest, consecrated to the Eternal God your ... the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and sanctified it.

Ex 31:15 ... the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, sacred to the Lord.

Lk 4:8 Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and worship him alone.'"

Rom 12:1 "I exhort you, therefore, brethren, by the mercy of God, to present your bodies as a sacrifice living, holy, acceptable to God; this is your spiritual worship.

Phil 3:3 ... we offer our worship through the Spirit of God, whom we boast in Christ Jesus.

- God's Love and Obedience Between Spouses and Children

Ps 128:1-4 Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD and walks in his ways. Then you will eat of the toil of your hands, you will be happy and prosper. Your wife will be like a fruitful vineyard, in the privacy of your home; your children like olive trees around your table. Thus shall the man who feareth the Lord be blessed.

Eph 5:22-33 "Wives, be subject to your husbands as to the Lord; for the husband is the head of his wife, just as Christ is the head of the church, he who is the Savior of the body." Now as the church is subject to Christ, so also wives must be in subjection to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave himself up for her, to sanctify her after he had cleansed her by washing her with the water of the word, to make her appear before him, glorious, without spot, without wrinkle or other such defects, but holy and blameless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives, as their own person. He who

loves his wife loves himself. For no one hates his own person, but rather nourishes and cares for it tenderly, as Christ also does for the church, since we are members of his body. Therefore a man will leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. This mystery is great; I say this about Christ and the church. But on the other hand, even among you, each one individually loves his wife, as he loves himself; and the wife also respects her husband.

Cl 3:18-19 "Wives, be in subjection to your husbands, as it is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and do not be bitter against them.

1 Peter 3:1-7 "You also, wives, be in subjection to your husbands, so that, even if there are any who do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, when they have considered your conduct chaste and respectful. Let your adornment not be the outward one, which consists in braiding one's hair, putting on gold jewels and wearing beautiful garments, but that which is intimate and hidden in the heart, the incorruptible purity of a sweet and peaceful spirit, which in the eyes of God is of great value. For this is how holy women once adorned themselves, who hoped in God, remaining subject to their husbands, like Sarah who obeyed Abraham, calling him lord; whose daughters you became by doing good without being troubled by any fear. You husbands also live with your wives with the respect due to the woman, as to a more delicate vessel. Honour them, for they too are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

1 Tim 2:11-12 Let a woman learn in silence with all submission. For I do not permit a woman to teach, nor to use authority over her husband, but let her be silent.

Pr 31:10-31 Who will find a virtuous woman? Its value far surpasses that of pearls. Her husband's heart trusts in her, and he will never lack provisions. She does him good, not evil, every day of his life. She procures wool and linen, and works joyfully with her own hands. It is similar to merchants'

ships: it brings its food from afar. She gets up when it is still night, distributes food to the family and the task to her servants. He lays his eyes on a field, and buys it; with the gain of his hands he plants a vineyard. He tightly girds his hips and makes his arms strong. He feels that his work pays off; his lamp does not go out at night. He puts his hand to the rock, and his fingers handle the spindle. **He stretches out his palms to the poor, and extends his hands to the needy.** She is not afraid of snow for her family, because her whole family is dressed in red wool. He makes himself carpets, he has robes of fine linen and purple. **Her husband is respected** at the gates of the city, when he sits among the elders of the village. He makes tunics and sells them and belts that he gives to the merchant. Strength and dignity are her cloak, and she does not fear the future. **He opens his mouth wisely, and has teachings of goodness on his tongue. He watches the progress of his house,** and does not eat the bread of laziness. **Her children rise up and proclaim her blessed, and her husband praises her,** saying, "Many women have behaved virtuously, but you surpass them all!" Grace is deceitful and beauty is vain; but **the woman that feareth the Lord is the one that shall be praised.** Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her at the gates of the city.

Heb 13:4 **"Let marriage be honored by all, and the marriage bed not be tainted with unfaithfulness; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers."**

1 Corinthians 7:10-16,39 **"And I command the spouses, not I, but the Lord, that the wife should not separate from her husband (and if she is separated, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband), and that the husband should not send his wife away. But to others I say, not the Lord, if a brother has an unbelieving wife, and she consents to dwell with him, let him not send her away; and a woman who has an unbelieving husband, if he consents to dwell with her, let him not send her husband away; for the unbelieving husband is sanctified in his wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified in the believing husband; otherwise your children would be unclean, whereas now they are holy. However, if the unbeliever**

separates, let him separate; in such cases, the brother or sister is not obliged to continue to be together; but God has called us to live in peace; Why, you, wife, who know if you will save your husband? And you, husband, what do you know if you will save your wife? The wife is bound as long as her husband lives; but, if her husband dies, she is free to marry whomever she will, provided she does so in the Lord.

1 Tim 2:9-10 "Let women dress decently, with modesty and modesty, not with braids and gold or pearls or luxurious garments, but with good works, as befits women who profess godliness.

1 Tim 5:8 "If anyone does not provide for his own, and in the first place for those of his own household, he has denied the faith, and is worse than an unbeliever."

Pr 29:17 Correct thy son; he shall give thee comfort, and bring joy to thy heart.

Cl 3:21 Fathers, do not be irritated with your children, that they may not be discouraged.

Eph 6:4 ... fathers, do not irritate your children, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Educating Children

Ge 18:19 "For I have chosen him to command his sons, and his house after him, to follow the way of the LORD to do righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may do in behalf of Abraham what he has promised him."

Is 38:19 ... The Father will make your faithfulness known to his children.

Pr 3:1-5,11-12 "My son, do not forget my teaching, and let your heart keep my commandments, for they will bring you long days, years of life and prosperity. May goodness and truth not abandon you; tie them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart; you will thus find grace and common sense in the eyes of God and men. Trust in the Lord with all your heart... My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, let not his

reproof repel you: for the Lord rebukes him whom he loves, as a father rebukes the son whom he pleases.

Pr 24:21 **My son, fear the LORD...**

Pr 4:10-11,4 **"Hear, my son, receive my words, and years of life will be multiplied for you. I show you the way of wisdom, I set you on the paths of righteousness. Do not enter into the path of the wicked, nor go in the way of the wicked.**

Pr 6:20-23 **"My son, keep the precepts of your father, and do not neglect the teachings of your mother; always keep them tied to your heart and clinging to your neck. When you walk, they will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you; when you wake up they will talk to you. The precept is in fact a lamp, teaching a light, corrections and discipline are the way of life.**

Pr 13:24 **"He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him chastens him in time."**

Widowers, widows and orphans

1 Tim 5:4 **"But if a widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to do their duty to their family and to repay their parents, for this is acceptable in God's sight.**

Joh 1:27 **To succor the fatherless and widows in their afflictions...**

Ps 68:5-6 **"God is the father of orphans, and the defender of widows in his holy dwelling; to those who are alone God gives a family...**

- Daily prayers

Phil 4:6-8 **... make your requests known to God in prayers and supplications, accompanied by thanksgiving. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus. Therefore, brethren, let all things that are true, all things that are honorable, all things that are just, all things that are pure, all things that are**

lovely, all things that are of good report, those things in which there is some virtue and some praise, be the object of your thoughts.

- Teaching young people by grandparents

2:2,4-6 "And the old men (grandparents) should be sober, dignified, sensible, sound in faith, in love, and in patience; and the elderly women (grandmothers) should also behave in accordance with holiness, and should not be slanderous or given to much wine, and should be teachers of goodness, to encourage young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be wise, chaste, diligent in their housework, good ones, submissive to their husbands, so that the word of God may not be despised. Likewise exhort young people to be wise, presenting yourself in all things as an example of good works; showing integrity, dignity, sound and blameless language in teaching, so that the adversary may be confounded, having nothing evil to say against us.

Pr 22:6 "Teach the boy what he should do; even when he is old he will not depart from it."

- Children

Cl 3:20 "Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is pleasing to the Lord."

Pr 13:1 A wise son heareth unto his father's instruction: but a mocker heareth no rebuke.

- Hospitality

Heb 13:2 "Do not forget hospitality; for some have received angels without knowing it."

TO BE PRACTICED WITHIN THE BODY OF CHRIST

- Worship of the Lord every Sabbath as for the family at home, the same in the community in a common place, freely the other days (communion and

prayers every day)

Heb 10:24-25 "Let us look out for one another to incite to love and good works, not forsaking the gathering of ourselves together as some are wont to do, but exhorting one another; all the more so as you see the day drawing near.

1 Cor 14:26-35,37-38,40 "What then, brethren? When you come together, each of you having a psalm, or a teaching, or a revelation, or a speech in another tongue, or an interpretation, let all things be done for edification. If there are those who speak in another language, let two or three at most do so, and one after the other, and someone interpret. If there is no one to interpret, let them be silent in the assembly and speak to themselves and to God. Let the prophets also speak in two or three, and let the others judge; if a revelation is given to one of those who are sitting, let the previous one be silent. For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all may be encouraged. The spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets, because God is not a God of confusion, but of peace. As is done in all the churches of the saints, the women are to be silent in the assemblies, because they are not allowed to speak; let them be submissive, as the law also says. If they want to learn something, let them ask their husbands at home; because it is shameful for a woman to speak in assembly. ... the things that I write to you are commandments of the Lord. And if anyone wants to ignore it, let him ignore it. ... but everything should be done with dignity and order.

1 Corinthians 11:3-5,10,13 ... I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, that the head of the woman is the man, and that the head of Christ is God. Every man who prays or prophesies with his head covered does dishonor to his head; but every woman who prays or prophesies without having her head covered does dishonor to her head. Therefore the woman must, because of the angels, have a sign of authority on her head. Judge for yourself: Is it decent for a woman to pray to God without having her head covered?

Heb 13:15 "Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise, namely, the fruit of lips confessing his name.

Ps 50:23 He that offers me thanksgiving for a sacrifice glorifies me.

- The Love of God and Obedience Among Brothers

Ps 133:1,3 "How good and how pleasant it is for brothers to live together! it is like the dew of Hermon that descends upon the mountains of Zion; for there the Lord has ordained that there should be a blessing, life forever.

1 Jn 4:21 "This is the commandment that we have received from him, that he who loves God also loves his brother.

Jn 15:12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you.

1 Pt 1:22 "Having cleansed your souls by obedience to the truth to come to a sincere brotherly love, love one another intensely from the heart.

1 Peter 2:17 "Honor all of you. Love your brothers. Fear God. Honor the king.

Gal 5:13 ... By means of love serve one another.

Rom 12:10 "As for brotherly love, be full of affection for one another. As for honor, compete in giving it back to each other.

1 Tim 5:9-10,14-15 "A widow is to be entered in the catalogue when she is not less than sixty years old, when she has been the wife of one husband, when she is known for her good works: for bringing up children, for exercising hospitality, washing the feet (served) to the saints, helping the afflicted, sharing in every good work. ... young widows should marry, have children, govern the house, and give their adversaries no occasion for backbiting; in fact, some have already gone astray to go after Satan.

- The building and unity of the Body of Christ

Eph 4:11-13 "It is he (Jesus Christ) who has given some as apostles, some as prophets, some as evangelists, some as pastors and teachers, for the

perfecting of the saints for the work of the ministry and the building up of the body of Christ, until we all come to the unity of faith and full knowledge of the Son of God, in the state of full-grown men, at the height of the perfect stature of Christ.

Acts 20:28 "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock in which the Holy Spirit has made you bishops, to shepherd the church of God, which he purchased with his own blood.

1 Tim 5:17 "Let the elders who hold the presidency well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching.

Heb 13:17 "Obey your leaders, and submit to them, for they watch over your souls as one who is to give an account, that they may do this with joy, and not with sighing."

1 Tim 5:19-20 "Do not receive accusations against an elder unless there are two or three witnesses." Those who sin, rebuke them in the presence of all, so that others may also be afraid.

Acts 9:31 "Thus the church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and was built up; and walking in the fear of the Lord and in the consolation of the Holy Spirit, it grew steadily in number.

Rom 12:5 "We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members of one another."

Heb 10:24-25 "Let us look out for one another to incite to love and good works, not forsaking the gathering of ourselves together...

1 Pet 4:10-11 "As good stewards of the varied grace of God, each one, according to the charism he has received, should put it at the service of others.

If anyone speaks, let him do it as the oracles of God are preached; if anyone does a service, let him do it as one does a service by the power that God provides, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and power forever and ever. Amen.

Eph 4:1-3 I exhort you to conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the calling that has been given you, with all humility and meekness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, striving to preserve the unity of the Spirit with the bond of peace.

2 Thess 3:6 "Brethren, we command you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to withdraw from every brother who behaves disorderly and not according to the teaching you have received from us.

- Spiritual warfare

Eph 6:10-11 "For the rest, be strong in the Lord and in the power of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may stand firm against the snares of the devil.

Prayers for the authorities (for the five ministerial roles, elders and deacons)

Rom 15:30 "Now, brethren, I exhort you, for our Lord Jesus Christ, and for the love of the Spirit, to wrestle with me in the prayers that you pray to God in my behalf...

Cl 4:3 "Pray for us at the same time, that God may open a door for us to speak, that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ.

1 Thess 5:25 "Brethren, pray for us.

2 Thess 3:1-2 "For the rest, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord may be spread and glorified as it is among you, and that we may be delivered from troublesome and wicked men.

Heb 13:18 "Pray for us; for we are convinced that we have a good conscience, and we are determined to lead ourselves honestly in all things."

Prayers for the Holy Brothers

Cl 4:12 "Epaphras, who is one of you, and is a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you. He always strives for you in his prayers that you may stand firm, as accomplished men, completely willing to do God's will.

1 Thess 3:10 ... Night and day we pray intensely to be able to see your face and to fill the gaps in your faith.

2 Thess 1:11-12 ... let us pray continually for you, that our God may count you worthy of the vocation and powerfully fulfill all your good desires and the work of your faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thess 1:2-3 "We always thank God for you all, naming you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father the work of your faith, the labors of your love, and the steadfastness of your hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

3 Joh 1:2 "Beloved, I pray that in all things you prosper and enjoy good health, as your soul prospers.

Clas 1:3 "We thank God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying for you always."

2 Tim 1:3 "I thank God, who I serve as my forefathers did with a pure conscience, regularly remembering you in my prayers day and night.

Phil 1:4 "I thank my God continually, remembering thee in my prayers.

1 Jn 5:16 "If anyone sees his brother committing a sin that does not lead to death, let him pray, and God will give him life, that is, to those who commit a sin that does not lead to death."

Jom 5:13-16 Is there anyone among you who suffers? Pray. Is there anyone with a happy soul? Hymn singing. Is there anyone who is sick? Let him call the elders of the church and they pray for him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: the prayer of faith will save the sick and the Lord will restore him; if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him. Confess your sins to one another, pray for one another that you may be healed; the prayer of the righteous has great efficacy.

1 Thess 5:15-18: Always seek the good of one another and the good of all.

Always be joyful; never cease to pray; in everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

- Teaching

1 Thess 4:1-5,7 "Besides, brethren, you have learned from us how to behave and please God, and that is already how you behave. We pray and exhort you in the Lord Jesus to progress more and more. For you know what instructions We have given you in the name of the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God: that you sanctify yourselves, that you abstain from fornication, that each of you know how to possess your own body in holiness and honor, without indulging in disordered passions as do strangers who do not know God. For God has called us not to impurity, but to sanctification.

1 Thess 5:11-13 "Therefore, comfort one another and build one another up, as you are already doing. Brethren, we pray that you will have regard for those who labor among you, who are in charge of you in the Lord and who instruct you, and that you will hold them in high esteem and love them because of their work. Live in peace with each other.

Phil 2:15 "Be blameless and blameless, children of God without reproach, in the midst of a crooked and crooked generation, in which you shine like stars in the world, holding up the word of life.

2 Tim 2:24-26 "The servant of the Lord must not quarrel, but must be gentle with everyone, able to teach, patient. He must meekly instruct opposers in the hope that God will grant them repentance in order to recognize the truth, so that, coming to their senses, they will come out of the snare of the devil, who had taken them captive to do his will.

- Christian service to the brethren

Rom 12:11-13 "As for zeal, do not be lazy; be aglow in spirit, serve the Lord; be cheerful in hope, patient in tribulation, persevering in prayer, providing for the needs of the saints, eagerly exercising hospitality.

Cl 4:11 "These are from the circumcised, and they are the only ones who

cooperate with me for the kingdom of God, and who have been a comfort to me."

Heb 13:16 "Do not forget to exercise charity and share what you have; for it is in such sacrifices that God is well pleased.

Deut 15:7-11 "If there be a needy brother among you in one of the cities of the land that the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart, nor shut your hand before your needy brother; but you shall open your hand to him abundantly, and lend him whatever he needs for the need in which he is. Beware that thou shouldst receive into thy heart an evil thought that makes thee say, "The seventh year, the year of remission, is near," and urges thee to be merciless to thy needy brother, so that thou shalt give him nothing; for he would cry unto the LORD against thee, and sin shall be upon thee. Give him generously; and when you give him, do not let your heart ach; for because of this, the LORD thy God will bless thee in all thy works, and in all things that thou shalt put thy hand to. For the needy will never be lacking in the land; therefore I give you this commandment and I say to you, open your hand generously to the poor and needy brother who is in your country.

Lev 25:35 "If one of your people becomes poor and destitute, you will support him, as you will support the stranger and the guest, that he may live with you."

Ps 82:3-4 "Defend the cause of the weak and the fatherless, do justice to the afflicted and the poor." Deliver the lowly and needy, save them from the hand of the wicked!

Is 1:17 "Learn to do good; seek righteousness, lift up the oppressed, do justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause.

Gal 6:1 "Brethren, if anyone is caught guilty, you who are spiritual, lift him up in a spirit of meekness." Take care of yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens and you will thus fulfill the law of Christ.

Jom 4:11 "Do not speak ill of one another, brethren.

For our poor brothers and sisters in Israel or closer to us

Rom 15:25-27 "For now I am going to Jerusalem, to render a service to the saints, because Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make a collection for the poor who are among the saints of Jerusalem. They are pleased, but they are also indebted to them; for if foreigners have been made partakers of their spiritual goods, they are also obliged to help them with material goods.

Believing rulers of a country (Presidents, Prefects, Mayors, etc.)

Deut 17:19-20 (Authority) He shall keep the book (the Law of God) with him and read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the Lord his God, and to diligently do all the words of this law and all these ordinances, that his heart may not be exalted above his brethren, and he may not deviate from these commandments either to the right hand or to the left. Thus he will prolong his days in his kingdom, he with his sons...

2 Sa 23:3-4 The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me, "He who reigns over men in righteousness, he who reigns in fear of God, is like the morning light, when the sun rises in a cloudless morning and with his splendor, after the rain, makes the grass sprout from the earth."

1 Kings 3:9,6 (LORD) Give thy servant a good heart, that I may administer righteousness unto thy people, and discern good from evil: for who can administer righteousness unto thy people, who are so numerous?" Solomon answered, "You have treated your servant David my father with great kindness, because he acted before you with faithfulness, with justice, with uprightness of heart for you.

Is 32:1 Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and as for princes they shall rule justly.

Employers and Believing Workers

Deut 24:14-15 "You shall not defraud the poor and needy worker, whether

he be one of your brothers or one of the foreigners who are in your country or in your cities. You shall give him his wages every day, before the sun goes down, for he is poor and waits for it impatiently; so he shall not cry out against thee unto the LORD, and thou shalt not commit a sin.

1 Tim 6:2 "Let those who have believing masters not despise them because they are brothers, but serve them with greater zeal, because those who benefit from their service are faithful and loved." Teach these things and recommend them.

TO BE PRACTICED IN THE WORLD

- The Great Commission

Mt 24:14 ... This gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world, that it may be testified to all nations.

Jn 20:21 "Then Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'"

Mk 16:15-16 "And he said to them, 'Go into all the world, preach the gospel to the whole creation. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

- Spiritual warfare

Eph 6:11-12 "Put on the whole armor of God, that you may stand firm against the snares of the devil; for our fight is not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against rulers of this world of darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness, which are in the heavenly places.

- Prayers for all men

1 Tim 2:1-4 "I therefore exhort, before anything else, that supplications, prayers, intercessions, thanksgivings be made for all men, for kings and for all those who are constituted in authority, that we may lead a quiet and

quiet life in all godliness and dignity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who wills that all men should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.

- Christian service to non-believers

Acts 10:42-43 And (Jesus) commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify of him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

At 20:24 ... I do not count my life, as if it were precious to me, in order to joyfully complete my race and the service entrusted to me by the Lord Jesus, that is, to bear witness to the gospel of God's grace.

Eze 34:16 "I will seek the lost, I will bring back the lost, I will bind up the wound, I will strengthen the sick...

Jn 18:37 ...This is why I came into the world: to bear witness to the truth.

1 Jn 5:11 "And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son."

1 Peter 2:11-12 Beloved, I exhort you, as strangers and pilgrims, to abstain from carnal lusts that attack the soul, by having good conduct among the Gentiles, so that where they speak ill of you, calling you evildoers, they may observe your good works and give glory to God in the day when he visits them.

Rom 12:17 "Return evil for evil to no one." Commit yourselves to doing good before all men.

Job 29:12-13,15-16 For I saved the poor man who cried for help and the orphan man who had no helper. The blessing of those who were about to perish descended upon me, I made the widow's heart rejoice. I was the eye of the blind, the foot of the lame; I was the father of the poor, I studied the cause of the unknown in depth.

Non-believing rulers of a country (Presidents, Prefects, Mayors, etc.)

Rom 13:1-5 Let every person be subject to the superior authorities, for there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are established by God. Therefore he who resists authority opposes the command of God; those who oppose it will bring upon themselves a condemnation; for magistrates are not to be feared for good works, but for evil. Don't you want to fear authority? Do good, and you will have his approval, for the magistrate is a minister of God for your good; but if you do evil, be afraid, for he does not carry the sword in vain; for he is a minister of God to inflict a just punishment on those who do evil. Therefore it is necessary to remain submissive, not only for fear of punishment, but also for reasons of conscience.

1 Pt 2:13-14 "Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, to the king as to the sovereign, to the governors, as sent by him to punish evildoers and to praise those who do good.

Non-believing employers and workers

Cl 4:1 Masters, give to your servants what is just and just, knowing that you also have a master in heaven.

Cl 3:22 "Servants, obey your masters according to the flesh in all things; not serving them only when they see you, as to please men, but with singleness of heart, fearing the Lord." Whatever you do, do it cheerfully, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as a reward. Serve Christ the Lord! In fact, those who act unjustly will receive the retribution of the wrong they have done, without there being any favoritism.

2:9 Exhort the servants to be in subjection to their masters, to please them in all things, not to contradict them, not to rob them, but always to show perfect loyalty, to honor the doctrine of God our Savior in all things.

1 Tim 6:1 "Let all who are under the yoke of bondage esteem their masters

worthy of all honor, lest the name of God and doctrine be blasphemed."

1 Peter 2:18-19 "Domestics, be in subjection to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and reasonable, but also to those who are difficult. Because it is a grace if someone endures, for reasons of conscience before God, sufferings that are unjustly endured.

The fruit and the goal of our journey

Ti 2:11-13 For the grace of God, saving for all men, has been manifested, and teaches us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, in order to live in this world moderately, justly, and holy, awaiting the blessed hope and the glorious appearance of our great God and Saviour, Christ Jesus.

1 Peter 1:14-16 "As obedient children, do not be fashioned after the passions of the past, when you were in ignorance; but as he who called you is holy, you also must be holy in all your conduct, for it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

1 Pt 4:1 "Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, ye also arm yourselves of the same thought, that is, that he who has suffered in the flesh renounces sin, in order to consecrate the time that remains to him to live in the flesh, no longer to the passions of men, but to the will of God.

Eph 5:3-5,8-9 "As befits the saints, neither fornication, nor uncleanness, nor covetousness, let it be mentioned among you; neither obscenity, nor vulgar foolish words, which are unseemly things; but rather let thanksgiving abound. For know that no fornicator or impure or covetous (who is an idolater) has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. For in the past you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Be like children of light, for the fruit of light is all that is goodness, righteousness, and truth.

Deut 10:12-13 "And now, O Israel (declare your name), what does the Lord your God ask of you but that you fear the Lord your God, that you walk in

all his ways, that you love him and serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you keep the commandments of the Lord and his laws that I give you today for your own good?

Deut 13:3-4 ... The LORD your God tests you to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. You shall follow the LORD your God, and you shall fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and serve him, and cling to him.

1 Peter 1:7-9 "Let your faith, which is being tested, which is far more precious than gold that perishes, and yet is tested by fire, be a cause for praise and glory and honor at the time of the manifestation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him; believing in him, although you do not see him now, you exult with ineffable and glorious joy, obtaining the end of faith: the salvation of souls.

Rom 6:17-22 "But thanks be to God that you were slaves to sin, but you obeyed from the heart that form of teaching which was handed down to you; and freed from sin you became servants of righteousness. I speak in the manner of men, because of the weakness of your flesh; for as you once lent your members to the service of uncleanness and iniquity to commit iniquity, so now you lend your members to the service of righteousness for sanctification. For when you were slaves to sin, you were free in righteousness. What fruit, then, did you have then? Of these things you are now ashamed, for their end is death. But now, freed from sin and made servants of God, you have your sanctification as your fruit and eternal life as your end.

2 Corinthians 13:13 "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." Amen.