APPENDICES:

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR YOUR PERSONAL GROWTH

"In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge"

2 Peter 1:5 (NLT)

BIBLE OVERVIEW

A quick glance at themes, facts, and general layout of the bible.

The Old Testament (also known as the Jewish Tanakh) is the first 39 books in most Christian Bibles. The name stands for the original promise with God prior to the coming of Jesus Christ in the New Testament (or the new promise). The Old Testament contains the creation of the universe, the history of the patriarchs, the exodus from Egypt, the formation of Israel as a nation, the subsequent decline and fall of the nation, the Prophets (who spoke for God), and the Wisdom Books.

OLD TESTAMENT

THE LAW

The Law contains stories about the creation of the world, the flood, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, the children of Israel in Egypt, the Exodus, and the time the children of Israel spent in the wilderness before entering the Promised Land. The books of the law also record the law God gave to the people on Mount Sinai which laid down the regulations for sacrifice, worship, and daily living. The Law is also called the Torah.

GENESIS

Who: Moses

What: The Beginning Where: Egypt & Canaan When: c. 1450 BC - 1400 BC

Outline (Chapter)

- Creation, Fall & Flood (1-11)

- Abraham (11-25) - Isaac & Jacob (25-36)

- Joseph (37-50)

EXODUS

Who: Moses

What: Deliverance from slavery Where: Egypt & Canaan When: c. 1445 BC - 1400 BC

Outline (Chapter)

- Moses (1-7)

- The Plagues (7-13)

- The Exodus (14-18)

- The Law (19-24)

- Tabernacle & Worship (25-40)

LEVITICUS

Who: Moses

What: Law & Sacrifice Where: Sinai & Canaan When: c. 1445 BC - 1400 BC

Outline (Chapter)

- Sacrifice (1-7)

- Priesthood (8-10)

- Clean & Unclean (11-15)

- Day of Atonement (16) - Laws for Daily Life (17-27)

NUMBERS

Who: Moses

What: Census & History Where: Borders of Canaan When: c. 1445 BC - 1400 BC

Outline (Chapter)

- Census (1-9)

- Sinai to Canaan (10-12)

- Spies & Rebellion (13-19)

- Moab (20-36)

DEUTERONOMY

Who: Moses

What: Sermons by Moses Where: Plains of Moab When: c. 1401 BC - 1400 BC

Outline (Chapter)

- Sermon 1: Journey Review (1-4)

- Sermon 2: Laws (5-28)

- Sermon 3: Covenant (29-30)

- Final Farewells (31-34)

The 12 History books continue with the story of the people of Israel and the conquest of the Promise Land in the book of Joshua, the continuous cycle of disobedience in the book of Judges, the first kings and the United Kingdom, Divided Kingdom, the Assyrian invasion, Babylonian invasion, the years in exile, and the return from exile during the Persian rule.



JOSHUA

Who: Unknown (Joshua)
What: History of Conquest

Where: Canaan

When: c. 1405 BC - 1383 BC

Outline (Chapter)

- The Conquest (1-12)
- Dividing the Land (13-22)
- Joshua's Farewell (23-24)

JUDGES

Who: Unknown (Samuel)
What: History before Kings

Where: Canaan

When: c. 1086 BC - 1004 BC

Outline (Chapter)

- Reasons for Failure (1)
- The Judges (2-16)
- Days of Lawlessness (17-21)

RUTH

Who: Unknown (Samuel)
What: Story of Faithful Foreigner

Where: Canaan

When: c. 1046 BC - 1035 BC

Outline (Chapter)

- Naomi & Ruth (1)
- Ruth meets Boaz (2)
- The Threshing Floor (3)
- The Marriage (4)

1 SAMUEL

Who: Unknown What: History & Events Where: Israel & Judah When: c. 1050 BC - 750 BC

- Samuel (1-7)
- Saul (8-15)
- Saul & David (16-31)

2 SAMUEL

Who: Unknown (Joshua) What: History of Conquest Where: Canaan

When: c. 1405 BC - 1383 BC

Outline (Chapter)

- The Conquest (1-12)
- Dividing the Land (13-22)
- Joshua's Farewell (23-24)

1 KINGS

Who: Unknown (Samuel) What: History before Kings Where: Canaan

When: c. 1086 BC - 1004 BC

Outline (Chapter)

- Reasons for Failure (1)
- The Judges (2-16)
- Days of Lawlessness (17-21)

2 KINGS

Who: Unknown (Samuel) What: Story of Faithful Foreigner

Where: Canaan

When: c. 1046 BC - 1035 BC

Outline (Chapter)

- Naomi & Ruth (1)
- Ruth meets Boaz (2)
- The Threshing Floor (3)
- The Marriage (4)

1 CHRONICLES

Who: Ezra

What: Review of David's Reign

Where: ludah

When: c. 450 BC - 425 BC

2 CHRONICLES

Who: Ezra

What: Highlights Kings of Judah

Where: Judah

When: c. 450 BC - 425 BC

EZRA

Who: Ezra

What: History of Reconstruction

Where: Judah

When: c. 457 BC - 444 BC

Outline (Chapter)

- The Exiles Return (1-2)
- Rebuilding the Temple (3-6)
- The Work of Ezra (7-10)

NEHEMIAH

Who: Nehemiah

What: History of Reconstruction

Where: Judah

When: c. 445 BC - 430 BC

Outline (Chapter)

- Nehemiah Returns (1-2)
- The Rebuilding of the Walls (3)
- Threats & Persecution (4-7)
- Renewal of Covenant (8-10)

ESTHER

Who: Unknown

What: Story of Redemption

Where: Persia

When: c. 464 BC - 435 BC

Outline (Chapter)

- Search for a new Queen (1-2)

Esther saves the Jews (8-10)

- Haman's Plot (3)
- Esther's Plan (4-6)
- Haman's Downfall (7)

- Dedication & Laws (11-13)

POETRY & WISDOM

The five Poetry and Wisdom books include hymns, proverbs, poems, and dramas. They illustrate the creative ways the people of Israel expressed themselves to God and to each other.

JOB

Who: Unknown

What: Story of Perseverance Where: Mesopotamia (Uz)

When: Unknown

Outline (Chapter)

- Job Tested (1-3)
- Job's Friends (4-31)
- Elihu's Speech (32-37)
- God's Answer (38-42)

PSALMS

Who: David, Moses, Asaph, Solomon, Ethan, Sons of Korah

What: Poetry & Song Where: Ancient Israel When: c. 1410 BC - 430 BC

Outline (Chapter)

- Book I: Psalms (1-41)
- Book II: Psalms (42-72)
- Book III: Psalms (73-89)
- Book IV: Psalms (90-106)
- Book V: Psalms (107-150)

PROVERBS

Who: Solomon & Others

What: Wisdom

Where: Israel When: c. 950 BC - 700 BC

Outline (Chapter)

- Lessons in Wisdom (1-9)
- Proverbs of Solomon (10-22)
- Other Wise Sayings (23-24)
- Solomon's Sayings (25-29)
- Other Proverbs (30-31)

ECCLESIASTES

Who: Solomon What: Wisdom

Where: Jerusalem When: c. 935 BC

Outline (Chapter)

- The Meaning of Life (1-2)
- Life is Not Always Fair (3-6)
- Wisdom (7-8)
- No One Knows the
- Future (9-10)
- Obedience to God (11-12)

SONG OF SOLOMON

Who: Solomon What: Love Poem Where: Jerusalem When: c. 965 BC

- The Courtship (1-3)
- The Wedding (3-4)
- The Lasting Relationship (5-8)

MAJOR PROPHETS

The five Major Prophets are not called "major" because of their message or quality, but rather because of the length of the books. The prophets brought God's word which included warning of judgment, warnings and hope for the immediate future (as well as warnings and hope for the distant future), and hope in the coming Messiah.

ISAIAH

Who: Isaiah

What: Prophecy & Judgment

Where: Judah ´

When: c. 740 BC - 680 BC

Outline (Chapter)

- Condemnation (1-39)
- Comfort in Exile (40-55)
- Future Hope (56-66)

JEREMIAH

Who: Jeremiah

What: Prophecy & Judgment

Where: Judah

When: c. 626 BC - 580 BC

Outline (Chapter)

- Jeremiah (1-10)
- Prophetic Warning (11-28)
- New Covenant (29-39)
- The Fall of Jerusalem (40-52)

LAMENTATIONS

Who: Jeremiah

What: Dirge poem (Lament)

Where: Babylon

When: c. 586 BC - 584 BC

Outline (Chapter)

- Sorrows of Captives (1)
- Anger with Jerusalem (2)
- Hope & Mercy (3)
- Punishment (4)
- Restoration (5)

EZEKIEL

Who: Ezekiel

What: Prophecy and Warning

Where: Babylon

When: c. 587 BC - 565 BC

Outline (Chapter)

- Ezekiel (1-3)
- Judgment of Judah (4-24)
- Judgment of Nations (25-32)
- The End of the Age (33-39)
- Restoration of Temple (40-48)

DANIEL

Who: Daniel

What: Prophecy & Apocalyptic

Where: Babylon

When: c. 605 BC - 530 BC

Outline (Chapter)

- Daniel & His Friends (1-6)

- Apocalyptic Visions (7-12)

The 12 Minor Prophets, called "The Book of the Twelve" in the Hebrew Bible, are just as important as the Major Prophets. They are called "minor" because of the shorter length of the books. The Minor Prophets also brought God's word to the people regarding judgment and hope.



HOSEA

Who: Hosea

What: Prophecy & Warning

Where: Israel

When: c. 755 BC - 710 BC

Outline (Chapter)

- The Unfaithful Wife (1-3)

- The Unfaithful Nation (4-14)

JOEL

Who: Joel

What: Prophecy & Judgment

Where: Judah

When: Unknown

Outline (Chapter)

- Locusts (1)
- Blessings & Curses (2-3)

AMOS

Who: Amos

What: Prophecy & Judgment

Where: Israel

When: c. 760 BC - 750 BC

Outline (Chapter)

- Neighbors Punished (1-3)
- Israel's Destruction (3-8)
- Future Hope (9)

OBADIAH

Who: Obadiah What: Prophecy

Where: Judah When: c. 586 BC

Outline (Chapter)

- Judgment on Edom (1-9)
- Edom's Violations (10-14)
- Israel's Victory (15-21)

JONAH

Who: Jonah

What: Story of God's Mercy

Where: Nineveh

When: c. 783 BC - 753 BC

Outline (Chapter)

- Jonah Flees (1)
- Jonah Prays (2)
- Jonah's Anger with God

MICAH

Who: Micah

What: Prophecy & Judgment Where: Israel & Judah When: c. 739 BC - 686 BC

Outline (Chapter)

- Judgment & Deliverance (1-5)
- Confession & Restoration (6-7)

NAHUM

Who: Nahum

What: Prophecy & Judgment Where: Judah & Nineveh

When: c. 664 BC - 612 BC

Outline (Chapter)

- Judgment (1)
- Hope for Judah (1)
- Nineveh's Destruction (2-3)

HABAKKUK

Who: Habakkuk

What: Prophecy & Judgment

Where: Judah

When: c. 609 BC - 597 BC

- Tough Questions (1-2)
- Praise to the Lord (3)

ZEPHANIAH

Who: Zephaniah

What: Prophecy & Judgment

Where: Judah

When: c. 640 BC - 628 BC

Outline (Chapter)

- Judgment on Judah (1) - Judgment on Nations (2)

- Promise of Restoration (3)

HAGGAI

Who: Haggai

What: Prophecy & Hope

Where: Judah When: c. 520 BC

Outline (Chapter)
- Rebuild Temple (1)

- Blessings (2)

- David's Throne (2)

ZECHARIAH

Who: Zechariah

What: Prophecy & Hope

Where: Judah

When: c. 520 BC - 519 BC

Outline (Chapter)

- Zechariah's Vision (1-8)

- Messianic Prophecy (9-12)

MALACHI

Who: Malachi

What: Prophecy & Judgment

Where: Judah

When: c. 430 BC - 400 BC

Outline (Chapter)

- Sins Identified (1-3)

- Rewards for the Righteous (4)

The New Testament is a collection of 27 books, usually placed after the Old Testament in most Christian Bibles. The name refers to the new covenant (or promise) between God and humanity through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The New Testament chronicles the life and ministry of Jesus, the growth and impact of the early church, and instructive letters to early churches.

NEW TESTAMENT

GOSPELS

The Gospels, which are the first four books of the New Testament, record the good news of God's plan for a Savior through the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Each writer has a particular method or style to communicate the life and message of Jesus Christ.

MATTHEW

Who: Matthew (also called Levi)

What: Gospel Where: Judea When: c. AD 60

Outline (Chapter)

- Birth & Early Life (1-4) - Ministry of Christ (5-20)

- Death & Resurrection (21-28)

MARK

Who: John Mark

What: Gospel Where: Rome When: c. AD 58

Outline (Chapter)

- Introduction (1)

- Ministry of Christ (2-10) - Death & Resurrection (11-16)

LUKE

Who: Luke (The Physician)

What: Gospel Where: Caesarea When: c. AD 60 - AD 62

Outline (Chapter)

Birth & Early Life (1-4) Ministry of Christ (5-19)

Death & Resurrection (20-24)

JOHN

Who: John (The Beloved Disciple)

What: Gospel Where: Asia Minor When: c. AD 85 - AD 95

Outline (Chapter)

- Introduction (1)

- Ministry of Christ (2-12)

- Private Ministry (13-17)

- Death & Resurrection (18-21)

Acts is the record of the radical "actions" of the followers of Jesus Christ after the resurrection. Acts opens with the out-flowing of the Holy Spirit and describes the missionary efforts of the early followers of Jesus. Acts also records the actions of the apostle Paul as he and other courageous believers continued to spread the good news of Jesus to the Jews and Gentiles of the Roman Empire.

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

ACTS

Who: Luke (The Physician) What: History of Early Church Where: Caesarea & Rome When: c. AD 60 - AD 62

- Jerusalem (1-8)
- Judea & Samaria (8-12)
- Paul's Journeys (13-20)
- Paul Taken to Rome (21-28)

PAUL'S LETTERS A.K.A. EPISTLES

The apostle Paul wrote 13 letters to young churches, pastors, and friends in order to guide, encourage, and correct them. Most of the letters served a specific purpose or addressed a specific question or problem.

ROMANS

Who: Paul

What: Letter to Roman Christians

Where: Corinth When: c. AD 57

Outline (Chapter)

- Christian Gospel (1-8)
- Israel (9-11)
- Christian Life (12-16)

1 CORINTHIANS

Who: Paul

What: Letter to Church in Corinth

Where: Ephesus When: c. AD 56

Outline (Chapter)

- Division (1-4)
- Morality (5-11)
- Spiritual Gifts (12-14)
- The Resurrection (15-12)

2 CORINTHIANS

Who: Paul

What: Letter to Church in Corinth

Where: Philippi When: c. AD 56

Outline (Chapter)

- Apostolic Characteristics (1-7)
- Giving (8-9)
- Paul's Defense (10-13)

GALATIANS

Who: Paul

What: Letter to Churches in

Galatia

Where: Asia Minor When: c. AD 50 - AD 55

Outline (Chapter)

- Paul's Defense (1-2)
- Justification by Faith (3-4)
- The Christian Life (5-6)

EPHESIANS

Who: Paul

What: Letter to Church in Ephesus

Where: Prison in Rome When: c. AD 60 - AD 64

Outline (Chapter)

- Spiritual Blessing (1-3)
- The Christian Life (4-6)

PHILIPPIANS

Who: Paul

What: Letter to Church in Philippi

Where: Prison in Rome When: c. AD 60 - AD 64

Outline (Chapter)

- Joy of Life (1)
- Humility of Christ (2)
- Finish the Race (3)
- Thanks & Greetings (4)

COLOSSIANS

Who: Paul

What: Letter to Church in

Colossae

Where: Prison in Rome

When: c. AD 60 - AD 64

Outline (Chapter)

- Thanksgiving (1)
- Work of Christ (1-2)
- Finish the Race (3-4) Final Greeting (4)

1 THESSALONIANS

Who: Paul

What: Letter to the Church in

Thessalonica

Where: Corinth When: c. AD 49 - AD 54

Outline (Chapter)

- Faith & Example (1-3)
- Living for God (4)
- Christ's Return (4-5)

2 THESSALONIANS

Who: Paul

What: Letter to the Church in

Thessalonica Where: Corinth When: c. AD 50 - AD 54

Outline (Chapter)

- Praise & Encouragement (1)
- Christ's Return (2) Pray & Work (3)

1 TIMOTHY

Who: Paul

What: Letter to Timothy

Where: Rome When: c. AD 64

Outline (Chapter)

- Trouble in Ephesus (1)
- Church Leadership (2-3)
- False Teachers (4)
- Discipline (5)
- Paul's Advice to Timothy (6)

2 TIMOTHY

Who: Paul

What: Letter to Timothy Where: Prison in Rome When: c. AD 65 - AD 67

Outline (Chapter)

- Thanksgiving (1)
- Call to Remain Faithful (2)
- Authority of God's Word (3)
- Lead a Godly Life (3-4)

TITUS

Who: Paul What: Letter to Titus

Where: Rome When: c. AD 64

- Outline (Chapter)
 Instruction for Titus (1)
- Living the Faith (2-3)
- Final Instructions (3)

PHILEMON

Who: Paul

What: Letter to Philemon Where: Prison in Rome When: c. AD 60

- Salutations (1-3)
- Philemon's Love & Faith (4-7)
- Paul's Appeal (8-22)
- Final Greetings (22-25)

GENERAL EPISTLES

The eight General Epistles were written by other apostles and leaders including Simon Peter, James, John, and Jude. The General Epistles were addressed to the early Christians to provide guidance, encouragement through persecution, and warning of False teachings.

HEBREWS

Who: Unknown (Paul) What: Letter to Hebrew Believers

Where: Unknown When: c. AD 60 - AD 69

Outline (Chapter)

- Supremacy of Christ (1-4) - The New Covenant (4-10)

- The Life of Faith (11-13)

JAMES

Who: James

What: Letter to Jewish Believers

Where: Jerusalem When: c. AD 48

Outline (Chapter)

- Living a Life of Faith (1-2)

- Faith without Works (2-3)

- Speech & Wisdom (3-4)

1 PETER

Who: Peter

What: Letter to All Christians

Where: Rome

When: c. AD 64 - AD 65

Outline (Chapter)

- Holiness & Submission (1-2)

- Suffering (3-4)

2 PETER

Who: Peter

What: Letter to All Christians

Where: Rome

When: c. AD 64 - AD 70

Outline (Chapter)

- Living Like Christ; False Teachers (1-2)

- The Return of Christ (3)

1 JOHN

Who: John

What: Letter to All Christians

Where: Ephesus When: c. AD 85 - AD 95

Outline (Chapter)

- Living in the Light (1-2) - Living in Love(3-4)

- Living by Faith (5)

2 JOHN

Who: John

What: Letter to the Elect Lady

Where: Ephesus When: c. AD 85 - AD 95

Outline (Chapter)

- Warning Against Heresy & False Teachers (1)

3 JOHN

Who: John

What: Letter to Gaius Where: Ephesus

When: c. AD 85 - AD 95

Outline (Chapter)

 Praise for Loyalty to Truth; Criticize Pride. (1)

JUDE

Who: Jude

What: Letter to All Christians

Where: Unknown When: c. AD 60 - AD 95

Outline (Chapter)

- Warning Against Heresy (1)

The book of Revelation addressed seven churches in Asia Minor (Turkey today). It Encourages believers who are experiencing persecution. Revelation illustrates that God is in control and that all people were created to love and worship God.

REVELATION

REVELATION

Who: John

What: Letter to Seven Churches Where: Island of Patmos When: c. AD 96 or c. AD 69

- Outline (Chapter)
 The Seven Churches (1-4)
- Visions (5-16)
- God's Triumph (17-20)
- The New Creation (21-22)

APPENDIX: II

HOW TO LOOKUP A BIBLE VERSE

Looking up specific passages in the bible is really easy. However, if you are not familiar with common citations of the Bible, you might feel confused about what you are looking at. A citation from the Bible is usually referenced with the book name, chapter number and verse number. Sometimes, the name of the Bible translation is also included.

For example: The Book of <u>John</u>, chapter <u>3</u>, verse <u>16</u>, <u>New King James Version</u> would be cited as: <u>John 3:16 NKJV</u>

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16 NKJV

APPENDIX: III

TOPICAL SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

It is helpful to know scriptures that pertain to certain topics and areas of life. The following are some scriptures, arranged alphabetically by subject, that you might find helpful.

ABORTION

Children are a reward from God (Psalm 127:3)

God created us and knew us in our mother's womb (Psalm 139:13-16)

ADDICTIONS (ALCOHOL, DRUGS, ETC.)

Do not let sin control your body (Romans 6:12)

Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19)

Through Christ we can be set free (Galatians 5:1)

Live by the Spirit and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh (Galatians 5:16)

ADULTERY

See "Freedom" and "Sexual Immorality"

ANGER

Anger does not achieve God's righteousness (James 1:19)

Don't let the sun go down on your anger, or give the devil opportunity (Ephesians 4:26, 31)

Turn the other cheek (Matthew 5:28-40)

We must rid ourselves of anger (Colossians 3:8)

ANXIETY

Don't worry, pray (Philippians 4:6-13)

Cast all of your anxiety on Jesus (1 Peter 5:7)

God will never leave you or forsake you (Hebrews 13:5-6)

BACKSLIDING

If we confess our sins God will forgive us (1 John 1:8-9)

Jesus can keep us from falling (Jude 1:24-25)

BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Repent and you will receive the baptism of the Spirit (Acts 2:38)

Anyone who asks can receive the Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13)

CHILD DISCIPLINE

Fathers don't provoke your children to anger (Ephesians 6:4)

Rebellion is like the sin of witchcraft (1 Samuel 15:23)

Fathers don't frustrate you children (Colossians 3:21)

He who spares the rod hates the son (Proverbs 13:24)

Train a child well and as they grow old they will not depart from their training (Proverbs 22:6)

The rod will drive folly from the heart of a child (Proverbs 22:15)

CHILDREN'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Children obey your parents (Ephesians 6:1)

Honor your father and mother that you may live long (Exodus 20:12)

Youth, set an example for others (1 Timothy 4:12)

CONDEMNATION

There is no condemnation for those in Christ (Romans 8:1)

He who hears the word and believes will not be condemned (John 5:24)

Jesus did not come to condemn the world but to save it (John 3:17-18)

CONFESSION / REPENTANCE

If we confess our sins God will forgive our sins (1 John 1:9)

When you keep silent about sin your body wastes away (Psalm 32:3)

Confess your sins to one another and you will be healed (James 5:16)

CULTS

Test the spirits (1 John 4:1)

False prophets can deceive even the elect (Mark 13:21-23)

DELIVERANCE

Resist the devil and he will flee (James 4:7)

We have the power to bind demons (Matthew 18:18)

We can tread on the enemy and he cannot injure us (Luke 10:19)

Where the Spirit is there is freedom (2 Corinthians 3:17)

DENY SELF

The greatest shall be a servant (Matthew 20:26-27)

Those who come after Jesus must deny themselves (Matthew 8:34)

A grain of wheat must die to bear fruit (John 12:24)

DEPRESSION

God will restore the joy of your salvation (Psalm 51:10-12)

All things work together for good to those who love God (Romans 8:28, 31)

Give thanks in all circumstances (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

Come to the Lord when weary and burdened and find rest (Matthew 11:28-39)

God heals the brokenhearted (Psalm 147:3)

DISCOURAGEMENT

Do not become weary in doing good, you will be rewarded (Galatians 6:9)

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, God saves me (Psalm 138:7-8)

We are hard pressed but do not despair (2 Corinthians 4:8-9)

DIVORCE

What God has joined together let no one separate (Matthew 19:4-6)

A wife must not separate from her husband. And a husband must not divorce his wife.

(1 Corinthians 7:10-12)

Wives respect your husbands. Husbands love your wives as yourself. (Ephesians 5:21-33)

Therefore as God's chosen people holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. (Colossians 3:12-15)

FAITH

Faith is assurance of things hoped for (Hebrews 11:1)

Without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6)

Jesus is the author of our faith (Hebrews 12:2)

Faith without works is dead (James 2:17)

FASTING

When you fast (we are to fast) (Matthew 6:16)

On the day of your fast you have your request (Isaiah 58:3)

The fast the Lord desires is for a man to be humble (Isaiah 58:5)

FEAR

When you die to the flesh you are free from fear (Romans 8:13-17)

The Lord will protect you from evil (2 Thessalonians 3:3)

Do not fear for God is with you (Isaiah 41:10)

The Lord is my light whom shall I fear (Psalm 27:1-3)

The Lord is my shepherd (Psalm 23)

Make the Lord your refuge and no harm will befall you (Psalm 91)

God has not given us a spirit of fear (2 Timothy 1:7)

Perfect love casts out fear (1 John 4:18)

FEAR OF MAN

Do your work for the Lord not to impress men (Colossians 3:23)

If you do good works to please men you lose your reward in Heaven (Matthew 6:1)

Trust in God, do not fear, what can man do to you? (Psalm 56:11)

FEAR OF THE LORD

The fear of the Lord leads to life and being untouched by evil (Proverbs 19:23)

When all is said and done, the fear the Lord is the most important thing. (Ecclesiastes 12:13)

The secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him (Psalm 25:14)

Humility and the fear of the Lord bring wealth, honor, and life (Proverbs 22:4)

FORGIVENESS

Forgive others and Satan does not have an advantage over you (2 Corinthians 2:10-11)

If you forgive others, God will forgive you (Matthew 6:14-15)

Bless those who persecute you (Romans 12:14)

FORNICATION

See "Freedom" and "Sexual Immorality"

FREEDOM

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrast to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissections, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have coruscated the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other. (Galatians 5:13-26)

GENERATIONAL CURSES

God is jealous and visits iniquity of fathers on children to 3rd and 4th generation (Exodus 20:5-6)

Whom the Son sets free is free indeed (John 8:36)

These are the ones I look on with favor: those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who tremble at my word (Isaiah 66:2)

GOD'S EXPECTATIONS OF US

To do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly before Him (Micah 6:8)

These are the ones I look on with favor: those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who tremble at my word (Isaiah 66:2)

Pure in heart and spirit see God (Matthew 5:3, 8)

Keep His commandments, love Him and others (John 5:10)

GRIEF

Jesus goes to prepare a place for us after we die (John 14:1-3)

If we believe in Jesus, yet we die, we shall live (John 11:25)

Now we see in a mirror dimly, but then, face to face (1 Corinthians 13:12)

Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted (Matthew 5:4)

GUILT

Confess and find mercy (Proverbs 28:13)

All have sinned (Romans 3:23)

God freely gives eternal life (Romans 6:23)

There is no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1-3)

The old is gone, the new is come (2 Corinthians 5:17)

HEALING

I am the God who heals you (Exodus 15:26)

Jesus took our infirmities, by His stripes we are healed (1 Peter 2:24)

Ask anything of God according to His will, and He hears us (1 John 5:14-15)

We have authority to heal every disease and sickness (Matthew 10:1)

God will restore your health (Jeremiah 30:17)

The Lord forgives our sins and heals all of our diseases (Psalm 103:3)

HOLINESS

Be holy in our behavior (1 Peter 1:14-16)

Be holy as the Lord Himself is holy (Ecclesiastes 20:22)

Don't be conformed to the world (Romans 12:2)

Pursue sanctification without which you will not see the Lord (Hebrew 12:14)

HOLY SPIRIT

Better when Jesus leaves and the Holy Spirit comes (John 16:7)

Brings conviction of truth & will guide you to truth (John 16:8-13)

Brings comfort (Acts 9:31)

Brings wonderful things to the life of the believer (1 Corinthians 2:8-13)

Brings spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12:7)

HOMOSEXUALITY

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HOPF

For I know the plans I have for you, to give you future (Jeremiah 29:11)

We wait in hope for the Lord, He is our shield, in Him (Psalm 33:20)

Hope deferred makes the heart sick (Proverbs 13:12)

There is future hope for you and your hope will not be (Proverbs 23:18)

Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength (Isaiah 40:31)

HUMILITY

The greatest in God's kingdom are the humble (Matthew 18:4)

Humble yourself and God will exalt you (James 4:10)

Humility brings wealth, honor, and life (Proverbs 22:4)

Humility brings abundant prosperity (Psalm 37:11)

God gives His grace to the humble (James 4:6)

HUSBAND RESPONSIBILITIES

Take care of your wife or your prayers will go unanswered (1 Peter 3:7)

Love your wife as Christ loved the Church (Ephesians 5:25)

Characteristics of a man of God (1 Timothy 3:1-13)

Honor the marriage bed (Hebrews 13:4)

Husbands must fulfill their marriage duties to their wives (1 Corinthians 7:3-4)

INTERCESSION

Intercession be made for everyone (1 Timothy 2:1)

Paul requests intercession on his behalf (Ephesians 6:19)

Paul intercedes for others (Colossians 1:3)

JEALOUSY

Jealousy and envy results in disorder and evil (James 3:16)

Jealousy is worldliness (1 Corinthians 3:3)

We shall not covet the property of others (Exodus 20:17)

JUDGING OTHERS

We will be judged in the manner we judge others (Matthew 7:2-5)

Judgment will be merciless for those who show no mercy (James 2:13)

Jesus judged from hearing God, not from His own opinions (John 5:30)

LONELINESS

God's love for us is unfailing (Isaiah 54:10)

God will never leave us or forsake us (Hebrews 13:5-6)

Jesus wants to have fellowship with us (Revelation 3:20)

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted (Psalm 34:18)

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Fervently love one another from the heart (1 Peter 1:22)

If you love one another you abide in the light (1 John 2:10)

If you love one another you are born of God because God is love (1 John 4:7-8)

LUST

Don't make provision for lust (Romans 13:14)

Self-discipline over lust (1 Thessalonians 4:4)

Live by the spirit and don't carry out desires of the flesh (Galatians 5:16-18)

Do not let sin reign in your body, do not give your body to sin (Romans 6:12-13)

MARRIAGE

They will become one flesh (Genesis 2:21-24)

He who finds a wife finds what is good (Proverbs 18:22)

Christ the head of man, man the head of the woman (1 Corinthians 11:3)

It is better to marry than burn with passion (1 Corinthians 7:9)

MARITAL PROBLEMS

I will walk in my house with a blameless heart (Psalm 101:2)

As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord (Joshua 24:15)

Get rid of anger, be kind and compassionate to one another (Ephesians 4:31-32)

Husbands love your wives as yourself, wives respect your husbands (Ephesians 5:21-33)

Wives submit to your husbands as unto the Lord, husbands love your wives as Christ loves the church (Colossians 3:18-19)

MATERIALISM/ MONEY

Be content with food and shelter (1 Timothy 6:8)

The love of money is the root of all kinds of evil (1 Timothy 6:10)

If you love the world the love of God is not in you (1 John 2:15)

If you have world's goods and see a brother in need, the love of God is not in you (1 John 3:17)

Don't be a slave to money (Matthew 6:24)

Give God the first fruits (Proverbs 3:9-10)

Trust the Lord in your finances (**Proverbs 3:5**)

Be honest in the use of your money (Proverbs 13:11)

God will meet all of your needs (Philippians 4:19)

Give and it will be given unto you (Luke 6:38)

OBEDIENCE

Through obedience we come to know Him (1 John 2:3)

If obedient, ask whatever you wish and it will be done for you (1 John 3:21)

You have a choice between blessing and curse, a blessing if you choose to obey the Lord's commandments (**Deuteronomy 11:26-28**)

Rebellion is like the sin of witchcraft (1 Samuel 15:22-23)

Through obedience we receive the Holy Spirit, Jesus reveals Himself to us and abides in us (John 14:15-21)

Don't just hear the Word of God, do what it says (James 1:22)

PEACE OF MIND

Jesus said in me you will find peace (John 16:33)

Because of our faith we have peace with God (Romans 5:1)

Let the peace of God rule in your hearts (Colossians 3:15)

Sleep in peace for the Lord is our safety (Psalm 4:8)

PERSISTENCE

I've fought the good fight, I've finished the race (2 timothy 4:7)

We will reap a harvest if we do not give up (Galatians 6:9)

Those who obey to the end will be given authority (Revelation 2:24)

To him who overcomes it will be granted their names written in the book of life (Revelation 3:5)

PRAYER

If your heart doesn't condemn you, ask what you wish (1 John 3:21)

Confidence comes from praying (1 John 5:14-15)

The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective (James 5:16)

PRAYER SHIELD

We are to pray and intercede for each other (Ephesians 6:18)

Paul requests prayer on his behalf (Ephesians 6:19)

PRIDE

Pride is an abomination to God (Proverbs 16:5)

God is opposed to the proud (James 4:6)

God will bring down the proud (Isaiah 25:11)

PRIORITIES

Seek first the kingdom of God (Matthew 6:33)

Greatest commandment is to love God then love neighbor second commandment (Matthew 22:36-39)

Greatest in kingdom of God are the humble (Matthew 18:3-4)

Whoever wishes to be great must first be a servant (Matthew 20:26-28)

REAP WHAT YOU SOW

God is not mocked, you will reap what you sow (Galatians 6:7)

The Lord gives to each according to his deeds (Jeremiah 17:9)

RECONCILIATION

God reconciled the world through Christ (2 Corinthians 5:18-19)

Before giving your offering be reconciled with your (Matthew 5:23-26)

Principle of godly reconciliation (Matthew 18:15-17)

SABBATH

If you turn from pleasure on Sabbath, God will bless you (Isaiah 58:13)

There is a Sabbath rest for the people of God (Hebrews 4:8-10)

SALVATION

Whoever believes in him will have eternal life (John 3:16)

Wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23)

No condemnation for those in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1)

Believe in your heart and confess with your mouth (Romans 10:9-10)

We are saved by grace (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Work out your salvation with fear and trembling (Philippians 2:12-13)

SEXUAL IMMORALITY

Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. (2 timothy 2:22)

It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable (1 Thessalonians 4:3-4)

God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it. (1 Corinthians 10:13)

Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral (**Hebrews 13:4**)

Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy

Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies. (1 Corinthians 10:18-20)

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SOUL-TIES

Do not associate with immoral brother (1 Corinthians 5:9)

Bad company corrupts good morals (1 Corinthians 15:33)

Do not associate with unruly brother (2 Thessalonians 3:6)

Do not be bound together with unbelievers (2 Corinthians 6:14)

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

God has given us different gifts (Romans 12:6-8)

Don't neglect the gift you've received (1 Timothy 4:14)

Spiritual gifts are given to each of us (1 Corinthians 12:7-11)

These are the gifts Christ gave the church (Ephesians 4:11-13)

Great variety of spiritual gifts (1 Peter 4:10-11)

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Pay attention to deceitful spirits (1 Timothy 4:1)

Fight the good fight of faith (1 Timothy 6:12)

Put on the armor of God. Our struggle is against spiritual enemies (Ephesians 6:10-18)

No soldier entangles himself in everyday life (2 timothy 2:4)

Humble yourself, resist the devil and he will flee (James 4:7)

Be on the alert, the devil is like a roaring lion out to destroy you (1 Peter 5:8)

SUBMISSION TO AUTHORITY

Submit to authority (1 Peter 2:13)

Obey leaders and submit to their authority (Hebrews 13:17)

Submit to governing authorities, for your good (Romans 13:1-7)

SUICIDE

Take refuge in the Lord and he will defend you (Psalm 91:1,11,12,15,16)

Jesus came to give us abundant life (John 10:10)

TEMPTATION

God will not allow you to be tempted above what you can handle (1 Corinthians 10:13)

We must master sin (Genesis 4:7)

Crucify self and no longer be a slave to sin (Romans 6:6)

Make no provision for the flesh (Romans 13:14)

Take every thought captive (2 Corinthians 10:5)

Walk by spirit and don't carry out the desires of the flesh (Galatians 5:16)

Tempted when carried away with our own lust (James 1:14)

Let your mind dwell on good things (Philippians 4:8)

Watch and pray that you will not fall into temptation (Matthew 26:41)

THANKSGIVING

Enter His gates with thanksgiving (Psalm 100:1)

I will give thanks for I am fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:13)

TITHING AND GIVING

Test God to see Him bless you when you tithe (Malachi 3:8-10)

Giving profits our account (Philippians 4:17)

Honor the Lord from the first of our fruits (Proverbs 3:9)

Give and it will be given unto you (Luke 6:38)

God loves a cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9:7)

TRIALS

Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial (James 1:12)

Affliction produces eternal glory (2 Corinthians 4:17)

Do not be surprised with trials, they are for your testing (1 Peter 4:12)

After suffering for a while, God will strengthen and restore you (1 Peter 5:10)

Those who are loved will be disciplined (Revelation 3:19)

TRUST IN THE LORD

Trust in the Lord with all of your heart and God will make your path straight (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Put on the shield of faith (Ephesians 6:16)

Trust in the Lord and do not be afraid (Psalm 56:4)

Don't be troubled, trust in God, He will prepare a place for you (John 14:1)

WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST

We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood (1 Peter 2:9)

He who overcomes will be given authority to rule the nations (Revelation 2:26)

We are seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (Ephesians 2:6,10)

To those who receive Jesus, who believe in His name, they are children of God (John 1:12)

WIFE RESPONSIBILITIES

Submit to husband (1 Peter 3:1-6)

Respect your husband (Ephesians 5:33)

Adorn yourself modestly (1 Timothy 2:9)

Women should not exercise authority over men (1 Timothy 2:12)

Be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind and submissive (Titus 2:5)

The wife's body belongs to her husband (1 Corinthians 7:3-4)

Keep the marriage bed pure (Hebrews 13:4)

The wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives (1 Corinthians 7:39)

WORDS AND THEIR POWER

Let no unwholesome word come out of your mouth (Ephesians 4:29-30)

Life and death are in the power of our words (Proverbs 18:21)

We will be held accountable for every careless word (Matthew 12:36)

Let speech always be with grace (Colossians 4:6)

With our tongues we praise God and curse men, this should not be (James 3:9-10)



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