

Lesson 2

“Walking Like Christ” – The Secrets to Walking like Christ.

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Introduction

Scripture readings in the Authorized King James Version (AKJV) and Amplified Bible Classic Editions (AMPC)

Ephesians 1:17-23 Authorized (King James) Version

-OPENING PRAYER-

-Pray This Out Loud-

*“That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you **(Say Your Name)** the **spirit of wisdom and revelation** in the knowledge of **HIM**: the **eyes** of your understanding being **enlightened**; that ye may know what is the **hope** of his calling, and what the **riches of the glory** of his inheritance in the saints, and what is the **exceeding greatness of his power** to you **(Say Your Name)**... who believe, **according to the working of HIS mighty power**, which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: **and hath put ALL things under HIS feet**, and gave him to be the head over **All Things** to the church, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.”*

Ephesians 1: 17-19 Amplified Bible Classic Edition

*“[For I always pray to] the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, that He may grant you you **(Say Your Name)** a **spirit of wisdom and revelation** [of insight into mysteries and secrets] in the [deep and intimate] knowledge of Him,*

*By having the **eyes of your heart flooded with light**, so that you can know and **understand the Hope** to which He has called you, **and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints** (His set-apart ones),*

*And [so that you can know and understand] what is the immeasurable and unlimited and surpassing **greatness of His power In and for Us** who believe, as demonstrated in the working of His mighty strength,...”*

Lesson 2 – Walking Like Christ-

Foundation Scriptures and Notes

Ephesians 4: 1-3 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

“I therefore, the prisoner for the Lord, appeal to *and* beg you **to walk (lead a life) worthy of the [divine] calling** to which you have been called [with behavior that is a credit to the summons to God’s service, Living as becomes you] with complete lowliness of mind (humility) and meekness (unselfishness, gentleness, mildness), with patience, bearing with one another *and* **making allowances because you LOVE ONE ANOTHER**. Be eager *and* strive earnestly to guard *and* keep the harmony *and* oneness of [and produced by] the Spirit in the binding power of peace.”

Ephesians 4: 1-3 Authorized (King James) Version

“I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye **walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called**, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, **forbearing one another in LOVE**; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

Ephesians 5: 1-6 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

“Therefore be imitators of God [copy Him *and* follow His example], as well-beloved children [imitate their father].

And WALK IN LOVE, [esteeming and delighting in one another] as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a slain offering and sacrifice to God [for you, so that it became] a sweet fragrance.

But immorality (**sexual vice**) and all impurity [of lustful, rich, wasteful living] or greediness **must not even be named among you**, as is fitting *and* proper among saints (God's consecrated people).

Let there be NO filthiness (obscenity, indecency) nor foolish *and* sinful (silly and corrupt) talk, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting *or* becoming; but instead **voice your thankfulness [to God]**.

For be sure of this: that no person practicing sexual vice or impurity in thought or in life, or one who is covetous [who has lustful desire for the property of others and is greedy for gain]—for he [in effect] is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.”

Let no one delude and deceive you with empty excuses and groundless arguments [for these sins], for through these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of rebellion *and* disobedience.”

Ephesians 5: 1-6 Authorized (King James) Version

“Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; **AND WALK IN LOVE, as Christ also hath loved us**, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour. But fornication, (sexual intercourse before legal marriage) and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: **but rather giving of thanks.** **For this ye know,** that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. **Let no man deceive you with**

vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.”

Revelation 2:29 and Revelations 3: 1 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

“Direct Quote from **Jesus**”

“He who is able to hear, let him listen to *and* heed what the [Holy] Spirit says to the assemblies (churches). And to the angel (messenger) of the assembly (church) in SARDIS writ: These are the words of Him Who has the seven Spirits of God [the sevenfold Holy Spirit] and the seven stars: I know your record and what you are DOING; you are supposed to be alive, but [in reality] you are DEAD.”

SARDIS (Meaning in Greek is “RED ONES”). is located in the western side of the Nation of Turkey. Turkey is located directly North of Israel about 600 miles away. Turkey has the Black Sea for its North border and the Mediterranean Sea for its South border. The seven Churches in the book of Revelations are all located in Turkey on the far west end of Turkey: Pergamum, Thyatira, **Sardis**, Philadelphia, Laodicea, Smyrna, and Ephesus.

Revelation 3:3-5 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

“Direct Quote from **Jesus**”

“So call to mind **the Lessons you received and heard**; continually lay them to heart *and* obey them, **and repent**. In case you will not rouse yourselves *and* keep awake *and* watch, I will come upon you like a thief, and you will not know *or* suspect at what hour I will come.

Yet you still have a few [persons’] names in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes, **AND THEY SHALL WALK WITH ME IN WHITE**, because they are worthy *and* deserving.”

Note: The reason you will WALK with Jesus in White is that you have chosen to WALK like Christ. You are walking a sin free life holy and pure like the Master. Pure in speech, words thoughts and actions. Romans 6: 11 reminds you that when

you are seated in Christ you are DEAD to sin and ALIVE unto GOD. Jesus says the reason you are walking with ME is: “because they are worthy and deserving” and because they “have repented” and “have not soiled their clothes”. We need to stay continually repentant and have “Clean White Clothing”. God loves the whole world, God loves every single person in Hell BUT the reason you are walking next to HIM is based on what You have done with the Cross not on God’s Love for you, exclusively. The Father God sent Jesus to the cross because HE loves you. Jesus willingly went to the cross because HE loves you. BUT, if you are a Christian HE requires ongoing repentance and a life (“Clothes”) that are brilliant white because they are “worthy and deserving” and have maintained a repentant lifestyle. They are not “worthy and deserving” because they are EXCLUSIVELY trusting in Gods Love. But rather they are trusting in Their Repentance COMBINED with God’s Grace Acquired at the Cross to MAINTAIN their Salvation. Not in God’s Love alone. God Loves the whole world and that love will be eternal but the whole world is clearly not written in the lamb’s book of life. Meaning, eternal salvation has been attained through the door of Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:6 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

“Let no one delude and deceive you with empty excuses and groundless arguments [for these sins], for through these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of rebellion and disobedience.”

Revelations 3: 5 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

“Thus shall he who conquers (is victorious) be clad in white garments, and I (Jesus) will not erase or blot out his name from the Book of Life; I will acknowledge him [as Mine] and I will confess his name openly before My Father and before His angels.”

Note: The city of Sardis was completely destroyed by a Huge earthquake in 17 AD. It looks like a Christian revival exploded in the city of Sardis after Jesus was

resurrected from the dead. This revival continued for 16 years. But along with this revival the City of Sardis obviously did not “Walk Like Christ”. Obviously, many of the people from Sardis continued on in sin and rebellion. Sexual sin, hatred, unforgiveness, not following the “Golden Rule” that Jesus Requires:

“Do unto others as you would have them do unto you”

(this was ignored), lying and stealing and finally, idol worship of the goddess “cybele” were probably the top seven sins.

The Ephesians from the city of Ephesus (a close neighbor or Sardis) would worship the goddess “diana” a wondrously evil, dark demon still spoken of today. Out of a heart of Love did God bring the earthquake to shake the citizens of Sardis back to Him? **The answer- Yes.** Lesson to learn, Walk Holy just like Christ to Avoid your entire life from being Violently Shaken Apart or V.S.A. This is the proper Fear of God.

Additional Supporting Scriptures on: “Walking Like Christ”

A) WALK IN LOVE, WALK IN LOVE, WALK IN LOVE, LIKE CHRIST LOVED US...

Ephesians 5:2 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

“And **WALK IN LOVE**, [esteeming and delighting in one another] **as Christ loved us** and gave Himself up for us, a slain offering and sacrifice to God [for you, so that it became] a sweet fragrance.”

B) WALK IN GOOD WORKS

Ephesians 2:10 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition.

“For we are God’s [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may **do those GOOD WORKS which God predestined (planned beforehand)** for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should **WALK** in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live].”

C) WALK WORTHY, WALK HOLY

Ephesians 4: 1 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition.

*"I therefore, the prisoner for the Lord, appeal to and beg you to **WALK (lead a life) worthy** of the [divine] calling to which you have been called [with behavior that is a credit to the summons to God's service,"*

D) WALK AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT, BRING LIGHT TO OTHERS

Ephesians 5:7-9 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition.

"So do not associate or be sharers with them.

*For once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; **WALK AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT** [lead the lives of those native-born to the Light].*

For the fruit (the effect, the product) of the Light or the Spirit [consists] in every form of kindly goodness, uprightness of heart, and trueness of life."

E) WALK WITH WISDOM AND ACCURATE PURPOSE

Ephesians 5:14-16 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

*"Therefore He says, Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall shine (make day dawn) upon you and give you light. Look carefully then how you **WALK!** Live purposefully and worthily and accurately, not as the unwise and witless, but **as wise** (sensible, intelligent people) ,Making the very most of the time [buying up each opportunity], because the days are evil."*

Summary of the Seven Ways to Walk Like Christ

First-	WALK IN LOVE
Second-	WALK IN LOVE
Third-	WALK IN LOVE
Fourth-	WALK IN LOVE
Fifth-	WALK IN LOVE
Sixth-	WALK IN LOVE
Seventh-	<u>WALK IN LOVE, AS HE JESUS LOVED US AND GAVE HIMSELF FOR US.</u>
EIGHTH-	WALK IN GOOD WORKS
NINTH-	WALK WORTHY, WALK HOLY
TENTH-	WALK AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT, BRING LIGHT TO OTHERS
ELEVENTH-	WALK WITH WISDOM AND ACCURATE PURPOSE
TWELFTH	WALK IN FAITH – BECAUSE FAITH WORKS BY LOVE
THIRTIETH	WALK WORTHY OF YOUR CALLING – THE GOLDEN RULE

End of the Introduction on:

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- 1) Christianity does not begin with **Walking** but with First **Sitting**. We must first Sit down and let the Master teach us. The Master stands and the disciples sit and learn. Jesus Christ the Messiah of Israel and the Earth is known as the “Cornerstone” or “Chief Cornerstone”.

Psalm 118:21-23 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

*“I will confess, praise, and give thanks to You, for You have heard and answered me; and You have become my Salvation and Deliverer. The stone which the builders **rejected** has become the **chief cornerstone**. This is from the Lord and is His doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.”*

Zechariah 10:3-5 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

“My anger is kindled against the shepherds [who are not true shepherds] and I will punish the goat leaders, for the Lord of hosts has visited His flock, the house of Judah, and will make them as His beautiful and majestic horse in the battle.

*Out of him [Judah] shall come forth the ^[a]**Cornerstone**, out of Him the tent peg, out of him the battle bow; every ruler shall proceed from him.*

And they shall be like mighty men treading down their enemies in the mire of the streets in the battle, and they shall fight because the Lord is with them, and the [oppressor’s] riders on horses shall be confounded and put to shame.”

- a. **Zechariah 10:4** This Messianic reference reminds one of the "Cornerstone" spoken about in: of Ps. 118:22-23; Isa. 28:16; Matt. 21:42; Acts 4:11; Eph. 2:19-22; I Pet. 2:6-8.

Psalm 95:1-3 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

"O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the **Rock of our salvation!**

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods."

You need to see your true position in Christ First before you build your Christian life on a Distorted, Deceived Foundation. The truth is you are Seated with Christ on the "Rock of your Salvation" Jesus Christ the "Cornerstone." **The blood sacrifice on the Cross by our Messiah Jesus has transferred you into a state of Spectacular Victory.** The Cross of Christ has created an amazing new Born Again Life for all that receive **and continue** to believe and are obedient to Gods Word.

In Christ there is:

A) No Spiritual distinction between Jew and Gentile and YOU are an Heir of the Blessings of Abraham- Galatians 3:28-29 AMPC

"There is [now no distinction] neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

And **IF** *you belong to Christ [are in Him Who is Abraham's Seed], **then you are** Abraham's offspring and **[spiritual] heirs according to promise.***

B) Gods' sons and daughters.

2 Corinthians 6: 17-18 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

"So, come out from among [unbelievers], and separate (sever) yourselves from them, says the Lord, and touch not [any] unclean thing; then I will receive you kindly and treat you with favor,

And I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

C) Dead to sin and alive unto God.

Romans 6: 9-11 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

*"Because we know that **Christ** (the Anointed One), **being once raised from the dead**, will never die again; death no longer has power over Him. For by the death He died, **He died to sin [ending His relation to it] once for all**; and the life that He lives, He is living to God [in unbroken fellowship with Him]. **Even so** consider yourselves also **dead to sin and your relation to it broken, but alive to God** [living in unbroken fellowship with Him] **in Christ Jesus.**"*

D) A Promise of an Everlasting Inheritance

Hebrews 9 14-19 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

*"How much more surely shall the **Blood of Christ**, Who ^[b]by virtue of [His] eternal Spirit [His own preexistent divine personality] has offered Himself as an **unblemished sacrifice** to God, purify our consciences from dead works and lifeless observances to serve the [ever] living God?"*

[Christ, the Messiah] is therefore the Negotiator and Mediator of an [entirely] new agreement (testament, covenant), so that those who are called and offered it may receive the fulfillment of the **promised everlasting inheritance**—since a death has taken place which rescues and delivers and redeems them from the transgressions committed under the [old] first agreement.

For where there is a [last] will and testament involved, the death of the one who made it must be established,

For a will and testament is valid and takes effect only at death, since it has no force or legal power as long as the one who made it is alive.

So even the ***[old] first covenant*** (God's will) was not inaugurated and ratified ***and put in force without the shedding of blood.***

*For when every command of the Law had been read out **by Moses** to all the people, he took the blood of slain calves and goats, together with water and scarlet wool and with a bunch of hyssop, and sprinkled both the Book (the roll of the Law and covenant) itself and all the people,*

*Saying these words: **This is the blood that seals and ratifies the agreement (the testament, the covenant) which God commanded [me to deliver to] you.**"*

So, When we confess with our mouths and believe in our hearts that the God of Israel raised Jesus (His Divine Son) from the dead we shall be Saved.- Romans 10. And in John 3 the scriptures call this being "Born-Again". Once we are Born Again (into our Messiah) the above four points become a wonderful foundation to start our growth in our Christian Life.

In the Messiah Jesus or Yeshua Hamashiach, the Jewish Deliverer, the rescuer from Sin, death and the grave. We start our New Covenant Life in Christ as an **Heir to the Blessings of Abraham**, regardless of our natural blood line. We can now finally call God, Adoni our Lord **AND** Father and we our **His true sons and daughters** who are **dead to sin and alive unto God** through Jesus Christ our Lord Yeshua Hamashiach! After a life of obedience and proper repentance we can know that our good deeds of our life **Will Be Rewarded** with an **Everlasting Inheritance, Glory to God.**

- 2) The **Second Step** in the proper Christian life is **Walking**. It takes Humility to be Continually Seated at the Masters feet and actually integrating into your human spirit the benefits of the Cross. Actually, becoming one with the truths and benefits of the cross, but this is the proper order and only order that God has provided.

If you willingly “Reverse the Divine Order” and become Saved and immediately start Walking, it’s like a train without tracks to follow. You are just a disaster waiting to happen, a derailed train on fire and finally exploding into a pile of smelly, unusable burning train parts.

- 3) **Walking Like Christ** is only possible as the Lord Jesus Stands before you and reaches His hand down to you and says:

“My beloved child, after many days and many trials you have learned to Love, AS I LOVE, you have learned and integrated into your spirit the many benefits of the Cross, you have become one with my truths. You are staying seated, while walking on the Love Foundation, and walking in MY Faith that I have given unto you. Faith in ALL that I, your Lord and Master have accomplished on the Cross. You have learned much while Seated and there is much more to learn. You have learned enough to start Walking. I the Lord Christ say unto you:

----- Arise to Battle!”

- 4) **Walking just like Jesus.** After all the hard work Jesus put into his 33 plus years on the Earth we ought to consider it a personal debt (arising out of GRATITUDE for all the Messiah has and is doing) to **walk** just like HIM in all Purity, Obedience and Love. **Faith in the completed work of the cross** activates the power of Jesus Blood that was shed on the cross.

1 John 2: 4-6 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

“Whoever says, I know Him [I perceive, recognize, understand, and am acquainted with Him] but fails to keep and obey His commandments (teachings) is a liar, and the Truth [of the Gospel] is not in him.

*But he who keeps (treasures) His Word [who bears in mind His precepts, **who observes His message in its Entirety**], truly in him **has the love of and for God***

been perfected (completed, reached maturity). By this we may perceive (know, recognize, and be sure) that we are in Him:

Whoever says he abides in Him ought [as a personal debt] to **WALK and **CONDUCT** himself **In The Same Way** in which **HE** walked and conducted Himself."**

5) Walking in Love- walking like Jesus. When faith is activated and unbelief is repented for FAITH COMES ALIVE.

2 John 1:6 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

*"And what this love consists in is this: that we live and **walk** in accordance with and guided by His commandments (His orders, ordinances, precepts, teaching). This is the commandment, as you have heard from the beginning, that you continue to **WALK IN LOVE** [guided by it and following it]."*

Ephesians 5:2 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

"And walk in LOVE, [esteeming and delighting in one another] as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a slain offering and sacrifice to God [for you, so that it became] a sweet fragrance."

As a young man I enjoyed going to early prayer. I had to get up at 6am, shower, have a quick breakfast and often coffee to go. I would arrive in our large church building that seated over 3000 people. The lighting was turned down and a small group of 10 to 25 people would be in prayer. Most of the people that were in attendance were over 60 years old with some over 80. As a young man in my 20's I did not fit in to well. I went for many years and felt refreshed as I left each Saturday morning. On two separate occasions one of the pastors dads came up to me and said: :

"Son, you see these lips, not one drop of alcohol has every touched these lips, nether have I ever smoked one cigarette."

Then he would leave and continue walking and praying under his breath. I went to that church for around 12 years and in all that time this is the only sentence he ever spoke to me. Not one word of encouragement, not one moment where he asked how I am doing. He could have said:

“Dirk, I am so proud of a young man like yourself seeking the Lord Saturday after Saturday, well done Dirk and always remember, God loves you son and so do I with that special manly Jesus Love, how would you like it if I take you out for breakfast when were done praying?”

That would have been great. I needed encouragement from the senior believers that I respected then and now. Well, that old man never said one kind word to me in 12 years of church attendance and hundreds of prayer meetings. He has left the earth to be with the Lord in 2008.

I had a personal awakening to God’s love starting in 2006. I had to face the fact that I really did not care about the needs of others and that I was modeling the behavior of the “Christians” around me. I desperately needed Gods love to flow from me to others. One time in my prayer room (In my home) I was worshiping and praying under my breath to the Lord happy as could be and so relaxed in my leather reclining chair. Suddenly, I had a mini vision inside my spirit. I was at my old church and I was walking up to this older man and he told me, quote:

“Son, you see these lips, not one drop of alcohol has every touched these lips, nether have I ever smoked one cigarette.”

I thought: “this is strange”. Then the Lord asked me a question:

“What else did He not do?”

I thought about it for a while, and then I knew; I said:

“Father, he never loved me” then the Lord said:

“Don’t be like him”.

I sat there in shock and started to cry a bit; warm tears slowly poured down my face as I was held in a serious state of self-awareness. I said:

*“Lord, forgive me for being a hate filled bastard and let me walk in Love like one of your legitimate sons; like Jesus! Forgive me, have mercy on me! I am begging you, **give me a heart transplant!** I will give you this old, angry, selfish heart if you will give me your heart that genuinely Loves the Whole World”.*

God liked that prayer! I believe He did give me that transplant that I so desperately needed. I am now walking on God's Love Foundation using Jesus as my example. It is a lifetime journey growing into Gods Love but that makes life worth living. **You too can have an awakening;** it will make you the best friend anyone could ask for. It will transform your marriage to one of daily gratitude for your spouse. It will give you the grace to love your co-workers and this will lead to promotions and raises. It will finally compel you to GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL. Preaching and laying hands on the sick will be so easy and rewarding when you genuinely Love the people Infront of you.

Most of all when you stand before God He will say:

“Well done my child, you have learned to Love like ME, receive your rewards and your new honored position in my Kingdom.”

6) WALKING IN FAITH- because Faith Works by Love.

Romans 14: 23 Authorized (King James) Version

*And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for **whatsoever is not of faith is sin.***

Hebrews 11: 5-8 Authorized (King James) Version

*“By faith **Enoch** was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. ⁶ But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. ⁷ By faith **Noah**, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith. ⁸ By faith **Abraham**, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.”*

Galatians 5: 4-6 Authorized (King James) Version

*“Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace. ⁵ For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision; but **FAITH WHICH WORKETH BY LOVE.**”*

NOTE:

Beloved children of God. Christ Jesus becomes powerful and alive when we put our faith in HIM and the **Grace** the Cross has provided. If we wish to return to the B.C. (Before Christ) times then we unplug from our true power source and attempt to derive power from keeping the 613 commands of the Torah, known as **“THE LAW”** (the first five books of the Old Testament). This has proven to be

a complete failure time and time again. Rather let's plug into the eternal power source of the (SUN) SON of the Living God and simply **SIT DOWN** in ALL that the Cross has provided. **One must sit down in FAITH and while seated in this faith one must Believe he or she is truly dead to sin and ALIVE unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Romans 6: 6- 14 Authorized (King James) Version

*"Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. ⁷ For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: ⁹ knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. **Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.***

*Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, **as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the LAW, but under GRACE.***"

To truly walk in Faith, you must first truly walk in Love. This is the Divine Order that must be adhered to. First LOVE then Faith naturally follows. Therein lies the mountainous problem the deceptive off ramp that most follow. Many take the "Learn about Faith highway Off ramp" and continue to learn and learn and learn yet they are ever learning and NEVER coming to the TRUTH. Jesus is the Truth, God the Father and Jesus are one and God our Father is LOVE. So, to come to the knowledge of the truth. God requires you, demands of you, to **Pursue LOVE FIRST and Make it your great aim in life your ultimate quest.**

1 John 4:5-8 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

“They proceed from the world and are of the world; therefore it is out of the world [its whole economy morally considered] that they speak, and the world listens (pays attention) to them.

We are [children] of God. Whoever is learning to know God [progressively to perceive, recognize, and understand God by observation and experience, and to get an ever-clearer knowledge of Him] listens to us; and he who is not of God”

*does not listen or pay attention to us. **By this we know (recognize) the Spirit of Truth and the spirit of error.***

*⁷ **Beloved, let us love one another, for love is (springs) from God; and he who loves [his fellowmen] is begotten (born) of God and is coming [progressively] to know and understand God** [to perceive and recognize and get a better and clearer knowledge of Him] ⁸ He who does not love has not become acquainted with God [does not and never did know Him], **for God is love.**”*

2 Timothy 3:7 Authorized (King James) Version

“Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

I felt this way most of my Christian Life: “Ever learning and never coming to the knowledge of the truth” Jesus is Truth, Truth is God and God is Love. **The knowledge of the truth is Love.**

Let’s Pray- Pray this out loud if you want to start walking down the path of Love, Gods Love.

*“Father, thank you for sending Jesus to be my example on how to **Love**. Lord God of Israel I have fallen short, I have missed the mark. I am ever learning but never coming to the knowledge of the truth. Forgive me Father God, and please, please give me a heart transplant, take my old nasty, angry, selfish heart,... I give it to you*

now! Father God, give me your heart of **Love**, patience, kindness and obedience to your word. Forgive me for not **Loving** one another as you commanded, for this Lord I am truly sorry, have mercy on me Father God by the precious blood of Jesus.--- Amen so be it,.... Father God you said “everyone who asks receives: I believe I have received your heart , thank you Father God,.... I **Love** you.”

1 Corinthians 14:1 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

“Eagerly pursue and seek to acquire [this] LOVE [make it your aim, your Great Quest]; and earnestly desire and cultivate the spiritual endowments (gifts), especially that you may prophesy (interpret the divine will and purpose in inspired preaching and teaching).”

7) Walk Worthy of Your Calling

Ephesians 4: 1-3 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

“I therefore, the prisoner for the Lord, appeal to and beg you **to WALK (lead a life) worthy of the [divine] calling to which you have been called [with BEHAVIOR that is a credit to the summons to God’s service,**

² Living as becomes you] with complete lowliness of mind (humility) and meekness (unselfishness, gentleness, mildness), with patience, bearing with one another and **making allowances because you Love One Another.**

³ Be eager and strive earnestly to guard and keep the harmony and oneness of [and produced by] the Spirit in the binding power of peace.”

It is so much easier to **WALK** a life worthy of the divine calling when we are first **SEATED in CHRIST**. Ask God To help you to sit down and then to STAY seated. This alone is the proper divine order. **Beloved**, in the old covenant God has provided 613 rules and laws to follow. But now in Christ our BEHAVIOR_is to match the behavior of Jesus Himself. **We have been provided two commands by Jesus from**

the old covenant that he repeats in the New and in all of the New Covenant just one NEW Command that fulfills all the books of the Law and all the books written by the prophets in the Old Testament. What is Jesus talking about? Another riddle too hard to comprehend another parable that only God the Father fully understands. Can you guess? Don't scroll down until you think it over for 5 minutes.

Matthew 22:35-41 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

"And one of their number, a lawyer, asked Him a question to test Him. Teacher, which kind of commandment is great and important (the principal kind) in the Law? [Some commandments are light—which are heavy?]

And He replied to him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind (intellect).

*This is the great (most important, principal) and **FIRST** commandment.*

And a **SECOND** is like it: You shall love your neighbor as [you do] yourself.

These two commandments sum up and upon them depend All the Law and the Prophets."

Let's meditate on all the books in the Old Testament that God wrote to humanity and the wisdom and wonderful stories of God and Mankind interacting and Jesus the Messiah's bold summaries all 39 books below into a few sentences above! This massive summary should be the foundation for our lives. This is **THE ROCK FOUNDATION** that Jesus was speaking about in Matthew Chapter 7.

Matthew 7: 20-25 Amplified Bible Classic Edition

*"Therefore, you will fully know them by their fruits. **Not everyone** who says to Me, Lord, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he **who Does The Will of My Father** Who is in heaven. **Many will say** to Me **On That Day**, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name and driven out demons in Your name and done many*

*mighty works in Your name? And then I will say to them openly (publicly), I never knew you; **depart from Me**, you who **act wickedly** [disregarding My commands].*

*So, everyone who **hears these words of Mine and acts upon them** [obeying them] will be like a sensible (prudent, practical, wise) man who built his house upon **THE ROCK**. And the rain fell and the floods came and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had been founded on **THE ROCK**."*

The Old Testament (The Law or Torah)- is SUMMARIZED INTO Loving God with your ALL and Loving your Neighbor as yourself, by Jesus the Messiah of Israel. Love in two ways God and your fellow humans all around the earth.

First Five books of the Old Covenant known as the "Torah" or "The Law" of Moses" -All Written in Hebrew with a few books written in Hebrew and Aramaic.

- [Genesis](#)
- [Exodus](#)
- [Leviticus](#)
- [Numbers](#)
- [Deuteronomy](#)

Historical books of the Prophets

- [Joshua](#)
- [Judges](#)
- [Ruth](#)
- [1 Samuel](#)
- [2 Samuel](#)
- [1 Kings](#)
- [2 Kings](#)
- [1 Chronicles](#)
- [2 Chronicles](#)
- [Ezra](#)
- [Nehemiah](#)
- [Esther](#)

Wisdom Books

- [Job](#)
- [Psalms](#)
- [Proverbs](#)
- [Ecclesiastes](#)
- [Song of Solomon](#)

Major Prophets

- [Isaiah](#)
- [Jeremiah](#)
- [Lamentations](#)
- [Ezekiel](#)
- [Daniel](#)

Minor Prophets

- [Hosea](#)
- [Joel](#)
- [Amos](#)
- [Obadiah](#)
- [Jonah](#)
- [Micah](#)
- [Nahum](#)
- [Habakkuk](#)
- [Zephaniah](#)
- [Haggai](#)
- [Zechariah](#)
- [Malachi](#)

- Note: God just summarized all the books of the Old Covenant in Matthew 22:37-40 above. Loving God with your ALL and Loving your neighbor as yourself. Love two ways. **That should hold a lot of weight in your life and should be deeply respected.** Consider what Jesus was Boldly saying. HE just summarized all the Old Covenant books above in a few sentences and in essence is saying to you:

- “My cherished sons and daughters. I gave my beloved Prophet Moses My Torah as a grade school teacher to teach you my ways when you were small children in my sight. Today, I give you a New Covenant a far better Covenant based on much better promises. Promises so wonderful that you can walk like me, talk like me and most of all Love like ME. You too can reach out to a World that I Love and Gave Myself for. A World that I have given you dominion over, my beloved. A World that you can Love and Heal and Deliver as My Spirit dwells in you; nothing shall be impossible for you! As the waters cover the Earth so shall it be Saved, Healed and Delivered from darkness and transferred into my Glorious Light. So, Love me with your ALL, Love your neighbor as yourself and finally, I say unto YOU, I the Lord Christ your Master and Redemer say unto YOU.

Arise to Battle! “

I guess we could call this “NEW Commandment” “The **THIRD** Great Command”

John 13: 34-35 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

***“I give you A New Commandment: that you should LOVE ONE ANOTHER. Just as I have loved you, so you too should love one another.*”**

*By this shall all [men] know that you are My disciples, if you love one another ***[if you keep on showing love among yourselves].***”*

The Big Three

- 1) You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind (intellect).***
- 2) You shall love your neighbor as [you do] yourself.***
- 3) LOVE ONE ANOTHER. Just as I have loved you, so you too should love one another.***

Our most excellent example as Christians is Jesus Christ or in Hebrew:

“Yeshua HaMashiach” in English this means **“Jesus the Messiah”**. The spectacular example Jesus set while walking the earth is our example as His disciples. His sacrificial Love and Mercy His miracles, His humility, His Obedience, His Love for the Children, His love for the sinners, the feet washer, the servant, the Son of Perfect Obedience to the Father God. He is the overall Rock Star of Rock Stars the greatest of all time, of all things. The One who was and is and is to come. The Name Above ALL Names. The King above All kings. The One who desires our friendship. The King who is always Victorious who is always listening intently to you who has always Loved You. He says to you:

--**“Arise to Battle”**

To truly “Walk Worthy of Your Calling” you are required to Love like Jesus Loves, to speak like He speaks and to act as He would act. One of the most beautiful actions in Jesus’ **WALK** on the earth was His spectacular **Walk** he performed dragging the Cross to the small hill called: “Golgotha”. Extreme Sacrificial action motivated by his **LOVE** for the Whole World. **This Jewish Messiah Loves Israel** and all the Jews in the world. This Jewish Messiah Loves all the Gentle Nations and people of all the rest of the world. Jesus’ parting action his Final **“WALK”** while **“STANDING”** on the cross was making sure the Blessed mother Mary was loved and taken care of.

Yes, while bleeding, out all His divine blood Messiah’s blood for the sins of the Whole World on the soil of Israel right outside the modern day “Damascus gate”. North of this gate there is to this day the exact location where Jesus was Crucified. The **“Lamb of God”** who came to take away the sins of the whole world left this World to be with His Father in Heaven Loving His Mother with Actions.

John 19: 25-27 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

*“But by the cross of Jesus stood **His mother**, His mother’s sister, Mary the [wife] of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.*

*So Jesus, seeing His mother there, and the disciple whom He loved standing near (John), said to His mother ***Dear*** woman, ***See, [here is] your son!****

*Then He said to the disciple, ***See, [here is] your mother!*** And from that hour, the disciple took her into his own [keeping, own home].”*

Jesus, near death, seconds to live, all the blood drained from his body. HE chose John at that last moment to take care of his mother and for Mary to forever live with John in Johns private residence.

I am without words ... Lord may all who truly become your disciples follow in your **Beautiful Actions of Love for Others, even when We are the ones hurting the most.**

Finally, lets GO FOR THE GOLD. What Olympic Athlete wants a Silver medal or a Bronze medal or God forbid no medal at all. Every athlete who trains for Seven Years every day is going for the **Gold** medal. To attain a **Gold** medal and be the best in the world means one thing. You did everything required to be the best. You did 101% that was required to win the Gold Medal in your field. The Silver Medalist did 97% the Bronze 94 % all the rest were well under 90% and all their hard work and training amounted to nothing.

So, do you want to be the Christian who receives little to no rewards upon entering Gods Kingdom? Or do you want to have a parade in your honor and all of Heaven shows up to witness the Golden rewards God the Father bestows upon you?

To get the **Gold** you have to **DO the “Golden Rule”** and you have to do it very well as unto the Lord and NOT unto Mankind. God’s grace has nothing to do with your rewards it is all based on what you DID and DIDN’T DO. Do not be deceived God is not mocked whatever a man sows, so shall he reap.

Matthew 7: 12-14 Authorized (King James) Version

“Therefore All Things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.”

*Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and **many** there be which go in thereat: because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.”*

Note:

This requires A LOT of repentance and changes in our behavior. It means more work. It means more grace for others. It means THINKING BEFORE YOU SPEAK. how would you like to be treated as you talk to the drive-thru employee at:

Chick-Fil-A® my personal favorite restaurant. As you drive up to the drive-thru your mouth starts watering thinking about all the consistently delectable yummy delights that will soon be yours. Yes, it is your turn at the drive thru speaker, amazingly a real person walks up to you with a smile and politely and professionally says: “Hello sir how our you on this fine day?” I reply: “Now that I am at the best chicken place in the world, I don’t have a care in the world.” **The Chick-Fil-A**® staff are so consistently polite and professional and fun and nice and loving and did I mention quick and efficient and finally ridiculously consistent with all of the above. They actually have the best customer service of any restaurant or business in general that I know of. Time and time and time again perfection. The founders of this fine business model are Christians and boy oh boy do **they DO the Golden Rule!!** The Company’s “Official statement of corporate purpose” says:

“The business exists to glorify God by being faithful stewards of all that is entrusted to us”.

With over 2,987 locations in the USA and over \$11.3 billion (USD) in sales (2019). I would say they have lots and **lots of Gold because they DO the Golden Rule.** In addition, **Chick-Fil-A**® grosses an average of \$4.8 million dollars in sales (per restaurant in 2016) despite being open only 6 days a week. This is the highest average sales PER RESTAURANT of ANY fast-food restaurant in the USA. International expansion is underway with plans to be in Europe and Asia by 2026

progressively yet politely dominating the chicken market. **Note: Chick-Fil-A®** is not sponsoring or paying advertising funding to: **Kingdom Living Global Outreach Ministries- a 501 C3 Non-Profit Corporation.**

This restaurant is a good example of how to personally manage your own life and WALK LIKE CHRIST. I am starting to think that Jesus is the true CEO of:

Chick-Fil-A®.

What is your Purpose Statement for your life? Do you exist to glorify God by being a faithful steward of all that is entrusted to you? Do you exist to **do the Golden Rule** towards God, towards others each and every day.

Golden Rule Examples – Golden Rule Answer = (G.R.A.)

1) If your lost without Christ as Savior, how do you want to be treated.

Golden Rule Answer G.R.A.: I want someone to lovingly tell me the good news and lead me in a salvation prayer so I can be God's son or daughter.

2) If you are God and you have given the whole world a book called the bible and you have clarified in 2 Timothy chapter three verses 15-17 that God really is the Divine author of the bible, how would you want people to respond; if you were God. How can we do the Golden Rule TOWARDS God Himself?

*"And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. **All scripture is given by inspiration of God,** and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works."*

G.R.A.

We should be careful to **DO all of God's Word** to think, act speak and feel like Jesus to accomplish our individual mission on the earth with love and holiness and obedience to DO all the Lord our God commands especially His command to "Love One Another as I have Loved you". This is how we can do the Golden Rule towards God Himself.

3) If you are married and your spouse comes home, how do you want to be treated. **G.R.A.** I would like a phone call prior to arrival asking “do I need anything from the market” I would like to be spoken to in a calm loving voice and told how much I am loved. Immediately upon arrival I would like my spouse to stop everything and make a big deal about my arrival. In short, I would like to be loved in words, actions and consistency of actions and words.

4) How would I like to be treated by my boss at work. **G.R.A.** I would like to be appreciated, respected and helped to do a better and better job on a daily basis. I would like my boss to speak to me in a calm loving voice. I would like corrections to be mixed with praise for all the good things I do. I would like a gift card when I do something awesome at work just to say, “thank you well done”. I would like a Christmas Bonus that reflects all the hard work I have done over the past year. I would like to be promoted based on my successful consistent actions. I would like gentle straight talk when I am out of line. I would like to be loved and appreciated.

5) How can I DO the Golden Rule towards my boss and fellow employees?

G.R.A. I can show up early and even work when I don’t feel so good. I can stop lying about why I was late to work, why I need days off, why the project is late why I am not in uniform, why I smell, why my clothing is dirty. I can treat my job as if I am working for God. I can stop stealing cash from the business. I can stop leaving work, going out to eat and then returning two hours later to punch the time clock adding two more hours to my time card. I can work with excellence doing my very best with each project or phone call. I can act like a **Chick-Fil-A**® employee and be consistently awesome from 9am to 5pm. I can come in to work early I can stay late when an important project just has to be done. I can serve the Lord with my work and not man. I can work with JOY and a great “**Yes I Can**” attitude that is truly in my heart, not just on my tongue. **There should Not** be a difference in your work ethic and attitude when the boss is on vacation or when he or she is looking over your shoulder. **The truth is God your Father is your**

Ultimate Boss you are working for Him first and your natural boss second. In short, you need to do your very best job every day, and maintain a great attitude each day as if Jesus Himself is watching your every move. If you keep this up, you might just be able to buy this business from your boss in the near future. Or, open up your own franchise someday. This is how you impress God at work and you truly make God your Gold in this life and the eternal life to come.

Colossians 3:17 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition.

*“And **whatever you do** [no matter what **it is**] in word or deed, **do** everything in the name of the Lord Jesus and in [dependence upon] His Person, giving praise to God the Father through Him.”*

Colossians 3:22-24 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

*“Servants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, **not only when their eyes are on you as pleasers of men**, but in simplicity of purpose [with all your heart] because of your reverence for the Lord and as a sincere expression of your devotion to Him.*

*Whatever may be your task, work at it heartily (from the soul), **as [something done] for the Lord and not for men,***

*Knowing [with all certainty] that it is from the Lord [and not from men] that you **will receive the inheritance** which is your [real] reward. **[The One Whom] you are actually serving [is] the Lord Christ (the Messiah).**”*

6) How should I treat others when I am driving a car. How do I want to be treated?

G.R.A. I want to be treated with Grace. When I mess up (while driving). I want grace and instant forgiveness. I don't want the middle finger and a gun pointed at me (for stopping too quickly) at a four way stop sign. I have been driving for over 30 years and have done most every stupid thing possible while driving. Who am I to go crazy when someone does something I just did, last week? Rather when some driver cuts you off in traffic and speeds by you with anger **make the choice instantly to do the Golden Rule towards them** and just say "Lord Protect them help them to slow down". Choose Love, Patience, Grace and Kindness for whatever you will sow in this world you will reap.

7) How do I want to be spoken to?

G.R.A. Let me share a story to illustrate this point. I was on a flight from Denver, Colorado to Colorado Springs, Colorado (both in the USA). A short 45-minute flight. I meet a man named Mike and he enquired about my future plans. I shared that I was going for Christmas with Family in Colorado, Springs and then I was off to Kenya, Africa for a mission trip. Mike shared about a building project in Saint Thomas US Virgin Islands (a United States Protectorate Island located south of Florida in the Caribbean Sea). Mike was the General Contractor for this project and was building a large church named Kingdom Life International Christian Center. Mike had asked for help with an "Armstrong" suspended ceiling and with the sound system. After a season of prayer, (while in Kenya) I had decided to say Yes to Mike and go help build the Church on the Island of St. Thomas. After about 10 days of hard work the ceiling was installed and it was time for a break.

It was New Years Eve and I had it in my heart to take out "the team" for dinner. My friend Corey and his wife Ann had come to help with the building project so we all piled in Mike's red Pontic Vibe and went off to a pizza place. Corey had no current employment and funding was tight for Corey and Ann. Upon arrival to the pizza place we found out it was closed. Mike said "we could go to the **Sunset Grille at Secret Harbor?**" Ann immediately sounded out "how expensive is it?" Mike said: "it is expensive, but well worth it".

I clearly sensed Ann sorrow over the expensive meal. At this point I said within myself “I will pay for everyone”. Upon arrival to this beautiful seaside restaurant the LORD spoke to me and said: **“Dinners is on me”**. I had to just grin from ear to ear. We were seated right next to the Ocean it was dark out and a nice moon was shining on the water. As I sat there with my little secret burning in my heart. I felt like the Lord was nudging me to tell the team in advance about the free meal.

After about 15 minutes I built up the courage and said: “Guys upon arrival I believe the Lord said dinner is on Him tonight, just some appreciation for all of your hard labor on the church building project”. All eyes were on me (Dirk) and they all started smiling and saying a few comments. It was a bit tough to believe that somehow dinner at this fine dining seaside restaurant was going to be “magically free” on New Years Eve.

The **Sunset Grille at Secret Harbor** was 110% full we did not have a reservation yet this wonderful woman leads us to our table and took our drink orders. We could throw a rock and hit the ocean from our table (located on an outdoor deck) overlooking the beautiful Caribbean Sea. The waves were making a mesmerizing sound as they crashed on the beach in front of us. It had been close to 45 minutes sense we ordered our entrees (fish and lobster dinners). It seemed everyone around us was eating but I grew concerned they had lost our meal order in all the busyness of this New Years Eve.

I went up to the bar and waited patiently to speak to our “Hostess/Bartender” (the same woman who had seated us). I said with as much grace and love as I could muster:

“Excuse me, I know your extra busy, I have work in many restaurants myself, I have some concerns that possibly our order was lost, would you be so kind as to check on the current status of our meal, it has been about 45 minutes?”

She smiled at me with a curiously surprised expression and gently said: “I’ll check”. I waited at the bar for a few moments, she returned and said: “Your order is coming out soon we are just extra busy and a little short staffed. (She said to me-Dirk) *“Thank you for being so kind and understanding”*. I said: *“No worries we are just grateful you provided us a table this evening”*

The meal came out and it was spectacular! We were all laughing and enjoying a great evening. We had all but forgotten about the “Dinner is on me” prophecy (I had shared upon arrival. We all ordered desert and laughed and were so grateful.

The Hostess/bartender woman came to the table and enquired about our meal. I said: “This was my favorite atmosphere and dinner of my life. The rest of the team chimed in and were all so thankful. She said:

“I’m glad you enjoyed yourselves, dinner is on me, I am the owner.” Time stopped and all eyes were instantly on me. She continued:

Dirk when you came to the bar and spoke so gently to me it really touched my heart. I have had many, many, angry demanding customers that treated me like I am some kind of table slave or something but you had such a Grace in your approach that I just had to reward you for that. Just leave your server a nice tip”

I remember Ann started to cry and put her head down on the table. The bill was \$367.00 for the four of us Dirk, Mike Corey, and his wife Ann. Thank you Jesus His sheep DO hear His Voice. It was a glorious ride home and I felt really Loved by God that evening and I had attained a new respect from my peers. **I did the Golden Rule towards this restaurant owner** and God rewarded me and the whole team for it. How do you want to be spoken to? Let your tongue be a blessing to others **no more excuses and justifications** for an abusive tone and words. Choose to Love everyone, all the time.

8) How do I want my birthday celebrated?

My dream birthday would go something like this. I awake to a glorious breakfast in bed. While eating phone call after phone call come in (27 in all) telling me how much I am loved and how grateful they are for me. I then go to the garage and find a Pearl White Lamborghini sports car (with tan leather interior) in the garage full of gifts. I open the garage door to take a drive and all 27 people (that called on the phone while I was having breakfast) are all there in person to sing happy birthday to me. Then they all line up and give me a hug and each person present me with \$1,000.00 dollars cash and loving words of encouragement.

Finally, I drive my new sports car to the Health Spa and my wife and I have a couples massage by a great masseuse. Then it's off to the airport for two weeks in the Caribbean at a nice resort. Little did I know that all 27 people that showed up at my home (to sing happy birthday to me) all showed up at the airport located on the Island of Saint Thomas USVI. As I embark from the plane another round of singing happy birthday and shouting "We love you Dirk" occurs as I step out of the plane feeling like a rock star. Ok, this is a bit over the top but the point is: Love people on their birthdays and every day but love them the way they want to be loved especially on their birthday.

9) How do I want to be treated if I am working as a pilot or flight crew?

G.R.A. With respect. When you fly the flight crews' number one responsibility is your safety first and being on time a far 2nd. Let's consider being a Boeing 777 Captain. You have the cool uniform the big gold set of four strips on your shoulder and up to 388 passengers lives in your hands. That's a lot of responsibility for a pilot. It must feel really good to finally apply the parking brake at your final terminal each day. The last thing you want to do to your flight crew is add more stress to their current load. So, how would you like to be treated if you were the flight crew? Would you like customers to send in negative e-mails regarding your outlandish behavior like "I asked for three ice cubes only and I was given four"- sad but true this happened to a South West Flight Attendant. This same attendant was voted "Kindest employee of the year twice".

Bringing a gift basket for the flight crew is very appreciated

Mints, hand lotion, lip balm, hand sanitizer, coffee gift card \$10.00 with "a thank you for all you do" (note on the inside plus smiley face :). I have seen flight staff start to cry when they read the card.

What does this mean? They have been used and abused by so many people that when a little kindness shows up, it deeply touches their heart. Simply say: "thank you for all you do" or "thank you for a safe flight captain, it is very appreciated".

Your seated expecting a soon departure and now you hear "This is your Captain speaking due to some unexpected maintenance issues we will have to delay our takeoff I will keep you posted as I am made abreast of the facts." Oh, the moaning

and complaining the anger and rage that comes out of the passengers. An hour passes and finally the captain speaks: “Passengers this is your Captain speaking unfortunately we have suffered a hydraulic fluid leak rendering our plane useless and it is not possible to fly her in this condition. The parts required for repairs are 10 hours away. We have attempted to bring in a new plane but the closest available plane has just taken off from London Heathrow Airport and will arrive tomorrow morning at 6 am, we have provided free accommodations and meals for all of you and we will be flying out tomorrow at 10am in a different plane I am truly sorry for the inconvenience.”

It is now your choice how to handle this situation. 1) act like a child and have a tantrum 2) Do the **Golden Rule** and when you pass the captain as you disembark the plane you say: **“Captain thank you for making safety number one you can be my Captain any day, see you tomorrow, and thanks again”.**

That pilot will remember and cherish your words for a long time, make a decision to Love and be Kind make a decision to: **“Walk Like Christ”**. News flash, flight crews are actually people with feelings not heartless robots there to offer you coffee. Remember you are not **“Captain You Planet”** where it’s always all about you. Choose Love and make a decision to follow the Holy Sprits guidance while on the flight.

9) How would I want to be treated if I’m a pastor or a traveling minister?

G.R.A. In a word, appreciated. Being a gospel minister can be very stressful and difficult at times. Make a decision to make your ministers life better, not worse. Gift certificates to their favorite restaurant, appreciation letters, kind words. Do not fill your minister’s life with complains and accusations about fellow church members. As Mathew 18 clearly states:

Matthew 18: 15-17 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

*“If your brother wrongs you, go and show him his fault, **between you and him privately**. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother.*

But if he does not listen, take along with you one or two others, so that every word may be confirmed and upheld by the testimony of two or three witnesses.

If he pays no attention to them [refusing to listen and obey], tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a pagan and a tax collector.”

We are called to **Love One Another Not Gossip** about one another. Take your complaint to the Lord Privately. Initially, don't even tell your spouse pray about it allow Grace to Grow in your heart and if need be, privately “between you and him/her” share your offense. Don't run to your pastor like a little child with these issues “telling” on the offender. **Grow up and DO the Word of God** and you will be blessed for “Covering” the offense and keeping it private. just between the two of you. Recognize you can “self-curse” yourself with your “Justified” Gossip opening a spiritual doorway into your life and the life of your family with demonic intruders. Treat others how you would like to be treated. Do you want to be the topic of gossip within your church. Or would you like to be well spoken of?

Traveling Ministers need encouragement and they need cash. I nice cash gift three or four digits goes along way. A bottle of water is nice, cold water is better, **Cold Fiji Water- best**, now you're showing some respect for Gods Anointed Minister. Spend money on them nice restaurants, proper accommodations, honor them and God will honor you.

When I Landed at the Kisumu Kenya International Airport (the third largest city in Kenya) I noticed a big crowd (about 75 people) had gathered outside the gate. They had flowers and were all waiving. I thought to myself: “I wonder who that crowd is for I though some dignitary was being greeted with honor”. I walked off the plane and to my surprise the crowd was cheering for me, I started crying a bit as the Kenyan air blew across my tear-stained face. I have suffered a substantial amount of disrespect from the body of Christ in the United States. I have noticed as I forgive them, and speak well of them, God shuts down the gossipers in my life.

Warmly invite the traveling pastors and ministers to your home for meals.

1 Thessalonians 5:11-13 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

“Therefore encourage (admonish, exhort) one another and edify (strengthen and build up) one another, just as you are doing.

Now also we beseech you, brethren, **get to know** those who labor among you [recognize them for what they are, **acknowledge and appreciate and respect them** all]—your leaders who are over you in the Lord and those who warn and kindly reprove and exhort you.

And hold them in very high and most affectionate esteem in [intelligent and sympathetic] appreciation of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.”

10) How would you like to be treated if you are wounded and injured lying alongside a roadway in a foreign land?

G.R.A. I would want immediate help with a good attitude. Back in ancient Israel a certain Lawyer arose to test Jesus. He asked him a big question;

“What am I to do to inherit everlasting life?

Luke 10: 25-37 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

*“And then a certain lawyer arose to try (test, tempt) Him, saying, Teacher, **what am I to do to inherit everlasting life** [that is, to partake of eternal salvation in the Messiah’s kingdom]?”*

*Jesus said to him, **What is written in the Law? How do you read it?***

And he replied, You must love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.

*And Jesus said to him, **You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live** [enjoy active, blessed, endless life in the kingdom of God].*

And he, determined to acquit himself of reproach, said to Jesus,

And who is my neighbor?

*Jesus, taking him up, replied, **A certain man was going from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him of his clothes and belongings and beat him and went their way, **[unconcernedly]** leaving him half dead, as it happened.***

Now by coincidence a certain priest was going down along that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

A Levite likewise came down to the place and saw him, and passed by on the other side [of the road]. But a certain Samaritan, as he traveled along, came down to where he was; and when he saw him,

he was moved with pity and sympathy [for him],

And went to him and dressed his wounds, pouring on [them] oil and wine. Then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn and took care of him.

And the next day he took out two denarii [two day's wages] and gave [them] to the innkeeper, saying, Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I [myself] will repay you when I return.

Which of these three do you think proved himself a neighbor to him who fell among the robbers?

*He answered, the one **who showed pity and mercy to him.** **And Jesus said to him, Go and do likewise.***

Wow! that Attorney did not expect that answer. He asked Jesus two questions:

- a) "What am I to do to inherit everlasting life"?
- b) "And who is my neighbor"?

Jesus answered the above two questions with eight responses

- a) You MUST Love the Lord your God with ALL your heart mind, soul and strength.
- b) And your neighbor as yourself
- c) Be moved with pity and sincere sympathy for the needs of others and take appropriate action
- d) Take care of the wounded people of this world.
- e) Pour in oil and wine.
- f) Give people money as the Lord directs
- g) Select other people to help them as well as yourself
- h) Give them enough money to handle their immediate needs

Jesus said to this Attorney “**Go and do likewise.**”

Jesus further elaborates on this attorney’s two questions

- 1) “What am I to do to inherit everlasting life”?
- 2) “And who is my neighbor”?

In Matthew 25.

Matthew 25: 33-45 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

And He will cause the sheep to stand at His right hand, but the goats at His left.

*“Then the King will say to those at **His right hand, Come, you blessed of My Father** [you favored of God and appointed to eternal salvation], inherit (receive as your own) the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.*

For I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink, I was a stranger and you brought Me together with yourselves and welcomed and entertained and lodged Me,
I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me with help and ministering care, I was in prison and you came to see Me.

Then the just and upright will answer Him, Lord, when did we see You hungry and gave You food, or thirsty and gave You something to drink?

And when did we see You a stranger and welcomed and entertained You, or naked and clothed You?

And when did we see You sick or in prison and came to visit You?

And the King will reply to them, Truly I tell you, in so far as you did it for one of the least [in the estimation of men] of these My brethren, you did it for Me.

Then He will say to those at His left hand, Begone from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels!

For I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me nothing to drink,

I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me and entertain Me, I was naked and you did not clothe Me, I was sick and in prison and you did not visit Me with help and ministering care.

Then they also [in their turn] will answer, Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?

And He will reply to them, Solemnly I declare to you, in so far as you failed to do it for the least in the estimation of men] of these, you failed to do it for Me.

Then they will go away into eternal punishment, but those who are just and upright and in right standing with God into eternal life."

We have a choice in this world to act with Love and Care and speak like Jesus our Lord or to follow our own path and ways with relative indifference to the Lord's teachings. **The big question today in your life is:**

Do you want **the Right Hand** of the Lord full of Blessings or have you chosen the **Left Hand** of the Lord that is full of curses and eternal fire? Choice is yours. I say Choose life that you and your family may live.

11) If you're a parent, how would you like to be treated by your children?

I would want my children to know that dad and mom were just a couple of kids that had a kid. We did not study and learn about parenthood. Our learning came from the way we were raised by our parents. As a parent I would want some understanding that I have feelings too. That when I have a bad day, I need some grace and forgiveness; just like the children do. I would like my kids to understand that I have a life separate and independent of them. Mom and I need time away to just focus on ourselves, relax and recharge.

I would want respect as a parent and spoken to in a calm voice as opposed to screaming and tantrums when they want their way. I would want gratitude for all I have done for my children. I would love it if my children would say:

“Thank you, mom and dad, for all you do what can I do around the house to make your life easier?”

As opposed to constant conversations about: do this, do that, brush your teeth, clean your room, take a shower, clean up you messes, time to wake up, go to school, don't eat in your room, go to bed on time, eat your vegetables and fruits, limit your tv time, limit your computer game time, do your homework, help with dishes, clean this clean that....

Over and over for about 20 years the same old fight between parents and children.

KIDS! Would you like to be treated like this if you were the parent? Your words mean nothing when you don't act on them. Why is there such a battle to simply go to bed and brush your teeth each night? Kids this is in your best interest to follow your parents' instructions, you're hurting only YOU when you rebel. Children obey your parents; in this it is pleasing to the Lord and your life will be SOOO much more fulfilling and prosperous.

Ephesians 6:1-3 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

“Children, obey your parents in the Lord [as His representatives], for this is just and right.

*Honor (esteem and value as precious) your father and your mother—this is the first commandment **with a promise**—*

That all may be well with you and that you may live long on the earth.”

12) If you are the child, how would you like to be treated by the parents?

As a child I would want my life to start with FULL Acceptance and LOVE for my existence, my gender, the timing of my birth, everything about me. I would not want to be looked on as a burden but as a gift from God. I would want my parents to be elated that they have the honor of stewarding me for the next 25 years.

I would NOT want the opposite of the above. Immediately angry that I have arrived. I would prefer to avoid an abortion. I was born to live not die. I want my parents fully happy if I’m a girl or boy. Not grudgingly accepting of my gender. As a child I am not concerned that my parents already have three girls and they want a boy. If I am born girl number four I want them to rejoice at my arrival, as opposed to saying:

“You were supposed to be a boy, you should be a boy, not a girl!”

Over and over and over by all the family members they say the above. Amazingly when this child is in her teen years, she acts like a boy, talks like a boy, often has male desires. **As a child I want and demand full acceptance for my gender at birth.** I want to be Loved, accepted, spoken well of cared for, properly clothed. I would like to avoid forced vaccinations from my parents and just eat lots of fruits, vegetables, quality meats and drink distilled water all my life. I would like my dad and mom to stay together for all of my life and love and laugh and celebrate me as their child. When I am

naughty and won't listen, please spank me with love and hug me when we are done.

As a teenager, I would like my parents to play with me and really listen to me. I would like them to recognize I am still just a kid and don't make fun of me and mock me because I am not as good at many tasks as they are. Please teach me to do many things well. This will dramatically boost my self-confidence and help me to fulfill my God given destiny in life.

Please counsel me and set a good example of what a real Christian is. Talk to me in a calm voice when you need to correct me and explain the consequences of my poor choices. Teach me and model for me the ways of the Lord the God of Israel. Show me and teach me how to approach life and live life as Jesus would.

When I screw up and disappoint you, please tell me you're still in Love with me but you Love me enough to punish me. Please hug me after the strong words. Please be an example of Love for me between a man and a woman. Please model:

"What does a Loving Godly Marriage look like"

so that I am prepared for my future wedding and marriage.

As I go into High school, please teach me about wealth and how to build wealth and stay out of debt in life. Show me how to start a business and become a wealthy man or woman that is giving to others. Teach me to just buy start up company's stocks that are undervalued and of high-quality and avoid selling. Teach me to put my money into high yield savings CD's and let it accumulate wealth. Please teach me to buy gold and silver and prepare for the future.

Now that I have my own family continue to encourage me in the Lord the God of Israel and to walk in ALL of His ways and to make my God number 1 in ALL areas of my life. Encourage me to fulfill my unique calling as God's son or daughter. Let me know how proud you are of me and never stop telling me you Love me. **This is how I would like to be treated by my parents.**

13) How would you like to be treated if you were a prison guard? & How would you like to be treated if you were in prison?

If I was a prison guard, I would like for the prisoners to know that **I am not their enemy**. It is not my fault they are in prison. Please don't attack me and fight with me. Take full 100% Ownership of your crime. You put yourself in prison, not me. It is in your best interest to be well behaved so the you can be set free as soon as possible. As a Prison Guard I would like the prisoners to use Jesus's **"Golden Rule Principle"** spoken of in **Luke 6: 31**. How would you like to be treated IF you were a prison guard?

*"And as you would like **and** desire that men would do to you, do exactly so to them."*

The above statement is the summary of a much more in-depth teaching that Jesus spoke to a "Great Crowd" of people in the land of Israel. Picture yourself standing in your sandals listening to Jesus the one and only true Messiah of Israel. Imagine yourself being covered by **His Golden Prophetic Anointing** as HE speaks and your heart is opened wide by the words of God Himself. I encourage you to read ALL of **Luke 6**. Below is an "edited for content message" that **Jesus the Master** Himself spoke- HE always says it best.

Luke 6: 17-19 and 27-36 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

"And Jesus came down with them and took His stand on a level spot, with a great crowd of His disciples and a vast throng of people from all over Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to listen to Him and to be cured of their diseases—

*Even those who were **disturbed and troubled with unclean spirits, and they were being healed [also].***

*And all the multitude were seeking to touch Him, for **healing power was all the while going forth from Him and curing them all [saving them from severe illnesses or calamities]...***²⁷ ***But I say to YOU who are listening now to Me: [in***

order to heed, make it a practice to] love your enemies, treat well (do good to, act nobly toward) those who detest you and pursue you with hatred,

Invoke blessings upon and pray for the happiness of those who curse you, implore God's blessing (favor) upon those who abuse you [who revile, reproach, disparage, and high-handedly misuse you].

To the one who strikes you on the jaw or cheek, offer the other jaw or cheek also; and from him who takes away your outer garment, do not withhold your undergarment as well.

Give away to everyone who begs of you [who is in want of necessities], and of him who takes away from you your goods, do not demand or require them back again.

And as you would like and desire that men would do to you, do exactly so to them.

If you [merely] love those who love you, what quality of credit and thanks is that to you? For even the [very] sinners love their lovers (those who love them).

And if you are kind and good and do favors to and benefit those who are kind and good and do favors to and benefit you, what quality of credit and thanks is that to you? For even the preeminently sinful do the same.

And if you lend money at interest to those from whom you hope to receive, what quality of credit and thanks is that to you? Even notorious sinners lend money at interest to sinners, so as to recover as much again.

But love your enemies and be kind and do good [doing favors so that someone derives benefit from them] and lend, expecting and hoping for nothing in return but considering nothing as lost and despairing of no one; and then your recompense (your reward) will be great (rich, strong, intense, and abundant), and you will be sons of the Most High, for He is kind and charitable and good to the ungrateful and the selfish and wicked.

So be merciful (sympathetic, tender, responsive, and compassionate) even as your Father is [all these]."

Wow what a teaching! This is how to treat everyone in your life not just the “prison guards” of your life. Recognize this entire time on earth is one big test in preparation for our position in Gods Eternal Kingdom. One preacher said:

“Live Life with Eternity in Clear View”

Honor yourself with a clear plan for your eternal future. Do what Jesus says with all your heart, mind, will, and strength all the days of your life and you WILL BE honored in His New Kingdom on the Earth with a position of honor and respect. So, start today: **“Walking in Love”** in prison (as a guard or prisoner) and you could end up in Gods Palace in Jerusalem in the near future.

Is this a possibility for you? It became a reality for a Jewish man named Joseph in the Bible. In the book of **Genesis chapters 37-50** it provides a wonderful true story of a man in prison that did the **“Golden Rule”** and was Highly Rewarded by God for his WISE Behavior in Prison. You too can choose wisdom and follow the Golden Rule and treat others the way you want to be treated. How do you want to be treated? With a baseball bat across your teeth or with kind words and an extra desert? Choose Love and God will work with you and give you a future with Him for all eternity.

The Story of Joseph is a story that can become (in part) your reality. Joseph’s Jewish brothers became jealous of Joseph (simply because) their father treated Joseph a little better than the other 11 brothers. Josephs father Jacob gave Joseph better clothing and spoke of him with such fondness that the other brothers became murderously enraged and finally tried to kill him by throwing him in a deep pit in the Israeli desert.

Genesis 37: 18-20 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

*“And when they saw him (Joseph) far off, even before he came near to them, **they conspired to kill him.** And they said one to another, See, here comes this dreamer and master of dreams. So come on now, let us kill him and throw his*

body into some pit; then we will say [to our father], Some wild and ferocious animal has devoured him; and we shall see what will become of his dreams!"

Joseph, makes his way out of the pit as his Jewish brothers saw that the fall did not kill him so they decided to sell him (as a slave) for 20 pieces of silver to the Egyptians. Next, Joseph meets Potiphar the captain and chief executioner of the royal guard (of Pharaoh of Egypt) named Sesostris. Joseph was doing the **"Golden Rule"** with such diligence and integrity of heart that Potiphar made Joseph the supervisor over all his house and put all that he had in his charge.

Genesis 39: 1-3 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

"And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain and chief executioner of the [royal] guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there.

"But the Lord was with Joseph, and he [though a slave] was a successful and prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.

*And his master saw that the Lord was with him and **that the Lord made all that he did to flourish and succeed in his hand.***

So, Joseph pleased [Potiphar] and found favor in his sight, and he served him. And [his master] made him supervisor over his house and he put all that he had in his charge.

*From the time that he made him supervisor in his house and over all that he had, **the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the Lord's blessing was on all that he had in the house and in the field."***

Guards there are men like Joseph that can make your life a whole lot easier in prison. Guards do not supply the prisoners with drugs and other illegal items. Be part of the prisoner's rehabilitation program not against it.

Prisoners (just like Joseph) who was a house slave (that later was tossed into prison) you can be considered: **“successful and prosperous”** in the eyes of God.

When you choose to walk in Gods ways and DO the **“Golden Rule”** towards the guards and the other inmates the eyes of the Almighty will fall upon you and just like Joseph, **“The Lord made ALL that he did to flourish and succeed...”**. This can be your future (though in prison on earth) you can be with the Lord each and every day serving Him as you love others and have Eternity in Clear View, each and every day with each and every decision.

One day Joseph’s boss Potiphar left his home to handle some business. At this time Joseph was a household slave working for Potiphar. While he was away Potiphar’s “sexy wife” started to “make the move” on Joseph. She lured him into her home and attempted to start sexual relations with Joseph. Being the man of integrity that he is and out of respect for Potiphar (who had treated him pretty good as a slave). He ran away while Potiphar’s faithless wife tore some of his clothing off of him. She then falsely accused him of attempted rape when all along she was sexually forcing herself on Joseph.

Genesis 39: 12-21 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

“And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me! But he left his garment in her hand and fled and got out [of the house]. And when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled away, She called to the men of her household and said to them, Behold, he [your master] has brought in a Hebrew to us to mock and insult us; he came in where I was to lie with me, and I screamed at the top of my voice. And when he heard me screaming and crying, he left his garment with me and fled and got out of the house. And she laid up his garment by her until his master came home. Then she told him the same story, saying, The Hebrew servant whom you brought among us came to me to mock and insult me. And when I screamed and cried, he left his garment with me and fled out [of the house]. And when [Joseph’s] master heard the words of his

*wife, saying to him, This is the way your servant treated me, his wrath was kindled. **And Joseph's master took him and put him in the prison, a place where the state prisoners were confined; so he was there in the prison. But the Lord was with Joseph, and showed him mercy and loving-kindness and gave him favor in the sight of the warden of the prison.***

Each and every day we make decisions. As a prisoner, your decisions placed you in prison. In rare cases like Joseph, you were falsely accused. Joseph made the best of it and continued to DO the **"Golden Rule"** towards his boss's wife. He ran away and chose to please the Lord first. The Lord will be equally pleased with you when you make the right decisions. Give God some time and He will use this time to change your heart and help you to become a catalyst of change in the lives of others around you.

To make a long story short, Joseph though a slave and now a prisoner just kept getting promoted and given responsibilities. People in prison would have dreams and Joseph would provide the prophetic interpretation of the dreams. The Lord the God of Israel would give Joseph the understanding of the dreams and then Joseph would simply provide the interpretation. Many days had passed (over two years) as Joseph continued to forgive and treat others how he would like to be treated. One day the Pharaoh of Egypt named "Sesostris" had a disturbing dream that none of his personal staff could interpret. One of the Pharaoh's butlers remembered Joseph while he was in prison that he was an accurate interpreter of dreams.

So, Pharaoh summoned Joseph to his royal courts to discuss the matter.

Genesis 41:11-16 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

"We dreamed a dream in the same night, he and I; we dreamed each of us according to [the significance of] the interpretation of his dream.

And there was there with us a young man, a Hebrew, servant (Joseph) to the captain of the guard and chief executioner; and we told him our dreams, and he interpreted them to us, to each man according to the significance of his dream.

And as he interpreted to us, so it came to pass; I was restored to my office [as chief butler], and the baker was hanged.

Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon. But Joseph [first] shaved himself, changed his clothes, and made himself presentable; then he came into Pharaoh's presence.

And Pharaoh said to Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it; and I have heard it said of you that you can understand a dream and interpret it."

*Joseph answered Pharaoh, It is not in me; **God [not I] will give Pharaoh a [favorable] answer of peace."***

Well, the God of Israel showed Joseph there was going to be a serious drought for seven years and that they needed to prepare for the drought by growing extra crops (That the Lord would Provide) and storing this extra food for seven years in preparation for the drought. Pharaoh was so impressed with this accurate dream interpretation that he radically promoted Joseph.

Genesis 41: 38-45 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

"And Pharaoh said to his servants, Can we find this man's equal, a man in whom is the spirit of God?

And Pharaoh said to Joseph, Forasmuch as [your] God has shown you all this, there is nobody as intelligent and discreet and understanding and wise as you are.

You shall have charge over my house, and all my people shall be governed according to your word [with reverence, submission, and obedience]. Only in matters of the throne will I be greater than you are.

Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt.

And Pharaoh took off his [signet] ring from his hand and put it on Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in [official] vestments of fine linen and put a gold chain about his neck;

He made him to ride in the second chariot which he had, and [officials] cried before him, Bow the knee! And he set him over all the land of Egypt.

And Pharaoh said to Joseph, I am Pharaoh, and without you shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.

And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphenath-paneah and he gave him Asenath daughter of Potiphera, priest of On, to be his wife. And Joseph made an [inspection] tour of all the land of Egypt."

Wow, doing unto others as you would have them do unto you really paid off for Joseph it took 13 years for Joseph to make his way from slave to prisoner to now Governor of Egypt and finally he saved the world from starvation because of the drought that God had shown him.

He was given a signet ring from Pharaoh, a fancy chariot and nice clothing, a gold chain for his neck and as he rode around in his chariot Pharaoh's officials would tell the citizens to "Bow the Knee" and they would all bow down (in the streets) in respect for Joseph and his Royal Office as Governor over all the land of Egypt. In addition, Joseph was given a beautiful wife and they had many wonderful children. All of these blessings Joseph received was because of his obedience to God's word and simply doing the "Golden Rule". He was so proficient at doing the Golden Rule that a Gold chain and a Gold ring were given to him.

God can bless you if you are as obedient and faithful as Joseph. The Almighty has provided the way through the Cross of Jesus your **work now is to Believe** in the completed work and embrace it by grace and faith that it is yours for the free taking.

In Conclusion- Walking like Christ – The Secrets to Walking like Christ

2 Peter 1: 2-7

Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

"May grace (God's favor) and peace (which is perfect well-being, all necessary good, all spiritual prosperity, and freedom from fears and agitating passions and moral conflicts) be multiplied to you **in [the full, personal, precise, and correct] knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.**

- **For His divine power has bestowed upon us ALL THINGS that [are requisite and suited] to life and godliness, through the [full, personal] knowledge of Him** Who called us by and to His own glory and excellence (virtue).

By means of these **He has bestowed on us His precious and exceedingly great promises,** so that through them you may escape [by flight] from the moral decay (rottenness and corruption) that is in the world because of covetousness (lust and greed), and become sharers (partakers) of the divine nature.

For this very reason, **adding your diligence [to the divine promises],** employ every effort in **exercising your faith to develop virtue** (excellence, resolution, Christian energy), and in [exercising] virtue **[develop] knowledge** (intelligence),

And in [exercising] knowledge **[develop] self-control**, and in [exercising] self-control **[develop] steadfastness (patience, endurance)**, and in [exercising] steadfastness **[develop] godliness (piety),**

And in [exercising] godliness **[develop] brotherly affection**, and in [exercising] brotherly affection **[develop] Christian LOVE."**

- **For as these qualities ARE YOURS and increasingly abound in you, they will keep [you]** from being idle or unfruitful unto the ^[9]full personal knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

For whoever lacks these qualities is blind, [spiritually] shortsighted, seeing only what is near to him, and has become oblivious [to the fact] that he was cleansed from his old sins.

Because of this, brethren, be all the more solicitous and eager to make sure (to ratify, to strengthen, to make steadfast) your calling and election; for if you do this, you will never stumble or fall.

*Thus there will be richly and abundantly provided for you **entry into the eternal kingdom** of our **Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**"*

1 Corinthians 1: 26-31 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

"For [simply] consider your own call, brethren; not many [of you were considered to be] wise according to human estimates and standards, not many influential and powerful, not many of high and noble birth.

[No] for God selected (deliberately chose) what in the world is foolish to put the wise to shame, and what the world calls weak to put the strong to shame.

And God also selected (deliberately chose) what in the world is lowborn and insignificant and branded and treated with contempt, even the things that are nothing, that He might depose and bring to nothing the things that are,

So that no mortal man should [have pretense for glorying and] boast in the presence of God.

- **But it is from Him that YOU HAVE your life in Christ Jesus,** Whom God made our **Wisdom** from God, [revealed to us a knowledge of the divine plan of salvation previously hidden, manifesting itself as] our **Righteousness** [thus making us upright and putting us in right standing with God], and our **Consecration** [making us pure and holy], and our **Redemption** [providing our ransom from eternal penalty for sin].

So then, as it is written, Let him who boasts and proudly rejoices and glories, boast and proudly rejoice and glory in the Lord."

1 Corinthians 2: 1-7 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

“As for myself, brethren, when I came to you, I did not come proclaiming to you the testimony and evidence or mystery and secret of God [concerning what He has done through Christ for the salvation of men] in lofty words of eloquence or human philosophy and wisdom;

For I resolved to know nothing (to be acquainted with nothing, to make a display of the knowledge of nothing, and to be conscious of nothing) ***among you except Jesus Christ (the Messiah) and Him crucified.***

And I was in (passed into a state of) weakness and fear (dread) and great trembling [after I had come] among you.

And my language and my message were not set forth in persuasive (enticing and plausible) words of wisdom, but they were in demonstration of the [Holy] Spirit and power [a proof by the Spirit and power of God, operating on me and stirring in the minds of my hearers the most holy emotions and thus persuading them],

So that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men (human philosophy), but in the power of God.

Yet when we are among the full-grown (spiritually mature Christians who are ripe in understanding), we do impart a [higher] wisdom (the knowledge of the divine plan previously hidden); but it is indeed not a wisdom of this present age or of this world nor of the leaders and rulers of this age, who are being brought to nothing and are doomed to pass away.

But rather what we are setting forth is a wisdom of God once hidden [from the human understanding] and now revealed to us by God—[that wisdom] which God devised and decreed before the ages for our glorification [to lift us into the glory of His presence].”

John 6:27-29 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

“Stop toiling and doing and producing for the food that perishes and decomposes [in the using], but strive and work and produce rather for the [lasting] food which endures [continually] unto life eternal; the Son of Man will give (furnish) you that, for God the Father has authorized and certified Him and put His seal of endorsement upon Him.

They then said, What are we to do, that we may [habitually] be working the works of God? [What are we to do to carry out what God requires?]

Jesus replied, This is the work (service) that God asks of you: that you believe in the One Whom He has sent [that you cleave to, trust, rely on, and have faith in His Messenger].”

In Conclusion, walking like Christ Jesus, talking like Jesus, feeling in your heart like Jesus, thinking like Jesus, performing miracles like Jesus, preaching the good news of the gospel like Jesus has all been provided for us, IF we only believe and are obedient to the instructions of the Lord.

Ephesians 5:1-4 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

“Therefore be imitators of God [copy Him and follow His example], as well-beloved children [imitate their father].

And Walk in Love, [esteeming and delighting in one another] as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a slain offering and sacrifice to God [for you, so that it became] a sweet fragrance.

But immorality (sexual vice) and all impurity [of lustful, rich, wasteful living] or greediness must not even be named among you, as is fitting *and* proper among saints (God's consecrated people) **Let there be no filthiness** (obscenity, indecency) nor foolish *and* **sinful (silly and corrupt) talk**, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting *or* becoming; but **instead voice your thankfulness [to God].**"

A disciple of Christ will need to be disciplined in many areas of their lives. Recognize **Step One in growth is thought control**. For from the thoughts all things spring up and grow for good or evil. You are in control of your thoughts and imagination not some demon spirit. **You must take every thought captive** to the obedience of Christ IF you are to make daily gains in your Christian walk.

2 Corinthians 10:1-6 Authorized (King James) Version

*"Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ.... For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the **pulling down of strong holds casting down imaginations**, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and **bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ**; and having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled."*

Look at the completed work on the cross as a Gift from God. This gift is to be graciously received each day as we allow HIS Holy Spirit's Presence to be released from His Spirit inside of you into Your human spirit inside of you. As a believer in Christ who has become born again by confession and believing that Jesus was risen from the dead and now have been Baptized into his Spirit with the evidence of a new heavenly given language (John 3, Romans 10, Acts 2 & 19). Power has been given to you. Power to be transformed into the image of Christ Jesus Himself.

But how do we access this Power from God how do we become Filled with his power. How do we drink of this "Living Water" that Jesus said he has for us. Let me provide a few examples of accessing the Living Water.

- 1) **Loving People-** as we love others His living waters flow up and out of the well of living water that we have with in us.
- 2) **Praise, Worship, singing a new song unto the Lord-** Just think of all the Lord has done for you all HE has provided frankly it brings me to tears of gratitude. Start in worship singing along to your worship music but mature to the place that God is giving you the words to sing back to HIM. This is the “New Song” that is always Gods favorite song. When we start singing the prophetic new song it engages the “Turbo Pump” of Gods Living Waters out of the well of His Spirit into our human spirit.
- 3) **Moving with compassion and healing the sick and casting out demons-** When we cry as we minister to the sick we are tapping into the deep well of Living Waters. Jesus was always “Moving With Compassion” and healing the sick.
- 4) **Sharing the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ-** When we preach the gospel in Love the Living Waters flow.
- 5) **Loving the Children, the orphan, the widow-** When we reach out to those that can not repay us the Living Waters flow and our rewards in heaven start to overflow. Packing up Christmas Gifts to send to needy children in Africa can be one very anointed powerful moment in life. Leaving you full of Living Waters to the point of overflowing.
- 6) **Obedience to the voice of God-** As we DO what the Lord says we are filled with His power and the Living Waters Flow. This can be simply loving your neighbor with a Christmas basket or going over seas on a mission trip. God’s voice will always line up with His written word and bring glory to God.
- 7) **Taking action for your specific obedience in your life-** It became clear to me that the Lord wanted me to Start this Discipleship School. For me I believe it is a specific act of obedience. What are your specific actions that the Lord would have you to do?
- 8) **Studying Gods Word-** As you go into an in-depth study of the Holy Scriptures you will commonly sense the Holy Spirit’s Living Waters flowing out of you. As you continue to study Gods inspired Scriptures you will soon discover the truth of **2 Timothy 3:16**.

“Every Scripture is God-breathed (given by His inspiration) and profitable for instruction, for reproof and conviction of sin, for correction of error and discipline in obedience, [and] for training in righteousness (in holy living, in conformity to God’s will in thought, purpose, and action), So that the

man of God may be complete and proficient, well fitted and thoroughly equipped for every good work."

- 9) **Obedience manifests the power of God**- This is what the above eight examples all have in common. Obedience to Gods written word. Obedience releases gentle consistent flowing springs and sometimes rushing fast moving Rivers of Living Water.

Moses was told by God in Exodus 17: 5-6 to strike a Rock and Rivers of water would flow out of them so that the children of Israel could quench their thirst. Obedience manifests the Living Waters of God as stated in point 8 above. But when we are dealing with God Almighty Creator of Heaven and the Earth, HE requires specific obedience. Later on, in the book of Numbers 20: 7-11 the Lord told Moses to: **"Tell the Rock before their eyes to give forth its water, and you shall bring forth to them water out of the rock..."** The Lord loved Moses but HE loved him so much HE had to discipline Moses. Moses did what he had done in the past He rebelled against God and Hit the Rock. The immediate consequence without room for repentance was Moses and Aaron will not be able to go into the "Promised Land" simply because Moses "hit" the rock rather than "speaking" to the rock. I think God was attempting to create a prophetic picture working with Moses and Moses dropped the ball, missed the shot, and was spanked immediately.

The prophetic picture is a picture of the New Covenant through Jesus blood. We speak to Jesus the **"Cornerstone"** and **"Rock of Our Salvation"** a confession of our Faith (Romans 10) If we confess with our mouths and believe in our hearts that God raised Jesus Christ from the dead we shall be saved. But Moses did things his way and suffered the consequences.

Luke 20:17 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

"But [Jesus] looked at them and said, What then is [the meaning of] this that is written: The [very] Stone which the builders rejected has become the chief Stone of the corner [Cornerstone]?"

Acts 4:11 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

“This [Jesus] is the Stone which was despised and rejected by you, the builders, but which has become the Head of the corner [the Cornerstone].”

Ephesians 2:20 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

*“You are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets with **Christ Jesus Himself the Chief Cornerstone.**”*

When we speak to Jesus the **“Rock of our Salvation” (Psalms 95)** with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs and acts of Loving Obedience Living Waters from His Holy Spirit comes out of you and pours into your human spirit. We also see how Obedience to Gods specific requests for our life is strictly required.

God’s will: nothing more; nothing less; nothing else; at any cost” would have been priceless to Moses and Aaron that day, if they had only followed it.

John 7:37-39 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

*“Now on the final and most important day of the Feast, Jesus stood, and He cried in a loud voice, **If any man is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink!**”*

*He who believes in Me [who cleaves to and trusts in and relies on Me] as the Scripture has said, **From his innermost being shall flow [continuously] springs and rivers of living water.***

But He was speaking here of the Spirit, Whom those who believed (trusted, had faith) in Him were afterward to receive. For the [Holy] Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified (raised to honor).”

As we are SEATED WITH CHRIST (as thoroughly discussed in Lesson 1) , and “WALK” like Christ as discussed here in the conclusion to Lesson 2 we enviably will be

required to “STAND” like Christ the Lion of the Tribe of Judah. Before we can Properly “STAND” against the adversaries of our souls we must be “SEATED” while we are “WALKING”. Once we are Seated with Christ while walking Like Christ (in full obedience to His Word) then and only then will balanced “**STANDING**” against the adversary be effective and fruitful. This will be thoroughly discussed in Lesson three.

Steps in Proper Discipleship

- 1) Sitting with Christ, then Walking with Christ
- 2) Sitting with Christ while Walking with Christ
- 3) Sitting with Walking with and Standing at the same time
- 4) Finally Sitting, Walking, Standing **and Running** at the same time

- **Seated with Christ** – Our Current Spiritual Position with Jesus
- **Walking with Christ** – Our Daily life in the world, walking in Love, like Jesus
- **Standing like Christ**- Our thoughts and attitude towards the adversary of our souls, daily enforcement of the victory Jesus transferred to us from the Cross

1 Corinthians 9: 23-27 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

“And I do this for the sake of the good news (the Gospel), in order that I may become a participator in it and share in its [blessings along with you].

*Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but [only] one receives the prize? **So run [your race]** that you may lay hold [of the prize] and make it yours.*

Now every athlete who goes into training conducts himself temperately and restricts himself in all things. They do it to win a wreath that will soon wither, but we [do it to receive a crown of eternal blessedness] that cannot wither.

Therefore I do not run uncertainly (without definite aim). I do not box like one beating the air and striking without an adversary.

But [like a boxer] I buffet my body [handle it roughly, discipline it by hardships] and subdue it, for fear that after proclaiming to others the Gospel and things pertaining to it, I myself should become unfit [not stand the test, be unapproved and rejected as a counterfeit].

1 John 2 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

“Whoever says, I know Him [I perceive, recognize, understand, and am acquainted with Him] but fails to keep *and* obey His commandments (teachings) is a liar, and the Truth [of the Gospel] is not in him.

But he who keeps (treasures) His Word [who bears in mind His precepts, who observes His message in its entirety], truly in him has the love of *and* for God been perfected (completed, reached maturity). By this we may perceive (know, recognize, and be sure) that we are in Him:

Whoever says he abides in Him ought [as a personal debt] to walk *and* conduct himself in the same way in which **He (JESUS) WALKED *and* conducted Himself.**

Ezekiel 36: 24-28 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

“For I will take you from among the nations and gather you out of all countries and bring you into your own land.

Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness; and from all your idols will I cleanse you.

A New Heart will I give you and a New Spirit will I put within you, and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

And I will put my Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you shall heed My ordinances and do them.

And you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and you shall be My people, and I will be your God.”

The Prophet Ezekiel his hearing the God of Israel in 593 BC in preparation for that glorious day 2541 years into the future when Israel becomes a Nation on May 14th 1948. The God of Israel sent His Only Divine Son Jesus the true Messiah of Israel to start the New Covenant with The Jewish people first and then to the whole world. Where each and every disciple (Jew or Gentile) could have the Spirit of God living inside of them. **God's primary objective** for the Born Again New Covenant believer is to have a Spiritual Heart Transplant as the Jewish Prophet Ezekiel states in chapter 36 verse 26-27.

"A New Heart will I give you and a New Spirit will I put within you, and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

And I will put my Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you shall heed My ordinances and do them."

As we allow the Holy Spirit (of the God of Israel) to transform the **Heart of Stone** (hatred and selfishness) into the **Heart of Flesh** (Gods love, and a giving servant mentality) we are finally starting down the road of true discipleship, in this we are putting a big smile on the Face of the God of Israel and HIS Divine Son Jesus, Yeshua Hamashiach.

My Pastors Nate's thoughts on the proper balance between Works and Grace.

*"I think the key is that salvation and eternal life are not through works. This is clear throughout the New Testament; **our work is to believe** (John 6:25-29). Paul made a case for **Abraham's righteousness** through faith before the law and the requirements of works (Romans 4). I think Jesus is addressing hypocrisy in Luke 10, not that these things are needed to be done for eternal life. Basically, you say you love God and your neighbor as yourself, but if you loved your neighbor, you would do these things...*

*He was pointing out the **Heart Transformation** that was needed, that was available through Him. A heart not of stone, but one of flesh (Ezekiel 36:26-27). **But faith is not real if does not result in a changed Life and changed Actions.** This is what James 2 is about.*

*Inheriting everlasting life requires us to have faith and declare His Lordship over our lives. This should, (and James would say), shall, be **evidenced by the way we treat others (The Golden Rule)**. The way we treat others flows out of our faith. Our righteousness becomes expressed in treating others in a righteous way." -Blessings, -Pastor Nate*

Final Blessing Lesson 2

Shema Prayer-

Hear, O Israel: Adonai is our God, Adonai in One! Blessed is God's Name; His Glorious Kingdom is for ever and ever! And you shall **Love Adonai your God with all your Heart**, with all your soul, and with All your might.

Now may Adonai the God of Israel Bless you and keep you. May He make his Face to Shine upon you and give you peace.

-Dirk Bichsel

The Conclusion of Lesson 2

“Walking Like Christ” – The Secrets to Walking like Christ.

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