

FIVE LOAVES & TWO FISH

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Five Loaves & Two Fish

“Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom” (Lk 6:38).

“He who waters will also be watered himself” (Prov 11:25).

We will be given even more than what we give to others. This is the truth taught in the two Bible verses quoted above. I experience a literal fulfilment of this truth consistently all these 35 years of my ministry of the Word of God. Though I have preached so many sermons all these years, the sermon outlines with me which I have not yet preached outnumber the ones I have preached! I included some of them from time to time in the *Blessing* magazine, published from 1972 by the Blessing Youth Mission, whenever there was space. This book is a compilation of these outlines.

Herein is strong meat for personal meditation and pulpit ministry. It may be possible to multiply these 40 chapters into 400 sermons. Hence I have named this compilation as *FIVE LOAVES & TWO FISH*.

Enjoy the food!

Send portions to those “for whom nothing is prepared!”

1

He is my Everything!

The blessings of the compound Names of Jehovah, which appear here and there in the Scriptures, are all lined up in one single chapter. That is the most favorite Psalm 23.

1. *Jehovah-Rohi*

The Lord who shepherds (Psa 23:1)

“The Lord is my Shepherd” (v1)

2. *Jehovah-Jireh*

The Lord who provides (Gen 22:14)

“I shall not want” (v1)

“He makes me to lie down in green pastures” (v2)

“My cup runs over” (v5)

“Goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life” (v6)

3. *Jehovah-Shalom*

The Lord who is Peace (Judg 6:23,24)

“He leads me beside the still waters” (v2)

4. *Jehovah-Rapha*

The Lord who heals (Ex 15:26)

“He restores my soul” (v3)

“You anoint my head with oil” (v5)

5. **Jehovah-Tsidkenu**

The Lord who is Righteousness (Jer 23:5,6)

“He leads me in the paths of righteousness
for His Name’s sake” (v3)

6. **Jehovah-Mekaddeshem**

The Lord who sanctifies (Lev 20:8)

“He leads me in the paths of righteousness” (v3)

7. **Jehovah-Makkeh**

The Lord who strikes (Ezek 7:9)

“The valley of the shadow of death” (v4)

8. **Jehovah-Nissi**

The Lord who gives victory (Ex 17:14-16)

“You prepare a table before me in the presence of
my enemies” (v5)

“Your rod (which protects me) and Your staff
(which chases the enemy), they comfort me” (v4)

9. **Jehovah-Shammah**

The Lord who grants His presence (Ezek 48:10,35)

“You are with me” (v4)

“I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever” (v6)

Read these verses again and again
and dance...
and sing ...
and celebrate!

2

Forget not all His Benefits!

“Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me,
bless His holy Name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and
forget not all His benefits: who FORGIVES all your iniquities;
who HEALS all your diseases; who REDEEMS your life from
destruction; who CROWNS you with lovingkindness and
tender mercies; who SATISFIES your mouth with good
things; so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s” (Psa
103:1-5)

1. He forgives you!

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive
us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness”
(1 Jn 1:9).

“Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white
as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as
wool” (Isa 1:18)

“To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness,
though we have rebelled against Him” (Dan 9:9)

“He has not dealt with us according to our sins; nor
punished us according to our iniquities. As far as the East
is from the West, so far has He removed our transgressions
from us” (Psa 103:10,12)

“You will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea”
(Mic 7:19)

“I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their
sins and their iniquities I will remember no more”
(Heb 8:12)

“Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you”
(Mt 9:2)

2. He heals you!

“I am the Lord who heals you” (Ex 15:26)

“He himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses”
(Mt 8:17)

“With His stripes we are healed” (Isa 53:5)

“Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, even as your soul prospers” (3 Jn 2)

“If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Father who is in Heaven give good things to those who ask Him?” (Mt 7:11)

“With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible” (Mk 10:27)

“If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes” (Mk 9:23)

“Rise, take up your bed, and walk. Behold, you are made whole!” (Jn 5:8,14)

3. He redeems you!

“He brought me up out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock” (Psa 40:2)

“You were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ” (1 Pet 1:18,19)

“Your life is hid with Christ in God” (Col 3:3)

“I give them eternal life; and they shall never perish; neither shall any one snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no man is able to snatch them out of My Father’s hand”
(Jn 10:28,29)

“I know that my Redeemer lives” (Job 19:25)

“He is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy” (Jude 24)

4. He crowns you!

“You have crowned man with glory and honour. You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet” (Psa 8:5,6)

“You shall be a special treasure to Me above all people: for all the earth is Mine. And you shall be to Me a Kingdom of priests and a holy nation” (Ex 19:5,6)

“He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the beggar from the ash heap to set them among princes and make them inherit the throne of glory” (1 Sam 2:8)

“He loved us and has made us kings and priests to God and His Father” (Rev 1:5,6)

“Blessed be God who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ” (Eph 1:3)

5. He satisfies you!

“Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it” (Psa 81:10)

“I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly” (Jn 10:10)

“He who spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?” (Rom 8:32)

“The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want... You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life” (Psa 23:1,5,6)

3

Count your Blessings !

- ✠ IF Christ had not risen,
we would still be in our sins!
(1 Cor 15:17)
- ✠ IF God had not chosen and drawn us,
we would have never become His children!
(Jn 6:44; 15:16; Rom 8:28-30)
- ✠ IF someone had not preached the gospel to us,
we would have never believed in Christ!
(Rom 10:13,14; Acts 8:30,31)
- ✠ IF the Lord had not been patient with us,
we would have never been forgiven!
(Mt 18:26,27; Rom 2:4)
- ✠ IF God had not been merciful and compassionate,
we would have been consumed!
(Lam 3:22-24)
- ✠ IF Christ had not ascended to Heaven,
we would have never received the Holy Spirit!
(Jn 16:7)
- ✠ IF the Word of God had not been our delight,
we would have perished in our sorrows!
(Psa 119:92)
- ✠ IF God had not left a remnant in Church history,
we would have become like Sodom and Gomorrah!
(Isa 1:9)

- ✠ IF the Lord had not been on our side,
we would have been swallowed by our enemies!
(Psa 124:1-5)
- ✠ IF God had not made a hedge around us and set a limit,
we would have been destroyed by the devil!
(Job 1:10; 38:11; 1 Cor 10:13)
- ✠ IF the Holy Spirit had not planted us in the Church,
we would not be growing in faith and love!
(Psa 92:13,14; Eph 3:17-19; Heb 3:12,13; 10:24,25)
- ✠ IF Christ had not given us ministerial leaders,
we would have gone astray!
(Eph 4:11-13; Acts 20:28)
- ✠ IF
- ✠ IF

A lifetime of research will not be sufficient to completely list out God's blessings and what we would have missed if He had not acted on our behalf. Nevertheless give yourself to this exercise so you "forget not all His benefits!"

*Count your blessings
Name them one by one
Count your blessings
See what God has done
Count your blessings
Name them one by one
And it will surprise you
What the Lord has done*

—Worship the Lord singing this
hymn and stay grateful to Him.

4

Blessings of Resurrection

It is possible we have heard too many sermons on the Seven Sayings of Christ on the Cross; but certainly too little on His Sayings after the Resurrection. There is no resurrection without crucifixion, but “if when we were enemies we were RECONCILED to God through the **death** of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be SAVED by His **life**” (Rom 5:10). Each of the Sayings of Christ after resurrection explains one blessed aspect of our new life with Christ.

1. The Heaven Life

John 20:17, “I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.”

2. The Word Life

Luke 24:27, “Beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.”

3. The Faith Life

John 20:29, “Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

4. The Love Life

John 21:15-17, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?... Feed My lambs... Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me? ... Tend My sheep... Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?... Feed My sheep.”

5. The Power Life

John 20:22; Acts 1:8, “Receive the Holy Spirit ... You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you.”

6. The Witness Life

Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8 “Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature... You shall be witnesses to Me... to the end of the earth.”

7. The Companionship Life

Matthew 28:20, “Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Meditation and memorisation of these glorious words of the Resurrected Lord helps our confession for a positive life and victory. “The Word is near you, even in your mouth and in your heart, that is the WORD OF FAITH which we preach: that if you CONFESS with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved” (Rom 10:8,9)

“If Christ is not risen, then our preaching is vain and your faith is also vain. And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins”
(1 Cor 15:14,17)

5

Consecration of bodily parts

Your Heart

- Have you opened your heart to Jesus? (Rev 3:20)
- Is there any unconfessed hidden sin in your heart?
(Prov 28:13)
- Is your heart cleansed from the sins listed in
Mark 7:21,22?
- Do you love God with all your heart? (Mt 22:37)
- Have you forgiven everyone in your heart? (Mt 6:15)
- Are you proud? (Prov 16:5)
- Is there jealousy? (Prov 14:30)
- Have you humbled yourself and reconciled with everyone
you have wronged? (Mt 5:23,24)

Your Body

- Have you presented your body to God as a living
sacrifice? (Rom 12:1)
- Are you defiling your body, which is the temple of the
Holy Spirit, with unclean habits? (1 Cor 6:18,19)
- Are you a glutton? Lazy? (Prov 21:25)
- Is your manner of dress pleasing to God and an example
to others? (Rom 12:2)

Your Eyes

- Have you kept the covenant with your eyes before God?
(Job 31:1)
- Are your eyes free from lustful look? (Mt 5:28; 6:22,23)
- Do they look straight? (Prov 4:25)

- Are your eyes compassionate towards the needy
and the suffering? (Mt 25:35-40)

Your Mouth

- Have you surrendered your unruly tongue to God?
(Js 1:26; 3:8)
- Are the words of your mouth acceptable in His sight?
(Psa 19:14)
- Do you lie or exaggerate? (Mt 5:37)
- Do you condemn and judge? (Lk 6:37)
- Boasting? (Prov 27:2)
- Vain chat? (Mt 12:36)
- Backbiting? (Psa 15:3)
- Do you confess Christ publicly? (Mt 10:32)
- Are your words seasoned with love and grace? (Col 4:6)

Your Ears

- Do you keep your ears open to the evil report about
others? (Psa 15:3)
- Do you listen to filthy songs and suggestive stories?
(1 Thess 5:22)
- Do you turn a deaf ear to the cry of the destitute?
(Js 1:27)

Your Hands

- Are your hands pure and free from corruption?
(Psa 24:4)
- Do you take or give bribe? (Psa 15:5)
- Have you robbed others? (Ezek 33:15)
- Are you piercing yourself with the love of money?
(1 Tim 6:10)
- Do you give your money liberally to God for the extension
of His Kingdom? (2 Cor 9:7)

- ☐ Are your hands the extension of the hands of Jesus to bless even those who curse you? (Mt 5:44)

Your Knees

- ☐ Are you regular in your prayer life? (Dan 6:10)
- ☐ Morning quiet time? (Prov 8:17)
- ☐ How much time do you spend daily on your knees with the open Bible? (Mt 26:40; Psa 119:97)
- ☐ Do you pray with tears for souls and revival? (Lam 2:11,19)
- ☐ Do you pray for those who abuse and persecute you? (Mt 5:44)
- ☐ Do you neglect fellowshiping with God's children? (Heb 10:24,25)

Your Feet

- ☐ Do you neglect the will of God but walk in the counsel of the ungodly? (Psa 1:1)
- ☐ Do you go to places not conducive to your spiritual health? (Psa 1:1; Prov 7:25-27)
- ☐ Do you obey the Great Commission of Jesus? (Mk 16:15)
- ☐ Do you go to the outcasts in the highways and byways? (Lk 14:23)
- ☐ Unevangelized villages? Unreached tribes? (Isa 52:7)
- ☐ Are your feet always shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace to go out-where-the-sinners-are? (Eph 6:15)

6

Reminders for Prayer

Believers are puzzled whenever they come across the commandment, "Pray without ceasing." Is it possible? Can we leave our other duties and stay ever inside the prayer closet? Not so. What God expects from His people is that they must stay in the spirit of praise and prayer, and thus maintain a live contact with Him. The animals, birds and insects we commonly come across can give us messages of reminders to maintain a spirit of prayer. Whenever you come across any of them, whisper the corresponding prayer.

LAMB

"Father, I thank You for sacrificing Your Son JESUS as a lamb to take away my sins. How can I repay this love? I offer myself to tell the whole world about the remission of sins in His Name."

DOVE

"God, I praise You for the Gift of the HOLY SPIRIT. I can live holy by His power. Enable me to instantly obey His gentle whisper and never grieve or quench Him."

COCK

"Lord, strengthen me to take a bold stand for you in all circumstances. Let me never deny you like PETER, in my word or deed. I am sorry for my past failures."

CROW

"Thank You Lord for the daily bread You give me, even in these difficult days, as you fed ELLIJAH. Help me never to murmur about anything or doubt about tomorrow."

PIG

“Dear Father, help me to stay satisfied in Your fellowship enjoying Your riches. Let me remember that if I go after the attractions of the world, I will end up only with pigs, like the PRODIGAL SON.”

SPARROW

“Mighty God, I thank You for Your care and protection in my life, though I am as insignificant as a sparrow. Inspire me to be ever praising You in Your House.”

DONKEY

“Thank You Lord for preventing me from making big blunders. When my way does not please You, rebuke me through anyone, Lord, as You used a donkey to speak to BALAAM.”

DOG

“Dear Jesus, I thank You for saving me from the pollutions of the world. Give me strength to overcome the temptation to return to my vomit like a dog.”

SNAKE

“Eternal God, thank You for the Holy Scriptures. When Satan tempts me as he tempted EVE to doubt Your Word, teach me to say no to him.”

WORM

“My God, I am a worm like DAVID, despised and laughed to scorn by people. Give me grace to bear the insults without retaliation. Teach me silence.”

ANT

“Lord, forgive my slothfulness and oversleeping. How many precious hours I have wasted! Whatever work You assign to me, let me do it briskly and enthusiastically like the ant. Help me realize the power of corporate effort.”

FISH

“Thank You my God for the earthly blessings You have bestowed on me. Let me not be selfish but use them to bless the hungry and the needy. How many thousands were fed when that LAD gave away his bread and fish to Jesus!”

HORSE

“Lord of Hosts, stamp out all unnecessary fear in my life and stir me up to resist the devil boldly. I am looking forward to seeing JESUS on the white horse, as the King of kings and Lord of lords.”

OX

“Lord of the Harvest, let me give liberally to support Your servants. I remember Your Scripture, you shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain.”

EAGLE

“O Lord, let me not depend on my own strength and skill to do Your work. Drive me to wait in Your presence so I can mount up like an eagle with renewed vigour and vision.”

SPIDER

“Father in Heaven, deliver me from my attachment to my earthly house and properties. Let me follow ABRAHAM who waited for the indestructible city built and made by You.”

7

How to Pray

1. Pray to the Father (Mt 6:9; Eph 3:14)
2. Pray in Jesus' Name (Jn 16:23; Heb 7:25)
3. Pray in the Holy Spirit (Jude 20; Rom 8:26,27)
4. Pray with Faith (Heb 11:6; Js 1:6,7)
5. Pray with Boldness (Rom 8:15; Heb 4:15,16)
6. Pray claiming the Promises (1 Ki 8:29; 1 Chr 17:23)
7. Pray with Humility (2 Chr 34:27; Isa 57:15)
8. Pray with Confessions and Repentance (2 Chr 7:14; Js 5:16)
9. Pray with a heart of Forgiveness (Mt 6:12; Mk 11:25)
10. Pray according to God's Word (Prov 28:9; Dan 9:2,3)
11. Pray according to God's Will (1 Jn 5:14; Mk 1:40,41)
12. Pray without Selfishness (Job 42:10; Js 4:3)
13. Pray Specifically (Mt 20:30-34; Eph 6:19)
14. Pray with Fasting (Neh 1:4; Mt 17:21)
15. Pray with Tears (Lam 2:18,19; Heb 5:7)
16. Pray with Burden (Mt 9:36-38; Rom 9:1-3;10:1)
17. Pray with Fervency (Col 4:12; Js 5:16-18)
18. Pray Alone (Lk 9:18; Eph 1:16)
19. Pray in Secret (Mt 6:6; Lk 6:12)
20. Pray Together (Dan 2:17,18; Acts 16:13)

21. Pray with Oneness (Mt 18:19; Acts 1:14)
22. Pray Quietly (1 Sam 1:13; Neh 2:4)
23. Pray Aloud (Acts 4:24; Heb 5:7)
24. Pray Continuously (1 Thess 3:10; 5:17)
25. Pray at Fixed Times (Dan 6:10; Acts 3:1)
26. Pray with Watchfulness (Mt 26:41; Eph 6:18)
27. Pray in Tongues (1 Cor 14:2,14,15,18; Acts 10:46)
28. Pray with Joy (Psa 100:2; Jn 16:24)
29. Pray with Praise and Thanksgiving (Phil 4:6; Col 4:2)
30. Pray with Submission (Lk 22:42; 2 Cor 12:8,9)

Turn to these references in your Bible and meditate on the verses carefully. Start practising these principles in your prayer life. You are sure to be revolutionized. Share this with Christians everywhere. When the Church learns the secret of prayer it will be healed of all its ills.

Let's pray and witness a revival of prayer!

Purpose in Prayer / Psalm 51

The Book of Psalms is a devotional book of prayer and praise. A Christian is said to be on his knees in the Book of Psalms and on his feet in the Book of Proverbs. Regular meditation of Psalms enriches our devotional relationship with God. Psalm 51 is a favorite to any saint. I outline here five godly purposes in confession and prayer.

1. THAT God may be found just (vv 1-4)

The primary reason for sin confession should not be—

- a) To get out of a guilt complex or condemnation.
- b) To escape the awful consequences — problems and loss of power.

The primary purpose must be the hallowing of His Name!
(Josh 7:19)

What does my sin cost the Name of God?

I am asking for injustice while I expect God's approval on my life and anointing in my ministry, with sin in my life.

2. THAT God may make me to know wisdom in the hidden part (vv 5,6)

There is corruption in my inner man because of sinful conception (Gen 6:5)

My very "nature" must be changed to receive God's wisdom.
2 Pet 1:4 — corruption/lust/divine nature.

Futile thoughts — Foolish hearts (Rom 1:21)

Our inner man must be gripped with godly fear (Prov 1:7).

Wisdom is to prevent us from falling

(Prov 2:10-17 vs. Jude 24,25).

Pray for honesty and integrity.

Thought purity is more important than the outward acts.

3. THAT my broken bones may rejoice (vv7-9)

Deeply hurt.

Cleansing brings rejoicing (Psa 40:2,3)

Cleansing restores fellowship — "make me hear,"

"Your face" (1 Jn 1:7; Compare Isa 1:18,19)

"Whiter than snow" — God forgives and forgets.

Justified freely and fully.

4. THAT I may teach the transgressors and sinners (vv 10-15)

Prayer for fruitful witnessing to sinners.

The essential requirements are —

1. Clean heart — Inner purity
2. Steadfast Spirit — Steady walk with God
3. Waiting in His presence — Hearing God
4. Fellowship of the Spirit — Not grieving Him
5. Joy of salvation (vv 12,14) — Freshness and excitement over the glory of salvation
6. Power of the Spirit (vv 11,15) — Acts 1:8

Consider these things in prayer before ministering to others.

5. **THAT God may be pleased (vv16-19)**

Pleasing God is the chief end in prayer.

Sacrifices of Righteousness—

1. Brokenness and contriteness (Prov 28:13,14), Reverence.
2. Surrendering the parts of the body — Burnt-offering and whole burnt-offering (Rom 12:1; Heb 10:5-7)
3. Worship — Bulls (Hos 14:2b; Heb 13:15)

Prayer means focusing on GOD:

“Your” lovingkindness	(v1)
“Your” tender mercies	(v1)
“You, You” only	(v4)
“Your” face	(v9)
“Your” presence	(v11)
“Your” Salvation	(v12)
“Your” Holy Spirit	(v11)
“Your” generous Spirit	(v12)
“Your” ways	(v13)
“Your” righteousness	(v14)
“Your” praise	(v15)
“Your” good pleasure	(v18)
“Your” altar	(v19)

9

God of Peace

CONDITIONS AND THE PROMISE

1. Intercessory Prayer

“Now I urge you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God for me ... Now the **God of peace** be with you all”
(Rom 15:30,33)

2. Obedience and Discernment

“The report of your obedience has reached to all; therefore I am rejoicing over you, but I want you to be wise in what is good, and innocent in what is evil. And the **God of peace** will soon crush Satan under your feet”
(Rom 16:19,20)

3. Unity

“Brothers, be made complete, be comforted, be like-minded, live in peace; and the **God of love and peace** shall be with you”
(2 Cor 13:11)

4. Positive Thinking

“Brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable —if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—let your mind dwell on these things. The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practise these things; and the **God of peace** shall be with you”

(Phil 4:8,9)

5. *Holy Walk*

“Abstain from every form of evil. Now may the **God of peace** Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Thess 5:22,23)

6. *Discipline*

“If anyone does not obey our instruction in this letter, take special note of that man and do not associate with him, so that he may be put to shame. And yet do not regard him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother. Now may the **Lord of peace** Himself continually grant you peace in every circumstance. The Lord be with you all!”
(2 Thess 3:14-16)

7. *Submission to Leadership*

“Obey your leaders, and submit to them; for they keep watch over your souls, as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable to you ... Now the **God of peace**, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen”
(Heb 13:17,20,21)

10

Restoration Blessings/Jeremiah 30

We lost our glorious first state because of disobedience and sin. But the God of love calls us to repent and come back to wherefrom we fell. If we respond to His call positively the ten twin blessings of Jeremiah 30 will be ours.

1. *Restoration and Rebuilding*

“I will bring back from captivity My people ... I will cause them to return to the land ... The city shall be built on its own ruins”
(vv3,18)

2. *Deliverance and Detachment*

“It is the time of Jacob’s trouble; but he shall be saved out of it ... I will break the yoke from your neck” (vv7,8)

3. *Lordship and Leadership*

“They shall serve the Lord their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up for them ... Their nobles shall be from among them, and their governor shall come from their midst”
(vv9,21)

4. *Restfulness and Fearlessness*

“Jacob shall return, have rest and be quiet, and no one shall make him afraid”
(v10)

5. *Chastisement and Correction*

“I will correct you in justice, and will not let you go altogether unpunished”
(v11)

6. *Healing and Health*

“I will restore health to you, and heal you of your wounds,
says the Lord” (v17)

7. *Thanksgiving and Merrymaking*

“Out of them shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice
of those who make merry” (v19a)

8. *Multiplication and Magnification*

“I will multiply them, and they shall not diminish; I will
also glorify them, and they shall not be small” (v19b)

9. *Children and Congregation*

“Their children also shall be as before, and their
congregation shall be established before Me, and I will
punish all who oppress them” (v 20)

10. *Pride and Privilege*

“You shall be My people, and I will be your God” (v22)

11

“Search me, O God!”

Be reconciled to your brother ! (Mt 5:23,24)

- Do I get angry?
- Do I insult others?
- Do I despise anyone because I think he lacks intelligence?
- Do I use unkind words or abuse others?
- Do I call someone a ‘fool’ because I think I am wise?
(Mt 5:22)
- Have I hurt anyone?
- Do I backbite?
- Do I scandalize? (Eph 4:31)
- Have I robbed anyone?
- Have I illegally taken anything from my office
or workspot? (Ezek 33:15)
“First” be reconciled!
Agree with your adversary “quickly!” (Mt 5:24,25)

Love your enemies! (Mt 5:44)

- Have I forgiven everyone or do I still hold grudge in my
heart against someone ? (Mt 6:14,15)
- Do I bless those who curse me or do I curse them back?
- Do I do good to those who hate me or do I avoid them?
- Do I love them who do not agree with my views?
(Mt 5:46,47)
- Do I pray for those who speak ill of me?
- With that spirit do I pray for my persecutors? (Mt 5:44)
- Do I have the spirit of vengeance? (Mt 5:38,39)

- Do I secretly rejoice when my enemy falls?
- What is my attitude towards my quarrelsome neighbour when he is defeated?
- Am I jealous over my classmate who scores higher marks than me, and my colleague who is promoted?
(Prov 14:30)

Be humble! (Mt 5:3)

- Do I always want to be a leader and never a follower?
- Do I always want others to serve me when I am never willing to serve others?
- Do I want to be preferred to others and feel hurt when not so? (Lk 22:24-27)
- Do I think I am better than others? (Phil 2:3)
- Am I humble like Jesus, or proud?
- Do I think that my position is self-attained?
- Do I 'lust' appreciation for what I do?
- Do I seek after reputation and popularity? (Phil 2:5-8)
- Do I honour others? (Rom 12:10)
- Am I proud of my education, possessions, personality, denomination and race?
- Is there any job which I think is below my 'dignity' to do? (Js 4:6)

Judge not! (Mt 7:1)

- Do I judge others?
- Do I unlovingly criticize?
- Am I a fault-finder?
- Do I have the better-than-thou attitude? (Mt 7:1-4)

- Do I practise what I preach?
- Do I do to others what I would like them to do to me?
- Am I a hypocrite? (Mt 7:5,12; Rom 2:1-5)
- Do I fail to understand the weak in faith and support them? (Rom 14:1; 15:1)

Speak the truth! (Mt 5:37)

- Do I lie?
- Do I exaggerate?
- Do I twist stories to entertain others? (Mt 5:37)
- Do I pray what I do not mean?
- Do I say the Lord's Prayer without forgiving others, thus telling a lie while praying? (Mt 6:12)
- When I shout 'Hallelujah' or 'Praise the Lord,' do I mean it?

Flee youthful lusts! (2 Tim 2:22)

- Do I look at the opposite sex with lustful eyes? (Mt 5:28)
- Do I covet my neighbour's wife? (Ex 20:17)
- Do I have impure habits?
- Do I abuse sex? (1 Cor 6:9)
- Do I see 'suggestive' things and go to places not conducive to maintain purity?
- Am I ready to sever unholy alliances which may be even as dear as the eye and appear as necessary as the hand or leg? (Mt 5:29,30)
- Do I attract others by indecent dress?
- Do I desire attention from the opposite sex?
- Do I keep my heart with all diligence? (Prov 4:23)

God first! (Mt 6:33)

- Is God's righteousness the first requirement I seek to fulfil in all my affairs? (Mt 3:15)
- Do I seek to please God in everything? (Col 3:23)
- Do I love my parents or any of my family members more than I love God?
- Do I hesitate to be baptized or to obey God in any other matter for fear of relatives? (Mt 10:37)
- Is doing God's will the most important business of my life? (Mt 7:21)
- Do I neglect fasting and prayer?
- Do I consider the meditation of God's Word more important than my necessary food? (Job 23:12)
- Do I give my money liberally to God?
- Is my money-purse 'converted?' (Mt 6:19-21)
- Do I help the poor and the needy? (Jn 2:14-16; 2 Cor 9:1)
- Is my giving secret? (Mt 6:1-4)
- Do I hesitate to confess Christ before men and win them for His Kingdom? (Mt 10:32,33)
- Do I take every effort to fulfil the Great Commission of Jesus Christ? (Mt 28:19,20)

Prayer

“Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts; And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting” (Psa 139:23,24)

12

Triple-illustrated Truths

In His sermons and discourses the Lord Jesus Christ used simple illustrations to teach sublime truths. Sometimes He gave more than one illustration for a single truth. His purpose was that everyone irrespective of his background, learning and experience should understand and apply those truths. Here's a compilation of ten triple-illustrated truths of eternal significance for every disciple of Christ.

1. Sanctification (Mt 23:23-28)

- (a) Camel
- (b) Cup
- (c) Cemetery

2. Spirit-Gift (Lk 11:9-13)

- (a) Bread / Stone
- (b) Fish / Snake
- (c) Egg / Scorpion

3. Scripture Study (Lk 14:15-20)

(The bread of God's Word)

- (a) Field
- (b) Flock
- (c) Family

4. Supplication

- (a) A Friend (Lk 11:5-10)
- (b) A Widow (Lk 18:1-8)
- (c) A Woman (Mt 15:21-28)

5. Soulwinning (Lk 15:1-32)

- (a) Sheep
- (b) Silver coin
- (c) Son

6. Service

- (a) Good Samaritan (Lk 10:29-37)
- (b) Good Shepherd (Jn 10:6,11-15)
- (c) Good Steward (Lk 12:42-48)

7. Sacrifice (Lk 9:57-62)

- (a) Domestic comforts
- (b) Domestic formalities
- (c) Domestic attachments

8. Supremacy

- (a) Humbling (Mt 18:1-4)
- (b) Serving (Lk 22:24-27)
- (c) Footwashing (Jn 13:12-17)

9. Solidarity (Mt 12:25,30)

- (a) Country
- (b) City
- (c) Cottage

10. Second Coming (Lk 17:30-37)

- (a) Two men in bed
- (b) Two women in mill
- (c) Two workers in field

13

Do not say, I am just a youth!

When God called Jeremiah, he replied, “Ah, Lord God! Behold, I cannot speak, for I am a youth” (Jer 1:6). But God corrected him, “Do not say, I am a youth.” He gave seven reasons why Jeremiah should not hesitate to accept His commission. We have thousands of young men and women today who are excusing themselves under one pretext or the other. May be you are one of them. Read through the entire first Chapter of Jeremiah and see if you can still excuse yourself!

1. Do not say, I am just a youth—

for I have CHOSEN you!

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you; and I ordained you a prophet to the nations” (v5)

2. Do not say, I am just a youth—

for I am SENDING you!

“You shall go to all to whom I send you” (v7)

3. Do not say, I am just a youth—

for I am ACCOMPANYING you!

“Do not be afraid of their faces, for I am with you to deliver you” (v8)

4. Do not say, I am just a youth—

for I am TEACHING you!

“Then the Lord put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me: Behold, I have put My words in your mouth” (v9)

5. Do not say, I am just a youth—

for I am AUTHORIZING you!

“See I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out and to pull down, to destroy and to throw down, to build and to plant” (v 10)

6. Do not say, I am just a youth—

for I am GUIDING you!

“The word of the Lord came to me, saying, ‘Jeremiah, what do you see?’ And I said, ‘I see a branch of an almond tree.’ Then the Lord said to me, ‘You have seen well, for I am ready to perform My word’ ” (vv 11-16)

7. Do not say, I am just a youth—

for I am STRENGTHENING you!

“Behold, I have made you this day a fortified city and an iron pillar, and bronze walls against the whole land... They will fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you. For I am with you to deliver you” (vv 17-19)

14

Wanted Youth !

- ❑ Wanted youth who will obey their parents and be dutiful to them till death
—like JESUS (Lk 2:51; Jn 19:25-27)
- ❑ Wanted youth who will say no to sexual immorality and run away from the place and person of temptation
—like JOSEPH (Gen 39:10-12)
- ❑ Wanted youth who will totally abstain from any form of evil
—like TIMOTHY (1 Tim 5:23)
(Even for medicinal purpose Paul had to persuade him to take some wine.)
- ❑ Wanted youth who will be wedded to the Bible and get their lives moulded and shaped by its teaching
— like JOSEPH and TIMOTHY
(Psa 105:19; 2 Tim 3:15)
- ❑ Wanted youth who will work hard towards a balanced growth, physically, intellectually, spiritually and socially
—like JESUS (Lk 2:52)
- ❑ Wanted youth who will cooperate sincerely with their godly parents to fulfil the plan and purposes of God
— like ISAAC (Gen 22:6,9-14)
- ❑ Wanted youth who will boldly witness for Christ amidst all mockery and threat
— like SAUL PAUL (Acts 9:29)

- Wanted youth who will not compromise on their convictions and faith though it might mean losing the favour of the employer and the popularity among the colleagues
—like DANIEL & Co.
(Dan 3:16-18; 6:10,11,16)
- Wanted youth who will faithfully follow and obey the elders and leaders and wait for God's time of exaltation
—like JOSHUA (Ex 24:13; Num 27:18-20)
- Wanted youth who will be ready to give away to God anything, if only it can be used to bless those in need, even if it would mean personal sacrifice
—like the unnamed LAD (Jn 6:9-11)
- Wanted youth who will rally to remove hypocrisy and all rubbish from God's house
—like the YOUNG MEN of Acts 5 (vv 6,9,10)
- Wanted youth who will dare to attempt great things for God in spite of the defiance of the technological world and the discouragement from the backslidden Church
—like DAVID (1 Sam 17:28,33,43,44)
- Wanted youth who will instantly obey God's call to leave their secular jobs and ties and serve Him fulltime
—like JAMES & JOHN (Mt 4:21,22)
- Wanted youth who will go out in the power of the Holy Spirit evangelizing the whole world with the vision from Above
—like the YOUNG MEN and YOUNG WOMEN of Joel's prophecy (Acts 2:16-18,21)

15

A Prayer for a Youth Camp

***Our Father,
who is in
Heaven...***

God our Heavenly Father, we come before Your Throne of Grace in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, with our hearts filled with praises and thanks to you for all your wonderful works in our midst during the previous Camps. Father of lights, the Source of every good and perfect gift, if You will not bless us from Heaven, how else can we be blessed? Thank You Lord for promising from Heaven that there shall be showers of blessing in the forthcoming Camp.

***Hallowed be
Your Name.***

We pray Lord that You will cause thousands of youth to gather in this Camp in Your presence to exalt Your Name together, singing psalms and making a joyful noise. May Your Holy Spirit move upon the instruments, the musicians and the singers as we would praise Your Name with accordion, guitar, violin, and other stringed instruments, drums, tambourine and keyboards.

***Your Kingdom
come.***

Lord, make the three days of the Camp as days of Heaven on earth. As we read in Your Word about Your Kingdom, drench us in righteousness, and peace, and power, and joy in the Holy Spirit. Give us staggering visions of Your glory and holiness. Let Your Shekinah glory descend into the Camp tent that none of us would be able to stand on our feet but fall prostrate before You in awesome worship.

Your will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven.

May Your Spirit have a free sway in the Camp. Who has directed Your Spirit, or being His Counsellor has taught Him? We acknowledge Your Holy Spirit as the Camp Director to lead the organisers at every step. Help us Lord to please You and You alone in everything we do in the Camp and to bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ. Let Heaven rejoice over this programme.

Give us this day our daily bread.

According to Your promise in Isaiah 25:6, prepare for us in this Camp a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow. Let Your servants bring us fresh manna from Heaven. We want to hear YOU, O God. Also supply us all our physical needs in the Camp. Command for us a fine weather during the Camp days.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

Turn your penetrating light on every participant to search him, know his heart, and try him, and grant every one a fresh and thorough cleansing in Calvary's stream. Lead everyone, Lord, to a life void of offense both towards God and man.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

As we are living in days of extreme ungodliness and godlessness, we pray that You will empower every participant to stand against the wiles of the devil. Fill us Lord with Your boldness that we may face up every challenge with the slogan, "I cannot come down!"

For Yours is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory for ever. Amen.

As a result of this Camp, raise up a great army of youth who will jeopardise their lives to labour with You for the extension of Your Kingdom in the land of India and all over the world. Let the participants obey Your missionary command — 'GO and SEND' — to preach the message of Your Kingdom everywhere. Make everyone a power witness for Jesus Christ as in the early Church. In all these things, not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to Your Name give glory! Amen!

16

Examination Tonic for Students

- ✍ “Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you” (Isa 41:10)
- ✍ “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding” (Prov 3:5)
- ✍ “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all men generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him” (Js 1:5)
- ✍ “God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of ... a sound mind” (2 Tim 1:7)
- ✍ “In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength” (Isa 30:15)
- ✍ “And as for these four youths (Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah), God gave them knowledge and intelligence in every branch of literature and wisdom” (Dan 1:17)
- ✍ “Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you” (Mt 6:33)
- ✍ “My people will never be put to shame” (Joel 2:26)
- ✍ “They shall not labour in vain” (Isa 65:23)

- ✍ “The Lord will command the blessing on you in all that you put your hand to do” (Dt 28:8)
- ✍ “Call to Me, and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know” (Jer 33:3).
- ✍ “The horse is prepared for the day of battle, but victory belongs to the Lord” (Prov 21:31)
- ✍ “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” (Phil 4:13)
- ✍ “God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose” (Rom 8:28)
- ✍ “My grace is sufficient for you” (2 Cor 12:9)

The Bible says to you...

1. You are a lost sinner!

The Bible says:

“There is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God” (Rom 3:22,23)

“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us” (1 Jn 1:8).

“All we like sheep have gone astray” (Isa 53:6)

2. You should face judgment after death!

The Bible says:

“It is appointed for men once to die, but after this the judgment” (Heb 9:27)

“God will bring every work into judgment including every secret thing, whether it is good or whether it is evil” (Eccl 12:14)

3. You need not perish!

The Bible says:

“God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” (Jn 3:16)

4. Christ died for you!

The Bible says:

“God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Rom 5:8)

“Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows ; He was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquities” (Isa 53:4,5)

5. Repent now confessing and forsaking your sins!

The Bible says:

“These times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent” (Acts 17:30)

“He who covers his sins will not prosper ; but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy” (Prov 28:13)

“The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin” (1 Jn 1:7)

6. Believe on Christ and receive Him as your personal Saviour!

The Bible says:

“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you shall be saved, you and your family” (Acts 16:31)

“As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe on His Name” (Jn 1:12)

“Jesus said, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life ; no one comes to the Father except through Me” (Jn 14:6)

7. Obey the Lord in water baptism!

The Bible says:

“He who believes and is baptized will be saved” (Mk 16:16)

“But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of God for themselves, not having been baptized” (Lk 7:30)

8. Get right with men!

The Bible says:

“If you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift” (Mt 5:23,24)

“Strive to always have a conscience without offence toward God and men” (Acts 24:16)

9. Receive the Holy Spirit!

The Bible says:

“Receive the Holy Spirit” (Jn 20:22)

“You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you; and you shall be witnesses to Me” (Acts 1:8)

“They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance” (Acts 2:4)

10. Shun evil company!

The Bible says:

“Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers... come out from among them and be separate” (2 Cor 6:14,17)

“Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful” (Psa 1:1)

11. Have fellowship with the children of God!

The Bible says:

“Pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart” (2 Tim 2:22)

“Where two or three are gathered together in My Name, I am there in the midst of them” (Mt 18:20)

12. Begin a regular prayer life!

The Bible says:

“In the morning having risen a long while before daylight Jesus went out and departed into a solitary place, and there He prayed” (Mk 1:35)

“Evening and morning and at noon I will pray, and cry aloud; and He shall hear my voice” (Psa 55:17)

“Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation” (Mt 26:41)

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God” (Phil 4:6)

13. Meditate on the Bible daily!

The Bible says:

“As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the Word, that you may grow thereby” (1 Pet 2:2)

“I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food” (Job 23:12)

“Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path” (Psa 119:105)

14. Live a holy life!

The Bible says:

“Pursue peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man will see the Lord” (Heb 12:14)

“As He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct” (1 Pet 1:15)

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control” (Gal 5:22,23)

15. Be a soulwinner!

The Bible says:

“Jesus said to them, Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men” (Mt 4:19)

“He who win souls is wise” (Prov 11:30)

“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mk 16:15)

16. Give to God liberally!

The Bible says:

“Honour the Lord with your possessions” (Prov 3:9)

“It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35)

“God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor 9:7)

17. Help the poor and needy!

The Bible says:

“Blessed is he who considers the poor; the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble” (Psa 41:1)

“If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Depart in peace, be warmed and filled;’ but you do not give them those things which are needed for the body; what does it profit?” (Js 2:15,16)

18. Be ready for the Return of the Lord!

The Bible says:

“This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into Heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into Heaven” (Acts 1:11)

“Be ready for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect” (Lk 12:40)

How to climb the Holy Hill

Psalm 15:2-5; 24:4,5

1. *“He who walks uprightly”*
Can God write ‘YES’ over your life? (Num 12:7)
2. *“and works righteousness”*
Have you thrown away the filthy rags of your self-righteousness and come to God with a broken heart?
(Isa 64:6; Lk 18:13,14)
3. *“and speaks the truth in his heart”*
Are you free from hypocrisy in all your statements?
(Mt 15:8)
4. *“He who does not backbite with his tongue”*
Do you backbite? (Lev 19:16)
5. *“Nor does evil to his neighbour”*
Do you love your neighbour as yourself? Have you reconciled with everyone whom you have wronged?
(Mt 7:12; 22:39; 5:23,24)
6. *“Nor does he take up a reproach against his friend.”*
Do you keep your ears receptive to the bad report about others? (1 Cor 13:6; Prov 24:17)
7. *“In whose eyes a vile person is despised”*
Do you enjoy the friendship of the world and the fellowship with unbelievers?
(Js 4:4; 2 Cor 6:14; Psa 1:1)

8. *“but he honours those who fear the Lord.”*

Do you fail to recognise the believers of other denominations, as members of the body of Christ?

(1 Cor 1:10-13)

Do you neglect the fellowship of God’s children?

(Heb 10:24,25; 2 Tim 2:22)

9. *“He who swears to his own heart and does not change.”*

Have you kept your promises before God and man?

(Eccl 5:4,5; Acts 24:16).

Are you diligent in your duty? (Eph 6:5-9; Prov 22:29)

10. *“He who does not put out his money at usury”*

Do you help the needy and relieve the suffering to your possible extent?
(Prov 19:17; Js 2:15,16)

11. *“nor does he take a bribe against the innocent”*

Are you partial in your relationship with others because your mind is ‘bribed’ with the thought of financial position, social status, casteism, etc.?
(Js 2:1-4)

12. *“He who has clean hands”*

Are you honest in money dealings? Have you cheated God or man?
(Lk 16:11; Acts 5:1-3)

13. *“and a pure heart”*

Are you defiling yourself with evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness, and such evil things, which proceed out of the heart?

(Mk 7:21-23; Mt 5:28-30; 1 Cor 6:18,19; 3:17; Js 4:6)

14. *“who has not lifted up his soul to an idol (vanity)”*

Do you feed your soul on the Word of God and have it soaked in the spirit of prayer, or seek the vanishing things of the world for carnal pleasure?

(Psa 1:2; Jer 2:13; Eccl 11:9)

15. *“nor sworn deceitfully.”*

Are you keeping the sacred covenants you made at the baptismal waters, marriage altar, and such special occasions? Have you come down from your early faith and first love?

(1 Tim 5:12; Rev 2:4)

“He who does these things shall never be moved... He shall receive blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation”(Psa 15:5; 24:5)

19

If I were a Devil...

1. *If I were a devil,*

I will tell folks there is no life after death so they may enjoy life to the maximum as they please.

2. *If I were a devil,*

I will advocate the theory that all religions are the same and what is necessary is to be sincere to what one believes.

3. *If I were a devil,*

I will encourage preachers to preach more, study less and pray even less.

4. *If I were a devil,*

I will whisper in the ears of seekers in every gospel meeting that they are too sinful to be saved.

5. *If I were a devil,*

I will discourage those who try to live a victorious life that Christianity is too difficult and too hard to be practised in the modern society.

6. *If I were a devil,*

I will discourage evangelists from speaking about sin, judgment and hell, and I will urge them to be more “positive” in their message.

7. *If I were a devil,*

I will tell the students in theological seminaries that the Bible is just a jumbled up history and it cannot be called the Word of God.

8. *If I were a devil,*

I will attend every missionary convention to tell young people not to consider investing their lives in the missionary career because who can ever save this world.

9. *If I were a devil,*

I will cause as many splits as possible in the Church and convince the leader of each split that after all he has stood for truth.

10. *If I were a devil,*

I will tell people there is no literal heaven or hell but it's all an imagination which religion employs to win and keep adherents.

11. *If I were a devil,*

I will encourage folks to earn and save as much money as they can because money is everything.

12. *If I were a devil,*

I will drive young people to enjoy free sex before marriage because the society would restrict them after marriage and they would not be so young either.

13. *If I were a devil,*

I will tell Christians that missionaries like David Livingstone, C. T. Studd and Hudson Taylor were

fanatics and people should not waste their time reading such biographies.

14. *If I were a devil,*

I will tell backsliders there is no point trying again.

15. *If I were a devil,*

I will suggest folks in problems to commit suicide because that's the easiest way out and after all there is nothing after death.

16. *If I were a devil,*

I will teach parents not to influence their children with Bible teaching but let them choose what they want when they grow.

17. *If I were a devil,*

I will tell people that there is nothing wrong in occasional smoking or drinking and trying drugs.

18. *If I were a devil,*

I will encourage churches to do more of social work than preaching the gospel because what is the point in talking about a life after death when there is not enough bread for life today.

19. *If I were a devil,*

I will entice preachers to spend lavishly on diet, dress and dwelling because are they not serving the King.

20. *If I were a devil,*

I will suggest that baptism in water is after all an outward ceremony and so not necessary.

21. *If I were a devil,*

I will tell Christians that the days of miracles and martyrdom are past and so they should not expect or attempt great things.

22. *If I were a devil,*

I will impress on earnest Christians that we don't have apostles or prophets today and the gift of tongues and several other gifts have ceased.

23. *If I were a devil,*

I will teach believers that no one is perfect and it is only natural to fall into sin and any effort to live holy is not worth it.

24. *If I were a devil,*

I will frustrate missionaries with fruitless fields and suggest they better return or go to a seminary to earn one more degree which might help.

25. *If I were a devil,*

I will tell parents that family prayer and such things are old time practices which are not at all relevant today and they will do better if they let the children watch the "harmless" TV programmes to improve their general knowledge even if the telecast is during the Sunday School hour.

26. *If I were a devil,*

I will lead pastors to put in more cultural programmes and entertainment in the church services to attract people.

27. *If I were a devil,*

I will sit in every committee meeting to prompt the members into endless and prayerless discussions.

28. *If I were a devil,*

I will keep ministers too busy all through the year with travel and programmes to find any time for their personal devotions and family.

29. *If I were a devil,*

I will dissuade people from believing that Christ is coming again and promise them that the world would continue to be as ever.

30. *If I were a devil,*

I will keep on devising new schemes to thwart the purposes of God who threw me out !

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What shall I do with the Holy Spirit ?

When Pilate asked them, “What then shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” the people persuaded by the chief priests and elders answered, “Let Him be crucified!” History repeats. Just like the religious Jews of the Old Testament missed Jesus Christ, God’s first Comforter, the Christians of the New Testament era are by and large missing the Holy Spirit, God’s second Comforter. A deficient knowledge of the Holy Spirit is the cause for all the ills in the Church today. Dear Christian, read the compilation below and fall on your knees to answer the question, “What have I done with the Holy Spirit?”

1. Be baptized in water in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the *Holy Spirit* (Mt 28:19)
2. Ask your Heavenly Father to give you the Holy Spirit (Lk 11:13)
3. Receive the Holy Spirit (Jn 20:22; Acts 19:2)
4. Be filled with the Spirit at the earliest (Lk 1:15)
5. Be baptized with the Spirit to experience the cleansing fire of God (Mt 3:11,12)
6. Give priority to the anointing and power of the Spirit on your life over mere knowledge (Acts 1:7,8)
7. Praise and worship God in the Spirit (Jn 4:24; Acts 2:4,11; 10:46; 1 Cor 12:3)
8. Rejoice in the Holy Spirit (Rom 14:17; 15:13)
9. Obey the Holy Spirit (Heb 3:7,8)

10. Respond positively to the promptings of the Spirit (Lk 2:25-27)
11. Maintain a spirit of obedience to enjoy regular and fresh supplies of the Spirit (Acts 5:32)
12. Be led of the Spirit (Rom 8:14)
13. Embrace the call to holiness accepting the enablement of the Spirit and manifest His fruit (1 Thess 4:7,8; Gal 5:22,23)
14. Don’t go after the pleasures of this world but be intoxicated with the Spirit (Lk 1:15; Eph 5:18)
15. Keep your body free from sexual immorality knowing your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 6:18-20)
16. Put to death the deeds of your body by the Spirit (Rom 8:13)
17. Keep your conscience clear and void of offence through the witness of the Spirit (Rom 9:1)
18. Resist not the Holy Spirit (Acts 7:51)
19. Lie not to the Spirit by listening to Satan (Acts 5:3)
20. Grieve not the Spirit by corrupt communication or evil speaking (Eph 4:29-31)
21. Rebel not against the Spirit by forgetting His ministry of comfort (Isa 63:9,10)
22. Quench not the Spirit (1 Thess 5:19)
23. Speak not against the Spirit (Mt 12:31,32)
24. Doubt not the strange workings of the Spirit (Mt 1:20; Acts 2:12)

25. Be taught by the Spirit (Jn 14:26; 1 Cor 2:10-14)
26. Keep by the Spirit the sound words of God, committed to you (2 Tim 1:14)
27. Depend on the power of the Holy Spirit while witnessing for Jesus (Acts 1:8; 4:31)
28. Expect the Holy Spirit to perform miracles in your life (Mt 1:18; Lk 1:34,35)
29. Do good to people and deliver them from the clutches of the devil by the power of the Spirit (Acts 10:38)
30. Be not ignorant of the gifts of the Spirit but desire them (1 Cor 12:1; 14:1)
31. Listen to the voice of the Spirit to take decisions in the ministry (Acts 13:2; 15:28; 16:6)
32. Depend entirely on the Spirit to supply you words when you are arrested for your witness and interrogated (Mk 13:11; Acts 4:8)
33. Stay full of the Spirit while going through persecutions (Acts 7:54,55; 13:51,52)
34. Remember, all ministries and administrations in the Church are by the Holy Spirit (Acts 20:28)
35. Exhibit honesty and wisdom in all the business matters by the Spirit's enablement (Acts 6:3)
36. Pray in the Spirit (Jude 20; 1 Cor 14:15; Rom 8:26,27)
37. Rejoice in the witness of the Spirit of adoption to come boldly to the Father (Rom 8:15-17)

38. Wield the Sword of the Spirit against the Enemy (Eph 6:17)
39. Minister the Holy Spirit to others by words of blessing and prayer (Lk 1:41; Acts 8:15)
40. Glorify Christ and join the Spirit to call Jesus to come soon! (Jn 16:13,14; Rev 22:17)

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When is the Holy Spirit grieved?

1. When we indulge our body in sin—
because He is the Spirit of HOLINESS !
(1 Cor 3:16,17; 6:19,20; Psa 51:11; Rom 1:4)
2. When we flirt with the world—
because He is a Spirit of JEALOUSY! (Js 4:4,5)
3. When we live in doubt and unbelief—
because He is the Spirit of FAITH !
(2 Cor 4:13; Rom 15:13)
4. When we lose our love for others—
because He is the Spirit of LOVE !
(Eph 4:2,3,26-32; Gal 5:22; Rom 5:5; 15:30)
5. When we are self-centred in prayer—
because He is the Spirit of INTERCESSION!
(Rom 8:26,27)
6. When we disobey the Scriptures—
because He is the Spirit of TRUTH! (Jn 16:13)
7. When we interpret the Scriptures as we like—
because He is the Spirit of TEACHING!
(1 Cor 2:10-14)
8. When we lean on our own understanding—
because He is the Spirit of WISDOM !
(Isa 11:2; 1 Cor 12:8)
9. When we don't seek God's guidance—
because He is the Spirit of COUNSEL!
(Isa 11:2; Rom 8:14)

10. When we despise written or spoken prophecies—
because He is the Spirit of PROPHECY!
(2 Pet 1:19-21; 1 Thess 5:19-22; Rev 2:29)
11. When we go back to the Law—
because He is the Spirit of the NEW COVENANT !
(2 Cor 3:1-18)
12. When we depend on our own strength—
because He is the Spirit of POWER !
(Zech 4:6; Lk 24:49; 1 Cor 2:3,4)
13. When we fail to witness for Christ—
because He is the Spirit of CHRIST !
(1 Pet 1:10-12; Rev 1:9,10)
14. When we forget the Father's acts of love—
because He is the Spirit of the FATHER !
(Isa 63:8-10; Jn 14:16)
15. When we murmur while suffering—
because He is the Spirit of GLORY !
(1 Pet 4:12-16)

Speaking in Tongues

What do we learn about it from the Bible?

1. It was prophesied in the Old Testament.

Isaiah 28:11, “With stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people.” In the chapter on Tongues and Prophecy, Apostle Paul quotes this prophecy (1 Cor 14:21).

2. It was foretold by Jesus Christ.

Mark 16:17, “These signs will follow those who believe; In My Name... they will speak with new tongues.”

3. It was a normal experience of Christians in the early Church.

(a) Peter, James, John, Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew, Matthew, James, Alphaeus, Simon Zelotes, Judas the brother of James, Mary the mother of Jesus, the brothers of Jesus, and others spoke in tongues when they were filled with the Spirit. They were about 120 (Acts 1:13,14; 2:4).

(b) Apostle Paul spoke in tongues in the power of the Spirit (Acts 9:17; 1 Cor 14:18).

(c) Cornelius, an official of the Italian Army, his relatives and close friends spoke in tongues when the Holy Spirit fell on them in a Gospel meeting (Acts 10:1,24,44-46).

(d) The 12 Ephesian disciples spoke in tongues when the Holy Spirit came on them (Acts 19:1,6,7).

4. It is a blessed experience for us today.

(a) It enriches praise and worship.

The 120 disciples in the Upper Room were speaking “the wonderful works of God” in tongues (Acts 2:11). “I will sing with the spirit ... when you bless with the spirit.. you indeed give thanks well” (1 Cor 14:15-17).

(b) It enhances prayer.

“He who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God” (1 Cor 14:2).

“If I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays... I will pray with the spirit” (1 Cor 14:14-15).

When we pray in tongues we bypass the intellect.

(c) It is a great boon for self-edification.

“He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself ... I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than you all” (in private, of course/IMPLIED) (1 Cor 14:4,18).

(d) It keeps us fresh.

Referring to tongues, it is said in Isaiah 28:11,12, “This is the rest with which you may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing.”

See also the foreshadowing experience of David in Acts 2:25,26.

(e) It has a wonderful ministerial value.

i) As a sign to the unbelievers who might be listening to tongues.

“Tongues are for a sign to unbelievers” (1 Cor 14:22).

ii) As a means of edification to the believers if it can be interpreted.

“Let him who speaks in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret... that the Church may receive edification.” (1 Cor 14:13,5).

Tongues and Interpretation are in the ninefold “manifestation of the Spirit given to each one for the profit of all” (1 Cor 12:7-10).

5. It must be regulated against misuse.

(a) Tongues and Interpretation

“If anyone speaks in tongues, let there be two or at the most three, each in turn, and let one interpret. But if there is no interpreter, let him keep silent in the church, and let him speak to himself and to God” (1 Cor 14:27,28).

(b) Tongues and Orderliness

“Brothers, desire earnestly to prophecy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues. Let all things be done decently and in order ... For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints” (1 Cor 14:39,40,33).

(c) Tongues and Love

“Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become as sounding brass or a clanging cymbal” (1 Cor 13:1).

6. It is meant to function till Christ comes back.

“Whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. For we know in part and we prophecy in part. But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away” (1 Cor 13:8-10).

We are perfected only at Christ’s return.

“When He is revealed, we shall be like Him” (1 Jn 3:2).

The Church then and now!

The Church then

1. Only believers were baptized.
2. The dunamis of the Spirit was the primary requisite for ministry.
3. Leaders were selected by prayer and fasting.
4. Even the deacons had to be full of the Spirit.
5. The apostles refused to leave prayer and preaching.
6. They had little gold but lot of glory.
7. Money was at the apostles' feet.
8. They shared their own property.
9. Hypocrisy was judged instantly.
10. They witnessed to the world.
11. They turned the world upside down.

The Church now

- Babies are sprinkled.
- A degree from seminary is the basic qualification.
- Leaders are elected by canvassing and bribing.
- Some pastors are not even born of the Spirit.
- Pastors and preachers cleave to administration and business matters.
- We have lot of gold but little glory.
- Money is in the pastor's fist.
- We swindle the Church property.
- Hypocrisy jingles in the pulpit and pew.
- We simply witness the world.
- We tour the world up and down.

12. When they were persecuted, they resorted to prayer. When there is problem, we run to the police.
13. They sang everywhere the Easter message. We sink everything in Christmas merrymaking.
14. Miracles attested their message. They had "acts" on the streets. The media advertise our meetings. We just act on the stage.
15. The ministers had no titles or special dresses, but the demons trembled before them. We have numerous titles and sacred robes, but the devils trifle with us.
16. They released their best ministers for missionary work. We retain the best and send forth the rest.
17. They had no building projects. The Church was mobile. We specialise in buildings. We are static.
18. They were multiplying. We are dividing.
19. All believers were soul-winners. Evangelism was their heartbeat. The pastor is all in all. His heart beats fast if any member becomes active in evangelism.
20. They left Jerusalem and spent all to reach the end of the earth. We save all we can to somehow make a trip to Jerusalem.

"Thus says the Lord: Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where the good way is, and walk in it; then you will find rest for your souls" (Jer 6:16).

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Power in the Acts of the Apostles

- 1 : 8 ... Power Promised
- 2 : 8 ... Power for Utterance
- 3 : 8 ... Power for Praise
- 4 : 8 ... Power for Defence
- 5 : 8 ... Power for Knowledge
- 6 : 8 ... Power for Miracles
- 7 : 8 ... Power for Preaching
- 8 : 8 ... Power for Rejoicing
- 9 : 8 ... Power against Opposition
- 10 : 8 ... Power for Obedience
- 11 : 8 ... Power for Vision
- 12 : 8 ... Power for Deliverance
- 13 : 8 ... Power against Sorcery
- 14 : 8 ... Power for Impossibilities
- 15 : 8 ... Power for Faith
- 16 : 8 ... Power for Progress
- 17 : 8 ... Power for Stirring
- 18 : 8 ... Power for Conversion
- 19 : 8 ... Power for Persuasion
- 20 : 8 ... Power for Fellowship
- 21 : 8 ... Power for Evangelism
- 22 : 8 ... Power for Testifying
- 23 : 8 ... Power for Resurrection
- 24 : 8 ... Power against Accusation
- 25 : 8 ... Power for Faultlessness
- 26 : 8 ... Power for Hope
- 27 : 8 ... Power for Protection
- 28 : 8 ... Power for Healing

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Fullness! Fullness! Fullness!

God's will concerning us is that we must live in all fullness in Christ. See how many references to fullness are there in a single Epistle like Philipians!

1. Thanking my God upon EVERY remembrance of you
(1:3)
2. ALWAYS ... from the first day until now ...
until the day of Christ (1:4,5,6,10)
3. In EVERY prayer of mine (1:4)
4. Making request for you ALL with joy (1:4)
5. EVERY situation— “both in my chains and
in the defence of the gospel” (1:7)
6. Your love may abound still more ... in ALL discernment
7. Evident to the WHOLE palace guard, and to ALL the
rest (1:13)
8. In EVERY way Christ is preached (1:18)
9. In NOTHING I shall be ashamed (1:20)
10. By EVERY means—“Whether by life or by death” (1:20)
11. Not in ANY way terrified by your adversaries (1:28)
12. NOTHING be done through selfish ambition (2:3)
13. At the Name of Jesus EVERY knee should bow (2:10)
14. EVERY tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord
(2:11)
15. As you have ALWAYS obeyed (2:12)
16. Do ALL things without murmuring and disputing
(2:14)

17. ALL seek their own, not the things of Christ (2:21)
18. I count ALL things loss for... Christ Jesus my Lord (3:8)
19. By ANY Means, I may attain to the resurrection(3:11)
20. If in ANYTHING you think otherwise, God will reveal (3:15)
21. Rejoice in the Lord ALWAYS (4:4)
22. Let your gentleness be known to ALL men (4:5)
23. Be anxious for NOTHING (4:6)
24. In EVERYTHING by prayer and supplication (4:6)
25. The peace of God, which surpasses ALL understanding (4:7)
26. WHATEVER things are true (4:8)
27. WHATEVER things are noble (4:8)
28. WHATEVER things are just (4:8)
29. WHATEVER things are pure (4:8)
30. WHATEVER things are lovely (4:8)
31. WHATEVER things are of good report (4:8)
32. I have learned in WHATEVER state I am, to be content... in ALL things (4:11,12)
33. EVERYWHERE ... to be content (4:12)
34. I can do ALL things through Christ (4:13)
35. Indeed I have ALL and abound (4:18)
36. My God shall supply ALL your need (4:19)
37. To our God be glory FOREVER and EVER (4:20)
38. Greet EVERY saint in Christ Jesus (4:21)
39. ALL the saints greet you (4:22)
40. The grace of our Lord be with you ALL! (4:23)

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How to Behave in the Church

- The Church is a **FAMILY** (Eph 3:15; 4:6).
Therefore we must live with mutual trust, respect and cooperation.
- The Church is a **FELLOWSHIP** (Acts 2:42-45; 1 Jn 1:3).
Therefore we must share with others the privileges and profits and support one another in crises and sorrows.
- The Church is a **BODY** (1 Cor 12:12,27; Eph 4:16).
Therefore we must unselfishly care for one another and help the weak with kindness and loving concern.
- The Church is a **BUILDING** (Eph 2:19-22; 1 Cor 3:9).
Therefore we must stay happy and humble in the position in which God has placed us, without boasting of ourselves or despising anyone.
- The Church is a **SCHOOL** (Eph 3:18,19; 4:11-14).
Therefore we must not neglect the regular gathering of the saints for edification and education.
- The Church is a **FLOCK** (1 Pet 2:25; 5:25).
Therefore we must not be independent but interdependent and cooperative in whatever we do, following the Shepherd of our souls.

- The Church is a **HOUSE** (1 Tim 3:15; Heb 3:6).
Therefore we must fill it with the fragrance of the knowledge of Christ to bless the residents with relaxation and refreshing.
- The Church is a **FIELD** (1 Cor 3:9; Heb 6:7-12).
Therefore we must ask for and experience more and more of the Spirit's outpouring, and in response give much fruit.
- The Church is an **ARMY** (Eph 6:12; 2 Cor 10:3-6).
Therefore we must be watchful always against the attacks of the enemy and march boldly and unitedly to free people from the devil's captivity.
- The Church is a **LAMP** (Mt 5:14-16; Phil 2:14-16).
Therefore we must live an exemplary life before the world and dispel darkness by consistently testifying about Jesus, the Light of the World.

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Questions for Pastors

1. Am I regular in prayer life? (Acts 3:1; Lk 5:15,16)
2. Am I systematic in Bible meditation?
(Ezr 7:10; Lk 4:16,17)
3. Am I serious about thought purity?
(Prov 4:23; Mt 15:18,19)
4. Am I careful about my words? (Js 3:1,2; Eph 5:4)
5. Am I self-controlled in food habits?
(Prov 23:1,2; 1 Cor 6:12,13)
6. Am I satisfied with a simple lifestyle?
(1 Tim 6:6-8; Phil 4:11-13)
7. Am I faithful to my wife? (1 Tim 3:2a; Rom 2:22a)
8. Am I dutiful as a father? (1 Tim 3:4,5; Dt 6:6,7)
9. Am I obedient to civil laws?
(Mt 17:25-27; Rom 13:1-7)
10. Am I transparent in money matters?
(2 Cor 9:20-22; Acts 20:33,34)
11. Am I affectionate to my sheep?
(2 Cor 12:15; 1 Cor 13:1,2)
12. Am I committed to train people?
(Lk 11:1,2; Eph 4:11-13)
13. Am I compassionate towards the poor?
(Gal 2:9,10; Acts 20:35)
14. Am I impartial? (1 Cor 5:21; 2 Chr 19:5-9)
15. Am I dead to casteism, regionalism, nepotism, etc.?
(Col 3:9-11; Rev 7:9,10)

16. Am I enthusiastic in evangelism and missions?
(Jn 10:16; Mt 9:36-38)
17. Am I true in reporting? (Rom 15:18; Mk 6:5)
18. Am I accountable to others?
(2 Cor 8:18,19,22-24; Acts 15:22)
19. Am I open to correction? (Gal 2:11-14; Eccl 4:13)
20. Am I quiet when spoken against?
(1 Pet 2:21-23; Mt 5:11,12)
21. Am I respectful of others' reputation?
(Prov 17:9; 2 Sam 1:19,20)
22. Am I friendly with my coworkers?
(Jn 15:15; Acts 20:17,36-38)
23. Am I cooperative with other ministries?
(Lk 5:5-7; Gal 2:7-9)
24. Am I working hard? (1 Cor 15:10,58; Jn 9:4,5)
25. Am I practising self-denial? (Lk 9:23; Jn 3:30)

28

Ten Commandments for Christian Workers

I

I am the Lord your God,
who chose you and ordained you.
you shall have no other masters before Me.

II

You shall not make for yourself a name;
You shall not bow down to materialism
nor serve worldly causes.

III

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God
in vain while preaching or in conversation,
for the Lord will not hold him guiltless
who takes His name in vain.

IV

Remember the day of rest to keep it free.
Six days you shall labour and do all your ministry,
but the seventh day is to rest.
In it you shall not go out for ministry
but spend time to relax with your family.
For even the Lord rested after six days of ministry
of creating the heavens and the earth, the sea,
and all that is in them.

V

Honour your father and mother
who gave you away to serve the Lord,
that your days may be long in the land
which the Lord your God is giving you.

VI

You shall not murder any servant of the Lord
with your tongue or pen.

VII

You shall not commit adultery in sight,
thought or deed.

VIII

You shall not steal sheep nor another worker's credit.

IX

You shall not give false report of your work.

X

You shall not covet another man's ministry;
You shall not covet his property,
nor his popularity, nor his workers,
nor anything that is his.

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How to Preach the Word of God

1. The Word of God is **FIRE!** (Jer 5:14; 20:9)
Preach it with a burning sense of urgency that crackles with a spirit of seriousness.
The hearers must be devoured like wood to burn out for God.
2. The Word of God is a **HAMMER!** (Jer 23:29)
Preach it bangingly and overwhelmingly.
The hardest hearts must be broken to pieces before the Holy Rock.
3. The Word of God is a **SWORD!** (Eph 6:17; Heb 4:12)
Preach it boldly and forthrightly.
The hearers must be cut to the core before the revealing eyes of God.
4. The Word of God is a **MIRROR!** (Js 1:22,23)
Preach it prophetically and clearly.
The hearers must be exposed of their true self and denounce all hypocrisy.
5. The Word of God is a **SEED!** (Lk 8:11)
Preach it with tears and expectation.
The hearers must keep it in their hearts and bring forth fruit.
6. The Word of God is **DEW!** (Dt 32:2; Eph 5:26)
Preach it tenderly with compassion.
The hearers must be cleansed, refreshed and comforted.

7. The Word of God is **MILK!** (1 Pet 2:2)
Preach it without adulteration and serve it liberally.
The hearers must grow strong and balanced.
8. The Word of God is **SPIRIT!** (Jn 6:63)
Preach it enthusiastically pouring yourself
into the sermon.
The hearers must be revived and challenged
for action.
9. The Word of God is **HONEY!** (Psa 119:103)
Preach it pleasantly, avoiding unedifying words.
The hearers must enjoy it and become sweet
in their behaviour.
10. The Word of God is a **LAMP!** (Psa 119:105)
Preach it revealingly and relevantly.
The hearers must receive direction and guidance
for their lives.

**“My Word that goes forth from My
mouth shall not return to Me void,”
says the Lord!
(Isa 55:11)**

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Searched by the Scriptures

Mere searching of the Scriptures without letting the Scriptures search us will lead us to arrogance and deception. Here are 66 self-examination questions, one from each of the Books of the Bible. Affirmative answers would indicate sin. Have an overhauling by the Blood and the Spirit.

1. Do I yield to lustful desires? (Gen 6:3)
2. Am I hardening my heart in spite of God’s repeated warnings? (Ex 10:3)
3. Is the fire in my personal or family prayer altar dying? (Lev 6:12,13)
4. Have I backbitten any servant of God? (Num 12:1-9)
5. Am I irregular in Bible meditation? (Dt 4:8; 30:11-16)
6. Have I caused any trouble in the Church or fellowship? (Josh 7:24,25)
7. Do I hesitate to sever unholy relationships? (Judg 16:4,19,20)
8. Have I gone back on any commitment? (Ruth 1:14-17)
9. Do I fail to discipline my children? (1 Sam 2:29;3:13)
10. Do I covet another’s wife or husband? (2 Sam 11:2-4,27)
11. Do I go to the extent of displeasing the Lord to please my life-partner? (1 Ki 21:25)
12. Am I after money instead of perishing souls? (2 Ki 5:26)

13. Do I depend on human support instead of divine strength? (1 Chr 21:1-8)
14. Am I puffed up when I accomplish something for God? (2 Chr 6:18)
15. Have I excluded personal repentance in revival praying? (Ezr 10:1)
16. Do I get easily discouraged by threats and oppositions? (Neh 4:14; 6:9,11)
17. Do self-interests prevent my involvement in serving the nation? (Esth 4:13-16)
18. Do I fail to praise God in my sufferings and losses? (Job 1:20-22; 2:9,10)
19. Have I lost excitement in worship? (Psa 122:1)
20. Do I reveal secrets and damage people? (Prov 11:13)
21. Do I despise the fellowship of saints? (Eccl 4:9-12)
22. Do I fail to satisfy the sexual needs of my life-partner? (SS 2:7; 3:5; 8:4)
23. Do I insult the Cross by wilful sinning? (Isa 53:1,4,5)
24. Do I doubt God's power? (Jer 32:27)
25. Do I complain about the punishment for my sins instead of repenting? (Lam 3:39-41)
26. Do I disbelieve God's promises because of delay? (Ezek 12:21-25)
27. Am I insincere or dishonest in my workspot? (Dan 6:3-5)
28. Have I failed to live a separated life? (Hos 7:8,9)
29. Do I neglect fasting prayer? (Joel 1:12-16)
30. Am I living in luxury, unmindful of the suffering brothers and sisters? (Am 6:1,3-6)

31. Am I proud? (Ob 3,4)
32. Do I offer excuses for my disobedience to God? (Jon 1:1-3; 4:2)
33. Do I put family or friends before God? (Mic 7:5-7)
34. Am I slack in soulwinning and evangelism? (Nah 1:15a)
35. Do I worship my work or business? (Hab 1:15,16)
36. Do I refuse to receive correction? (Zeph 3:1,2)
37. Do I procrastinate God's work? (Hagg 1:2-5)
38. Have I betrayed or cheated my friends? (Zech 13:6)
39. Do I give God only the leftovers? (Mal 1:7,8,12-14)
40. Am I postponing reconciliation with anyone? (Mt 5:23,24)
41. Am I angry with someone who pointed out my sin? (Mk 6:17-19)
42. Do I neglect prayer because of too much work or ministry? (Lk 5:15,16)
43. Am I dishonest in money matters? (Jn 12:6)
44. Am I sidetracking from my primary calling? (Acts 6:1-4)
45. Do I cheat or disobey the Government? (Rom 13:1-7)
46. Do I hero-worship any preacher? (1 Cor 3:4-7)
47. Do I boast about my gifts and attainments? (2 Cor 12:1,6,7)
48. Am I harsh towards the fallen? (Gal 6:1)
49. Do I crack filthy jokes? (Eph 5:4)

50. Do I esteem myself better than others? (Phil 2:3)
51. Do I disobey my parents? (Col 3:20)
52. Do I despise the gifts of the Spirit? (1 Thess 5:19,20)
53. Am I a busybody in others' matters? (2 Thess 3:11)
54. Do I neglect my family because of work or ministry?
(1 Tim 3:4,5)
55. Do I gossip or slander? (2 Tim 3:3)
56. Do I have divisive tendencies? (Tit 3:10,11)
57. Do I hesitate to involve in rehabilitating someone?
(Phile 15-18)
58. Am I hesitant to venture in faith? (Heb 11:8)
59. Do I regard the rich more than the poor? (Js 2:1-5)
60. Do I disobey my husband or dishonour my wife?
(1 Pet 3:5-7)
61. Am I careless about growing in Christian virtues?
(2 Pet 1:5-9)
62. Do I hate any brother or sister? (1 Jn 3:15)
63. Do I support ministers who preach unsound doctrines?
(2 Jn 10,11)
64. Do I love prominence? (3 Jn 9,10)
65. Do I rebel against leadership? (Jude 11c)
66. Do I waste time? (Rev 22:10,20)

31

The Missionary Challenge of Jesus

- ☛ The field is the **world**.
- ☛ The seed is the **Word** of God.
- ☛ The Kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and **sowed in his field**, which indeed is the least of all the seeds; but when it is grown it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches.
- ☛ Lift up your eyes and look at the fields; for they are **already white for harvest!** And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life.
- ☛ Why have you been standing idle all day?... You also **go** into the vineyard.
- ☛ God so loved the **world** that He gave His only begotten Son.
- ☛ I have **compassion** on the multitude.
- ☛ I **came down** from Heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.
- ☛ The Spirit of the Lord is on Me, because He has anointed Me to **preach the Gospel** to the poor; He has sent Me to **heal** the brokenhearted, to preach **deliverance** to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

- ☛ I must **work** the works of Him who sent Me, while it is day: the night comes when no man can work.
- ☛ The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: **pray** therefore the Lord of the harvest to **send out** labourers into His harvest. **Go**, behold I send you forth.
- ☛ I will make **you** fishers of men.
- ☛ Whoever shall be **ashamed** of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of Man be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.
- ☛ Go home to **your friends** and tell them.
- ☛ Go into the **highways**.
- ☛ Go into the **village**.
- ☛ Do not be afraid but **speak**, and do not keep silent; for I am with you, and no one will attack you to hurt you.
- ☛ Go into all the **world** and preach the Gospel to **every creature**. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.
- ☛ This Gospel of the Kingdom will be preached in **all the world** as a witness to **all the nations**; and then the **end** will come.

32

Is it nothing to you ?

The pagan multitudes ask ...

? We perish in the dark. We do not know how to find God. We fear death, for we are afraid to meet God. We are slaves of sin and superstition. We have no one to guide. IS IT NOTHING TO YOU?

The Missionaries ask ...

? There are times out here when we are so weak and weary that we are unable to pray for ourselves. Are you interceding for us? We do not have enough equipments for Gospel preaching. We don't get milk for our children in these tribal villages. We live with wild animals and poisonous insects. We are here for Christ's sake. IS IT NOTHING TO YOU?

The converted tribals ask ...

? We are thrown out from our society for leaving our family deities to follow Christ. We are scornfully assailed. We are not even allowed to draw water from the common well in the village. We don't have a place to worship. We are afflicted and very handicapped. IS IT NOTHING TO YOU?

The soulwinning youngsters ask ...

? We go to unreached areas to give the Gospel to the perishing. But we are not able to effectively penetrate, because we don't have sufficient literature, necessary

equipments, suitable vehicles and adequate funds. We don't want to waste a single minute, knowing 1,20,000 persons leave this world every minute. IS IT NOTHING TO YOU?

Christ Jesus asks...

? I suffered and died for the sins of the world—not only for you but for everyone in this world. Did I endure all the agonies of sin and judgment in vain? Was I wounded and bruised without a cause? The last commandment I gave you was to GO into all the world with the Gospel. Have you forgotten why I sent you the Holy Spirit? My heart is bleeding for the perishing untold millions. IS IT NOTHING TO YOU?

33

The Soulwinner

Christ was first and last a Soulwinner. So also should every Christian be.

The Bible portrays the soulwinner as a —

1. Follower
2. Fisherman
3. Farmer
4. Fighter
5. Father & Friend

1. Follower

Mt 4:19 — The first reference to soulwinning in the New Testament.

“Follow Me.”

A follower is a disciple (The very next instance they are called “His disciples” 5:1)

(a) Disciplined in prayer

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| David | Psa 55:17 |
| Daniel | Dan 6:10 |
| Disciples | Acts 3:1 |

(b) Disciplined in Bible meditation

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| Morning devotion | Ex 16:4 |
| Systematic study | 2 Tim 3:15-17 |
| Memorisation | Psa 119:11; Col 3:16 |

- (c) Disciplined in time management & duty
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| Don't waste time | Eph 5:15,16 |
| Be brisk & active | Pro 6:6-11; 22:29 |
| Don't postpone | Prov 27:1, Eccl 9:10 |
- (d) Disciplined in family life
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| Wife | Eph 5:28,29; 1 Sam 1:8 |
| Children | Eph 6:4; Job 1:5 |
| Finance | Rom 13:8; 1 Tim 6:6,8 |
- (e) Disciplined in public life
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| Personal appearance | Eccl 9:8 |
| Conversation (words) | Eph 5:4; Js 3:2 |
| Government | Rom 13:1,7 |

2. Fisherman (Mt 4:19)

- (a) YOU must go to the sinners.

Jesus personally came from Heaven to the world to meet the sinners.

1 Tim 1:15; Jn 10:10

Jesus met sinners right where they were.

Jn 4:8; 5:6; 9:1

Jesus commanded His followers to "GO."

Mk 5:19; Lk 14:23; Mt 21:2; Mk 16:15

- (b) You must learn to identify yourself with the sinners.

Jesus	Phil 2:6,7; Heb 2:14,15
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Paul	1 Cor 9:19-23
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- (c) Grow in efficiency and effectiveness
- By learning lessons afresh from the "Word" Lk 5:4-6
- By inviting cooperation from other fisher partners
Lk 5:7,10
- By venturing in faith Mt 14:28,29; 17:27

3. Farmer

- (a) Wait not for favourable conditions. Eccl 11:1-6

- (b) Sow liberally. 2 Cor 9:6

Talk to as many souls as possible.

Distribute as many tracts as possible. And so on.

- (c) Despise not the small and insignificant contacts or opportunities. Mt 13:31,32

- (d) Sacrifice your comforts and sow with tears.

(Hard labour implied)

Psa 126:5,6

- (e) Follow up regularly and suitably.

Apollos	1 Cor 3:6
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Gardener	Lk 13:8
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- (f) Be watchful Mt 13:24,25

- (g) Be patient Js 5:7

This is not relaxation or passivism,

but anticipative and expectant hopefulness.

4. Fighter

- (a) Fast and pray to release souls from the devil's clutches, with the Spirit's power. Mt 17:21; Acts 10:38

- (b) Plan well and proceed methodically.
2 Tim 2:5; Prov 20:18; Rom 15:19
- (c) Be fearless. 2 Tim 1:7,8; Judg 5:18
- (d) Have a mind to suffer. 2 Tim 2:3; 4:5
- (e) Oppose false doctrines and seducers with the sound Gospel. 1 Cor 15:32; Jude 3
- (f) Be ever ready! Eph 6:11,12,15

5. Father & Friend

(i) Father

- (a) Be an excellent example. 1 Cor 4:15,16
- (b) Be strict wherever necessary. 1 Cor 4:15,21
- (c) Be glad to spend and be spent. 2 Cor 12:14,15

(ii) Friend

- Jesus was a Friend of sinners. Mt 11:19
- (a) Be compassionate, especially in times of suffering and trouble. Psa 35:13,14; Prov 17:17; Jn 11:11,35
 - (b) Converse freely. Ex 33:11
 - (c) Keep confidentially the secrets shared with you. Prov 20:19; 11:13

“Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever” (Dan 12:3)

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Missionary Beatitudes



Blessed are the passionate for souls;
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven!



Blessed are those who mourn for the lost;
for they shall rejoice at the harvest!



Blessed are those who obey and go;
for they shall inherit the earth!



Blessed are those who give their children
for missionary work;
for they shall be rewarded!



Blessed are the liberal givers;
for they shall obtain eternal dividends!



Blessed are the Churches having a missionary heart;
for they shall enjoy God's smile!



Blessed are those who risk their lives;
for they shall be called the soldiers of God!



Blessed are those who are persecuted;
for they shall be honoured!



Blessed are you when nominal Christians
despise and criticize your missionary work.
Rejoice and be exceedingly glad,
for great is your reward in Heaven;
for so they treated the missionaries before you!

Am I a Missionary Christian?

Getting involved in missionary work is not optional but obligatory for each Christian. Here are ten questions to evaluate whether we are fulfilling our part in reaching the lost for Christ.

1. Do I set aside a regular time to pray daily for those who have not been reached with the Gospel yet? (1 Tim 2:1,4)
2. Do I read the prayer requests and field news in mission periodicals with a genuine interest and concern? Am I bothered about the sufferings of people worldwide as I come across reports in newspapers? (Neh 1:2,3)
3. Do I overcome laziness and obstacles to join the fellow Christians for open-air preaching, tract distribution and village evangelism? (Eccl 11:4-6)
4. Do I grab opportunities to visit the sick, the suffering and the imprisoned to encourage them with the message of the love of God? (Mt 25:31-46)
5. Do I take a bold stand in my locality and workspot for Christ to testify for Him through my life and lip? (Mk 8:34-38)
6. Do I give liberally to support pioneer missionary work, Bible translation projects and specialised ministries to youth, drug addicts and AIDS victims? (Lk 8:1-3)
7. Do I allot a sizeable portion of my possessions and earnings to help the poor and to support medical ministries and relief programmes for the underprivileged? (Lk 19:8; Acts 10:2)

8. Do I attend missionary prayer meetings regularly? Am I selfless in personal and family prayers?
(Acts 12:5; 16:13)
9. Do I join teams to visit mission fields wherever possible so I may get a firsthand knowledge of the problems and challenges of pioneer missionary evangelism?
(Neh 2:12-18; Jn 4:35)
10. Do I take God's missionary call seriously in my life? Do I persuade atleast one of my children to pursue missionary career? (Acts 26:19,20; 1 Sam 1:27,28)

Preventive Prayer for Missionaries

Prevention is better than cure. This truth is not practised in missionary work. Only when calamities or problems hit the missionaries, we mobilize prayer for their deliverance. Why don't we have some regular preventive prayer for them? Here are five basic preventive needs of missionaries—

Prevention from Defilement

The enemy's arrows are aimed at the missionaries to weaken their testimony. Loss of personal holiness creates hollowness both in life and work. Sex is a great snare.

Prevention from Diseases

Every other missionary becomes sick due to adverse climatic conditions, poor sanitation, lack of balanced diet, and inadequate rest. The devil rejoices to see the worker inactive because of some physical weakness.

Prevention from Depressions

Separation from children and family people, problems of children, fruitlessness in the field, unkind and inconsiderate leadership, financial stress, lack of fellowship and spiritual food, and such things leave the missionary depressed. Unless he enjoys a free spirit, he cannot serve joyfully.

Prevention from Divisions

There's hardly a mission field where there's no relationship problem between the workers. When unity and team spirit are lost, there's no blessing in the work. Prayer must be constantly made that the missionaries glorify God with "one mind and one mouth."

Prevention from Dangers

Missionaries die of accidents, snake or insect bites, food-poisoning, epidemics, etc. The promises of Mark 16:18 and such passages must be daily claimed for them. During their outstation programmes the workers' houses are sometimes looted. Besides all these, there are threats from the enemies of the Gospel.

Pray daily for missionaries covering the five needs mentioned above. Let each missionary have the privilege of God's people praying daily for his or her spiritual, mental, physical and social needs. Here's an opportunity for you to go to the mission fields on knees!

Christmas Meditations

Fear not!

- ☺ Joseph (Mt 1:19-21)
— Your confusions will be cleared.
- ☺ Zacharias (Lk 1:13)
— Your prayer is heard.
- ☺ Mary (Lk 1:30)
— Your lowly state is regarded.
- ☺ Shepherds (Lk 2:10)
— You are given a Saviour.

Joseph

- An upright man (Mt 1:19)
- A considerate man (Mt 1:19)
- An obedient man (Mt 1:24)
- A self-controlled man (Mt 1:25)
- A God-guided man (Mt 2:13,14,19-22)
- A sincere citizen (Lk 2:1-5)
- A Scripture-follower (Lk 2:22-24,41)

God's love: "God so loved the world" (Jn 3:16)

- The height of God's love:
"He gave His only begotten Son"
- The width of God's love:
"whoever believes in Him"
- The depth of God's love:
"should not perish"
- The length of God's love:
"but have everlasting life"

The Song of Mary (Lk 1:46-55)

- * God is my Lord (v 46)
- * God is my Saviour (v 47)
- * God is my Promoter (vv 48a,52)
- * God is my Blessor (vv 48b,49a)
- * God is my Sanctifier (v 49b)
- * God is my Helper (vv 50,54)
- * God is my King (vv 51,52a)
- * God is my Satisfier (v 53)
- * God is my Covenant-keeper (v 55)

Mary is not to be worshipped.

- ⊕ The angel greeted Mary;
he did not worship her (Lk 1:28,29)
- ⊕ Elizabeth greeted Mary;
she did not worship her (Lk 1:42)
- ⊕ The Shepherds praised God for the Babe;
they did not worship Mary (Lk 2:17,20)
- ⊕ The wise men worshipped the Child;
they did not worship Mary (Mt 2:11)

Experiencing the impossible

"With God nothing will be impossible" (Lk 1:37).

How to experience this promise:
Lessons from Mary—

- ☞ Accept the Lordship of Jesus Christ.
(Lk 1:38a)
- ☞ Submit to the Authority of God's Word.
(Lk 1:38b)
- ☞ Receive the Power of the Holy Spirit.
(Lk 1:35)

O Come, let us adore Him!

- 🔔 Christ the Saviour (Lk 2:11)
- 🔔 Christ the Lord (Lk 2:11)
- 🔔 Christ the King (Lk 2:2,6)
- 🔔 Christ the Immanuel (Mt 1:23)
- 🔔 Christ the Shepherd (Mt 2:6)
- 🔔 Christ the Holy Son (Lk 1:35)
- 🔔 Christ the Dayspring (Lk 1:78)

Guidance

- 👉 Through the Word (Mt 1:5,6)
- 👉 Through the Spirit (Lk 2:26,27)
- 👉 Through circumstances (Lk 2:1-4; Mt 2:22)
- 👉 Through dreams (Mt 1:20; 2:12)
- 👉 Through signs (Lk 2:12; Mt 2:9)

Preach Christ to all!

- 📖 “Good Tidings to all people” (Lk 2:10)
- 📖 “On earth peace, good will toward men” (Lk 2:14)
- 📖 “Salvation for all peoples” (Lk 2:31)
- 📖 “A light to the Gentiles” (Lk 2:32a)

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How to serve Christ

- ☐ Worship Him
with utmost reverence (Mt 2:11a)
- ☐ Offer to Him
your best gifts (Mt 2:11b)
- ☐ Proclaim Him
with the greatest urgency (Lk 2:15-18)

Christmas & Calvary

- ✝ A Saviour who was rejected (Lk 2:11/Mt 27:22)
- ✝ A King who was mocked (Mt 2:2/Mt 27:37-44)
- ✝ A Son who was sacrificed
(Lk 1:35/Mk 15:34; Rom 8:32)
- ✝ A heart which was pierced (Lk 2:35/Jn 19:25)
- ✝ A Shepherd who was struck (Mt 2:6b/Mt 26:31)

Daily Christian

Those who attend the Church services for Christmas, New Year and Easter only are used to be called festival Christians. And those who miss no Sunday service but forget God all through the week are called Churchians. But God expects us to walk in His ways and serve Him everyday. If we joyfully fulfil the following duties, we will be daily Christians.

1. Daily Worship

“Continuing **daily** with one accord in the temple ... praising God and having favour with all the people” (Acts 2:46,47)

2. Daily Meditation

“They received the Word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures **daily**” (Acts 17:11)

3. Daily Witnessing

“The Lord added to the church **daily** those who were being saved ... The Churches were strengthened in the faith, and increased in number **daily**” (Acts 2:47; 16:5)

4. Daily Bread

(Faith for it)

“Give us this day our **daily** bread” (Mt 6:11)

5. Daily Cross

(Self-denial)

“Jesus said to them all: If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross **daily**, and follow Me”(Lk 9:23-26)

6. Daily Death

(Pressures, threatening situations)

“I die **daily** ... Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? ... for I am persuaded that neither death nor life shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord” (1 Cor 15:31; Rom 8:35-39)

7. Daily Exhortation

“Exhort one another **daily**, while it is called Today, lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin” (Heb 3:12,13)

A Covenant on the Beatitudes

God's promises (Matthew 5:3-12) and My pledge:

***Blessed are the poor in spirit;
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.***

1. I shall be content with what I have and
I shall not strive to become rich (Js 2:5).
2. I shall associate with people of low position and
I shall not be highminded and haughty
(Rom 12:16; Psa 131:1,2).
3. I shall love and respect little children and
I shall not be an offence to them in anyway
(Mt 18:6,10; 19:14).

***Blessed are those who mourn;
for they shall be comforted.***

4. I shall search my heart while suffering and
I shall not question God or blame men (Lam 3:39-41).
5. I shall weep with the fellow-sufferers and
I shall not hide myself from them
(Job 30:25; Psa 35:13,14).
6. I shall walk in brokenness realising my shortcomings
and I shall not refuse correction (Js 4:8-10).

***Blessed are the meek;
for they shall inherit the earth.***

7. I shall trust the Lord to fight my battles and
I shall not employ carnal methods (Psa 37:7-11).
8. I shall accept injustice and bad treatment and
I shall not fight for my rights
(1 Pet 2:18-23; 1 Cor 6:7).
9. I shall be soft and kind in my words and
I shall not raise my voice in argument
(Mt 12:19; Prov 15:1).

***Blessed are those who hunger and thirst
for righteousness;
for they shall be filled.***

10. I shall cultivate the fruit of righteousness and
I shall not partake of the works of darkness
(Eph 5:7-12).
11. I shall feed regularly on God's Word and
I shall not let anything steal my hour of
prayer and meditation (Job 23:12).
12. I shall stay full of the Holy Spirit and
I shall not indulge in illicit pleasures (Eph 5:15-18).

***Blessed are the merciful;
for they shall obtain mercy.***

13. I shall be a good Samaritan to the needy and
I shall not withhold good from the deserving
(Psa 41:1; Prov 3:27).
14. I shall forgive others freely and
I shall not lose my patience with them (Mt 18:23-35).

15. I shall treat my servants and subordinates kindly and
I shall not forget I too have a Master in Heaven
(Eph 6:9).

***Blessed are the pure in heart;
for they shall see God.***

16. I shall seek constant cleansing by Christ's blood and
I shall not boast of my goodness (1 Jn 1:7-9).

17. I shall fill my mind with virtuous thoughts and
I shall not think about unedifying things (Phil 4:7-9).

18. I shall eagerly desire entire sanctification and
I shall not settle for less (1 Thess 5:22-24).

***Blessed are the peacemakers;
for they shall be called sons of God.***

19. I shall reconcile with the wronged and
I shall not hold grudge against anyone (Mt 5:23,24).

20. I shall bring unity where there is division and
I shall not cause discord in family, church or society
(Prov 6:12-16,19).

21. I shall pray regularly for peace in the world and
I shall not be discouraged by the happenings
(1 Tim 2:1-4).

***Blessed are those who are persecuted
for righteousness' sake;
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.***

22. I shall fearlessly lead people everywhere to
righteousness and

I shall not compromise when tried
(Dan 12:3; 3:16-18).

23. I shall pray regularly for the suffering Church
worldwide and I shall not betray Christians before
non-Christians (Eph 6:18-20; Mt 24:9,10).

24. I shall give liberally to pioneering missions and
I shall not be selfish with my resources (Phil 4:3,15,16).

25. I PLEDGE TO REVIEW THIS COVENANT PERIODICALLY
TO EXAMINE WHETHER I AM FAITHFUL TO IT FOR THE
GLORY OF GOD AND GOOD OF MANKIND.

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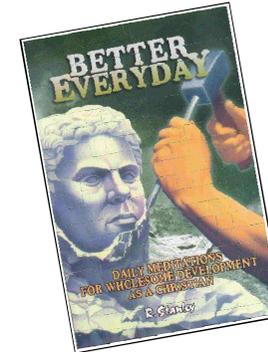
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Time is running out!

- ⌚ Therefore
amend your ways NOW!
(Jer 26:13; Joel 2:12,13)
- ⌚ Therefore
watch and pray NOW!
(Mk 13:33; Lk 21:36)
- ⌚ Therefore
obey all His Word NOW!
(Acts 10:33; Am 8:11,12)
- ⌚ Therefore
edify one another NOW!
(Heb 10:24,25)
- ⌚ Therefore
proclaim the Gospel NOW!
(2 Ki 7:9; 2 Cor 6:1-3)
- ⌚ Therefore
give liberally NOW!
(2 Cor 8:9-11; Lk 12:20,21)
- ⌚ Therefore
trust the Lord NOW!
(Psa 2:12)

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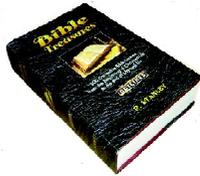
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