

GUIDE TO THE LAWS OF THE BIBLE

In order to make available the light which the Bible throws upon the problems of human conduct and responsibility, the following compilation of the laws of the Bible is offered. Since the Bible is the foundation of the legal systems of all civilized nations it is highly important that those matters be made accessible.

Historical Approach

In reviewing the history of the Hebrews one must begin with Abraham, the founder of the Hebrew race, and give consideration first to the Patriarchal Age. During this period of Hebrew history the family was the unit of government, and the father, the head of the family, was the authoritative ruler; in earthly life and relationships he was both lord and priest over his household. Jehovah imparted to the patriarchs certain principles of righteousness governing the relationship of the people to God and to one another; based upon these principles, the heads of families formulated rules and regulations for the conduct of the members of the household. Government under the Patriarchal Age was founded upon a religious basis; Jehovah was the invisible king; the patriarch was his representative or earthly vice-regent; the members of the household were his subjects.

	BOOK	CHAP.	VERSE
Family ordained of God	Gen.	1	26-28
		2	24
Children, a gift and responsibility from God	Gen.	33	5
	Gen.	48	9
	Josh.	24	3
Patriarchal authority over children illustrated	Gen.	24	3-9, 67
	Jdgs.	11	30-39
	Job	1	5

After the migration of Jacob and his sons to Egypt, the family continued as the unit of government among the Hebrews. The race increased in numbers very rapidly and grew in Egyptian learning. God continued, however, as their invisible king, and the heads of the families remained as the authoritative rulers of their households. There was no central form of national life, although tribal organizations may have been developed. Family and tribal records were kept so that all the Hebrews, or Israelites, were enrolled in tribal affiliations when the Exodus from Egypt began.

When the Israelites departed from Egypt under the leadership of Moses, they were a multitude of approximately 3,000,000 people bound together by racial ties; the chief bond of union was the "promise given to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob" and the anticipation of a national home in Canaan. In a political sense, they were not yet a nation; there was no central form of government, even though they had one great leader and their economic, social,

civil, and religious interests centered in him and in his leadership. Essentially, they were a group of tribes, and each tribe had its own patriarchal government by the "princes" of the tribes and the "heads" of the respective families. There were also religious rulers known as elders, but Jehovah was their unseen king; he ruled through the leadership of Moses and the tribal princes and heads of the families.

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The growth of Israel in Egypt	Ex.	1	1, 7
Oppression of Israel	Ex.	1	8-14
Moses chosen to deliver Israel from Egyptian bondage	Ex.	2	11-14
		3	1-22
	Ex.	4	18-22
Patriarchal and tribal rulers in Israel	Ex.	5	15-19
		6	14-27
Jehovah, Israel's king	Ex.	6	1-13
Religious rule by elders	Ex.	12	21-28
Military organization	Ex.	17	8-16
Theocratic government in Israel	Ex.	16	11-36
		18	13-26

After a journey of several months, during which time there were brief encampments at various places, the Israelites reached Mount Sinai in the heart of the Arabian Peninsula where they remained for nearly a year. It was here that Moses received from God the code of laws designed to govern the nation as a theocracy. First of all, God gave to Israel by oral utterance and in writings upon two tables of stone the moral and religious laws of the nation known as the Ten Commandments. These constituted the constitutional and fundamental law upon which all other laws were based. They were followed by a variety of laws designed to regulate the religious, moral, ethical, domestic, social, economic, and industrial life and conduct of the nation. Broad, comprehensive, and yet specific in many details, these laws covered every phase of the life of the people and their relationship to God and to one another. They included laws pertaining to religion, to Divine worship, to sacrifices to God, to religious rites and ceremonies, to the support of religious institutions; laws pertaining to civil government, including taxation; laws concerning property, domestic duties, military affairs; criminal laws and humane laws. These laws, and principles of righteousness enunciated later in the Word of God, have served as the foundation for just legal jurisprudence among all the civilized peoples of the world for more than three thousand years.

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Laws of the Theocracy			Military Laws			Laws Pertaining to Parent and Child		
God, the direct ruler	Ex.	19 3-9	Universal conscription of all males over twenty	{Num. 1 1-3 Num. 26 1-4		Father's authority over the child final	Num. 30 3-5	
The constitutional law, or Ten Commandments	{Ex. 20 1-17 Deut. 5 1-21		Selective service practiced	Num. 31 3-7		Parental responsibility for religious instruction of children	{Deut. 4 9 Deut. 6 7 Deut. 31 13 Prov. 22 6	
Citizenship based upon the covenant of God in the Ten Commandments, and obedience thereto	{Ex. 19 5-8 Deut. 4 20 Deut. 7 6-26 Deut. 14 2		Levites and certain others exempt from military service	{Num. 1 49 Num. 2 33 Deut. 20 5-7		Parental discipline of children	{Deut. 21 20 Deut. 27 16 Prov. 22 15	
Moabites and Ammonites excluded from citizenship	{Deut. 23 3 Neh. 13 1-3		The cowardly excused from battle	{Deut. 20 8 Jdgs. 7 3		Children to be regarded as gifts of God	{Gen. 33 5 Gen. 48 9 Josh. 24 3	
Other disqualifications for citizenship	Deut. 23 1, 2		Moral and physical cleanness required of soldiers	{Num. 31 19 Deut. 23 9-14		Parental love and solicitude	{Gen. 37 13, 14 Ex. 2 1-3	
Regulations for citizenship of Edomites and Egyptians	{Deut. 23 7, 8 Gen. 25 24-26		Regulations for war: Cities to be offered peaceful surrender prior to siege	{Deut. 20 10-12 2 Sam. 20 18-20		Children to honor and obey parents	{Ex. 20 12 Deut. 5 16 Lev. 19 3	
Laws Pertaining to Foreigners			Fruit trees not to be cut down for purposes of siege	Deut. 20 19, 20		Judgment and punishment for children who dishonor parents	{Deut. 21 18-21 Deut. 27 16 Lev. 20 9	
No discrimination allowed toward foreigners living among the Israelites	{Ex. 12 49 Lev. 24 22 Num. 9 14 Num. 15 15, 16		Rules for treatment of captives	{Num. 31 17, 18 Deut. 20 14-18 Num. 21 2, 3, 35 Josh. 11 14		Laws Pertaining to Sanitation and Cleanliness		
Intermarriage with foreigners forbidden	{Gen. 34 6-14 Ezra 10 3, 10, 11		Regulations concerning spoils of war	{Deut. 20 14 Josh. 8 2		Purification of woman after childbirth	Lev. 12 1-8	
Restrictions on foreigners owning Jewish slaves	Lev. 25 47-55		Laws Pertaining to Marriage			Isolation of the leper	Lev. 13 1-59	
Jews permitted to charge interest of foreigners	{Deut. 15 3 Deut. 23 20		Ordained of God	{Gen. 1 27, 28 Gen. 2 18, 24		Cleansing of leprous house	Lev. 14 37-57	
Laws Pertaining to Slavery			Of Hebrews with heathens forbidden	{Gen. 24 3 Gen. 28 1 Deut. 7 3, 4		Purification of men from running issue	Lev. 15 1-15	
Regulations respecting the purchase, treatment, and release of Hebrew slaves	{Ex. 21 2-11 Lev. 25 39-43 Deut. 15 12-18		Within own tribe under certain circumstances	Num. 36 6		Rules governing women during menstruation	Lev. 15 19-33	
Regulations governing ownership and treatment of foreigners as slaves	{Lev. 25 44-46 1 Ki. 9 20, 21		Marriages between certain kinspeople forbidden	{Lev. 18 10-15 Lev. 20 17-19 Deut. 22 30		Ceremonial pollutions of various kinds	{Lev. 7 21 Lev. 15 11 Num. 9 6, 7 Deut. 21 22, 23	
Chastisement of slaves	Ex. 21 20		Widow without children to be married to nearest kinsman	{Gen. 38 8 Deut. 25 5-10 Ruth 1 12, 13 Ruth 3 9		Laws Pertaining to Food		
Fugitive slaves not to be returned	{Deut. 23 15, 16 1 Sam. 30 15		Monogamy, the divine ideal	{Gen. 2 18-24 Ps. 128 3		Clean and unclean animals listed	{Lev. 11 2-31 Deut. 14 3-20	
Coveting another's slaves forbidden	{Ex. 20 17 Deut. 5 21		Polygamy practiced, but discouraged	{Gen. 16 4 Lev. 18 18 Deut. 17 17		Eating of blood forbidden	{Lev. 3 17 Lev. 7 26, 27 Lev. 17 10-15	
Laws Pertaining to Taxation			Parents responsible for arranging the marriages of children	{Gen. 21 21 Gen. 24 51 Gen. 34 4, 8, 11 Ex. 2 21 Jdgs. 14 1-10		Animals dying of disease or from injuries by beasts not to be eaten	{Ex. 22 31 Lev. 22 8 Lev. 17 15	
Taxes paid in Egypt	{Gen. 41 34 Gen. 47 26		Divorce allowable under certain circumstances	{Deut. 22 19, 29 Deut. 24 1-4 Jer. 3 1		Fruit of tree not to be eaten during first three years of its life	Lev. 19 23-25	
Israelites above twenty required to pay tax for tabernacle	{Ex. 30 11-16 Ex. 38 24-26 Matt. 17 24		Purity in marital relationship required	{Ex. 20 14, 17 Lev. 20 10 Deut. 22 22		Laws Pertaining to Business and Economics		
						Just weights, measures, and financial payments required	{Lev. 19 35-37 Deut. 25 13-15 Prov. 11 1	

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Laws of the Theocracy (Continued)			Removal or marring of landmarks a criminal offense			{Deut. 19 14 Deut. 27 17 Job 24 2 Prov. 22 28		
The accumulation of property commended {Gen. 14 16 Gen. 31 18			Real estate laws altered in later history of Israel			{Jer. 32 9-14 Neh. 5 2-5		
The practice of trading and bartering			Criminal Laws of the Theocracy			Crimes against Property		
{Gen. 34 10 Gen. 42 34 Gen. 47 17 Prov. 20 14 Lev. 25 14			Under the theocratic government of the Patriarchal period and during the Exodus, all forms of crime were regarded, primarily, as sins against Jehovah. Certain classifications are possible, however, such as crimes of immorality, crimes against the public, crimes against one's fellowman, crimes against property, and crimes against God.			Theft and its penalty {Ex. 20 15 Ex. 22 1-9 Deut. 23 24, 25		
Integrity in business			Contempt for the law			Dishonesty in trading		
{Num. 16 15 1 Sam. 12 1-5			{Num. 15 29-31 Deut. 6 16, 17			{Deut. 25 13-15 Prov. 21 6		
Fraud and dishonesty denounced			Perjury, or false swearing			Carelessness with fire		
{Gen. 21 25 Gen. 31 41 Josh. 7 11			{Lev. 6 3, 4 Lev. 19 12			Ex. 22 6		
Borrowing and lending regulations			Bribery for the defeat of justice			Removal of landmark		
{Ex. 22 14, 15, 25 Deut. 15 8			{Ex. 23 8 Jdgs. 16 5 Prov. 17 23			Deut. 19 14		
Honest payment of wages at the close of each day			Rebellion against rulers			Crimes against One's Fellowman		
{Lev. 19 13 Deut. 24 14, 15			{Deut. 17 12 Ezra 7 26			Murder and its punishment		
Special provision for the poor and strangers			Treason			{Gen. 9 6 Ex. 20 13 Ex. 21 12 Lev. 24 17		
{Lev. 19 9, 10 Deut. 24 19-22			2 Sam. 15 10-12			{Num. 35 16-21 Deut. 19 11, 12		
Regulations for pledges or mortgages of personal property {Ex. 22 26, 27 Deut. 24 6, 10-13 Job 22 6 Job 24 3			Purity, integrity, and honesty required of rulers			Manslaughter		
			{Gen. 41 33 Ex. 18 21, 22 Deut. 1 13 Deut. 16 18 Deut. 17 14-20			{Ex. 21 12-14 Num. 35 22-25		
Laws Pertaining to Real Estate			Rulers to be honored			Bodily injury from violent fightings		
Land purchased by Abraham			Civil liberty and patriotism			{Ex. 21 18-27 Lev. 24 19, 20 Deut. 19 21		
Gen. 23 13-16			{Lev. 25 10 2 Sam. 10 12			Injuries by another's animals		
Land purchased by Jacob			Crimes of Immorality			Ex. 21 28-32		
Gen. 33 18, 19			Adultery and its punishment			Loss of animals of another by carelessness		
Land purchased by Joseph for Pharaoh			Sexual relations with near of kin and its punishment			Ex. 21 33-36		
Gen. 47 20			{Lev. 18 6-18 Lev. 20 11-21			The loss of borrowed property		
Land in Canaan allotted to tribes of Israel			Sodomy and its punishment			Ex. 22 14, 15		
{Num. 26 52-56 Num. 33 54 Josh. 11 23 Josh. 14 1			{Lev. 18 22 Lev. 20 13 Deut. 23 17			Kidnapping and its penalty; stealing men for profit		
Lands passed to father's sons by inheritance			Whoredom and its punishment			{Ex. 21 16 Deut. 24 7		
{Gen. 25 5 Deut. 21 16, 17			{Lev. 19 29 Deut. 23 17, 18 Prov. 23 27			Slander and its penalty		
The first-born or eldest son given a double portion			Bestiality and its punishment			{Ex. 23 1 Lev. 19 16 Ps. 101 5		
{Gen. 25 31-33 Deut. 21 17			{Lev. 18 23 Lev. 20 15, 16 Ex. 22 19 Deut. 27 21			Humane Laws		
Conditional inheritance of land by daughters where there were no sons						Benevolences and Philanthropies		
{Num. 27 6-11 Num. 36 2-6 Josh. 17 3, 4						Special provision for the poor		
Land inheritance could not remove from one tribe to another						{Ex. 23 11 Lev. 19 9, 10 Deut. 15 7, 11 Lev. 25 35		
{Num. 36 7 1 Ki. 21 3						Retribution for those who oppress or neglect the poor		
Land could not be permanently sold						{Deut. 24 14, 15 Prov. 21 13 Prov. 28 3		
Lev. 25 23, 24						Rewards for those who aid the poor		
Transferred lands reverted to original heirs the year of jubilee						{Ps. 41 1 Prov. 14 21 Prov. 19 17		
Lev. 25 10, 13, 34						Kindness and aid to widows and orphans		
						{Ex. 22 22, 23 Deut. 14 29 Deut. 26 12		
						Protection for the unfortunate and helpless		
						{Lev. 19 14 Deut. 27 18		
						Justice and kindness toward servants		
						{Deut. 24 14, 15 Job 31 13, 14		

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Humane Laws (Continued)			Sacred Seasons, or Time Dedicated to the Lord			Methods of Punishment for Criminal Offenses		
Humane Treatment of Animals						Capital Punishment for Certain Crimes		
Care and food for work animals	{Deut. 25 Prov. 12	4 10	The holy Sabbath	{Gen. 2 Ex. 16 Ex. 20 Deut. 5	3 22-26 8 12-15	By burning	{Gen. 38 Lev. 20 Lev. 21	24 14 9
Sabbath rest for work animals	Ex. 23	12	Feast of the Passover	{Ex. 12 Deut. 16	3-20 1-7	By hanging	{Gen. 40 Deut. 21 Josh. 8	22 22, 23 29
Aid to be given to neighbor's animal in distress	{Ex. 23 Deut. 22	4, 5 4	Feast of Weeks, or Pentecost	{Ex. 23 Lev. 23 Deut. 16	16 16 9-11	By stoning	{Lev. 20 Lev. 24 Deut. 13 Deut. 17 Deut. 22	2 14, 16 6-10 2-5 23, 24
Protection for wild birds	Deut. 22	6, 7	Feast of Trumpets	{Lev. 23 Num. 29	24 1			
Laws Relating to Man's Duties to God			Feast of Tabernacles	{Lev. 23 Deut. 16	34, 39 13-17			
Jehovah alone to be worshiped; worship of other gods forbidden	{Ex. 20 Deut. 5 Deut. 6 Deut. 26	1-3 6, 7 14 10	Sabbatical year	Deut. 15	1-3			
The making and worshiping of graven images forbidden	{Ex. 20 Lev. 26 Deut. 4 Deut. 5	4, 5 1 16 8, 9	Day of atonement	Lev. 23	26-32			
Reverence for the name of Jehovah required	{Ex. 20 Lev. 19 Deut. 5	7 12 11	Legal Procedure in Israel					
Blasphemy of God's name and its penalty	{Lev. 24 Ps. 74	16 10, 18	Under Jurisdictional Judges					
Sorcery and similar cults forbidden	{Ex. 22 Lev. 19 Lev. 20 Deut. 18	18 26, 31 27 10-12	Moses, the supreme judge	Ex. 18	26	By beatings or scourging	Deut. 25	2, 3
Ordinances of God to be faithfully obeyed and taught	{Ex. 18 Num. 9 Deut. 4 Deut. 6	20 14 1, 5 1, 2, 6-9	Subordinate judges appointed	{Ex. 18 Deut. 16	13-27 18	By mutilation	{Deut. 25 Jdgs. 1 Jdgs. 16	11, 12 6 21
Sacred Obligations and Dues to God			Priests as appeal judges	{Deut. 17 Deut. 19	8-11 15-19	By infliction in kind	{Ex. 21 Lev. 24 Deut. 19	22-25 19, 20 21
Dedication and consecration to the Lord of the first born of both man and cattle	{Ex. 13 Ex. 22 Ex. 34 Lev. 27 Num. 8 Deut. 15	2, 12, 13 29 19, 20 26, 27 17 19	Judges required to render righteous judgments	{Ex. 23 Deut. 16	6-8 18-20	Punishment for Religious and Civil Crimes		
Dedication and consecration of first fruits of all increase	{Ex. 22 Ex. 23 Ex. 34 Deut. 26	29 19 26 2, 10	Civil disputes and criminal offenses submitted to judges	{Deut. 19 Deut. 25	16-19 1	Excommunication for certain religious crimes	{Ex. 12 Ex. 30 Lev. 17 Lev. 23	15 33 8, 9 29
Payment of tithes unto the Lord	{Gen. 14 Gen. 28 Lev. 27 Num. 18	20 22 30-33 21	Jehovah's aid to be sought in the punishment of crime	{Num. 5 Deut. 21	12-31 1-9	By compensation for damages	{Ex. 21 Lev. 24	19, 32-36 18-21
The sanctuary tax	Ex. 30	12-16	Righteous judgment to be accepted as from Jehovah	{Deut. 1 2 Chr. 19	17 6	By restitution for stolen or borrowed property	{Ex. 22 Lev. 6	12, 14, 15 2-5
Freewill offerings	{Lev. 22 Deut. 16 Deut. 23	17-20 10 23	Two or more witnesses required in criminal prosecution	{Num. 35 Deut. 17 Deut. 19	30 6 15	By servitude and hard labor	{Josh. 9 Jdgs. 16	27 21
			Difficult cases to be carried to a supreme court	{Deut. 17 2 Chr. 19	8, 9 8-10	Payment of Damages Exacted		
			Sentence to be faithfully executed	{Deut. 17 Deut. 25	10, 11 1-3	For theft of property	Ex. 22	4, 5
			Protection for Men Accused of Murder			For loss by fire caused by carelessness	Ex. 22	6
			Cities of refuge appointed	Num. 35	6-15	For breach of trust	Lev. 6	1-5
			Protection until trial given	Num. 35	12	For killing another's animal	{Ex. 21 Lev. 24	35, 36 18-21
			Continual protection for unintentional manslayer	Josh. 20	4-6	For loss of animal caused by carelessness of neighbor	Ex. 21	33, 34
			A proven murderer not protected	Num. 35	31, 32	For maiming a person	Lev. 24	10, 19, 20

CHARACTER ANALYSIS

from the

MENTAL, SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL SIDE

Mental Qualities

Positive Qualities for Character Building

	BOOK	CHAP.	VERSE
Agreeableness.....	1 Cor.	10	32, 33
Ambition.....	Phil.	3	13, 14
Analysis.....	2 Tim.	2	15
Beauty.....	Ps.	27	4
Charity.....	1 Cor.	13	1
Cheerfulness.....	Prov.	15	13
Concentration.....	Phil.	3	13
Confidence.....	Phil.	4	13
Contentment.....	1 Tim.	6	6
Courage.....	Acts	15	26
Courtesy.....	1 Cor.	13	5
Decision.....	Josh.	24	15
Diplomacy.....	2 Cor.	12	16
Discernment.....	1 Ki.	3	9
Discretion.....	Prov.	2	11
Encouragement.....	1 Sam.	30	6
Enlightenment.....	Ps.	18	28
Enthusiasm.....	1 Cor.	15	10
Fairmindedness.....	Rom.	12	3
Forethought.....	Prov.	6	8
Frugality.....	Gen.	41	35, 36
Happiness.....	Luke	6	23
Honesty.....	Rom.	12	17
Honor.....	Rom.	2	10
Hope.....	Prov.	10	28
Initiative.....	2 Tim.	4	2
Intuition.....	John	8	32
Joy.....	Phil.	3	3
Judgment.....	Ps.	119	66
Justice.....	Deut.	10	17-20
Kindness.....	Rom.	12	10
Knowledge.....	Col.	1	10
Liberality.....	Prov.	11	25
Love.....	1 John	4	18
Loyalty.....	Prov.	28	20
Morality.....	Eph.	4	1
Obedience.....	Heb.	5	8
Observation.....	1 Thess.	5	6
Open-mindedness.....	1 Pet.	3	15
Optimism.....	Rom.	8	28
Originality.....	Rev.	21	5
Patience.....	Luke	8	15
Patriotism.....	Rom.	13	1-7
Perseverance.....	1 Cor.	15	58
Politeness.....	1 Pet.	3	8
Prudence.....	Prov.	12	23
Purpose.....	Luke	9	51
Reason.....	Prov.	26	16
Religion.....	James	1	27
Restitution.....	Ex.	22	3-12
Self-control.....	Prov.	16	32
Self-respect.....	1 Tim.	4	16
Sincerity.....	Acts	24	16
Sympathy.....	1 Pet.	3	8
System.....	1 Cor.	14	40
Tact.....	1 Cor.	9	19-22
Teachableness.....	Prov.	18	15
Temperance.....	2 Pet.	1	6
The conquering spirit.....	1 John	5	4
Thrift, saving.....	1 Cor.	16	2
Trust.....	Prov.	28	25
Truth.....	Eph.	6	14
Unselfishness.....	Phil.	2	4
Wisdom.....	Prov.	3	13
Work.....	Mark	13	34

Negative Qualities Which Defeat Character

	BOOK	CHAP.	VERSE
Disagreeableness.....	Prov.	15	1
Satisfaction.....	Luke	12	19
Confusion.....	Jer.	3	25
Ugliness.....	1 Cor.	13	5
Malice.....	1 Pet.	2	1
Gloominess.....	Matt.	6	16
Vacillation.....	Gal.	1	6
Fear.....	Phil.	2	12
Dissatisfaction.....	Ex.	16	3
Cowardice.....	Prov.	29	25
Discourtesy.....	1 Cor.	13	5
Indecision.....	James	1	8
Impudence.....	Prov.	7	13
Dullness.....	Ps.	92	6
Imprudence.....	Isa.	5	21
Discouragement.....	Col.	3	21
Darkness.....	Micah	3	6
Indifference.....	Isa.	1	3
Suspicion.....	1 Sam.	18	9-11
Rashness.....	Prov.	19	2
Improvidence.....	Prov.	18	9
Misery.....	Rom.	2	9
Dishonesty.....	2 Cor.	4	2
Dishonor.....	Rom.	2	23
Despair.....	Eph.	2	12
Inaction.....	Deut.	1	6
Stupidity.....	Luke	12	20
Sorrow.....	2 Cor.	7	10
Indiscrimination.....	Matt.	7	3-6
Injustice.....	Job	17	16
Harshness.....	Heb.	11	36
Ignorance.....	Rom.	10	3
Stinginess.....	2 Cor.	9	6, 7
Hate.....	Gal.	5	20
Disloyalty.....	Prov.	25	19
Immorality.....	Prov.	6	24-26
Insubordination.....	Heb.	4	7
Heedlessness.....	Prov.	29	1
Egotism.....	Rom.	12	16
Pessimism.....	Ps.	13	1, 2
Dullness.....	Prov.	6	6
Impatience.....	1 Sam.	13	11-13
Treason.....	1 Ki.	16	19, 20
Hesitation.....	1 Ki.	18	21
Incivility.....	1 Cor.	13	5
Imprudence.....	Ecll.	5	2
Irresolution.....	2 Tim.	3	7
Imbecility.....	Prov.	10	10
Atheism.....	Ps.	14	1
Deprivation.....	Matt.	25	28, 29
Impulsiveness.....	Prov.	25	8
Debasement.....	Isa.	57	9
Insincerity.....	Phil.	1	16
Uncompassionateness.....	Eph.	4	19
Carelessness.....	Isa.	47	8
Indiscretion.....	Prov.	11	22
Inexorability.....	Jer.	6	10
Intemperance.....	Prov.	23	29, 30
Aimlessness.....	Jude	..	13
Extravagance.....	Luke	15	12-17
Suspicion.....	Song	8	6
Falsehood.....	Prov.	20	17
Selfishness.....	1 Cor.	13	5
Foolishness.....	Prov.	15	14
Laziness.....	Rom.	12	11

Spiritual Qualities

Positive				Negative			
	BOOK	CHAP.	VERSE		BOOK	CHAP.	VERSE
Abhorrence of evil	Rom.	12	9	Loving evil	Isa.	66	3
Abiding in Christ	John	15	4-10	Estranged from Christ	Matt.	15	8
Abstinence	1 Pet.	2	11	Indulgence	Phil.	3	19
Access to God	John	14	6	Excluded from God	1 Cor.	15	50
Assurance	Heb.	10	22	Doubt	Matt.	14	31
Beneficence	Luke	10	34, 35	Parsimoniousness	Prov.	21	13
Benevolence	Prov.	11	25	Miserliness	Ecccl.	5	13
Blamelessness	Phil.	2	14, 15	Guiltiness	Isa.	29	15
Brotherly love	John	13	12	Brotherly hatred	1 John	3	15
Chastity	1 Pet.	3	2	Lust	Rom.	1	24
Childlikeness	Mark	10	15	Craftiness	Luke	20	20, 23
Compassion	Luke	10	34	Pitilessness	Matt.	18	30
Confession of sin	1 John	1	9	Concealment of sin	Prov.	28	13
Confidence	Heb.	10	35	Instability	Eph.	4	14
Conscientiousness	Acts	24	16	Unscrupulousness	Titus	1	15
Consecration	Ex.	32	29	Halfheartedness	2 Ki.	10	31
Courage	Josh.	1	7	Fear	Prov.	29	25
Diligence	Prov.	4	23	Slothfulness	Prov.	19	15
Earnestness	Phil.	3	13, 14	Uninterestedness	Matt.	22	5
Endurance	Matt.	10	22	Indifference	Amos	6	1
Faith	2 Cor.	5	7	Unbelief	John	8	24
Faithfulness	Luke	19	17	Unfaithfulness	Matt.	25	24, 25
Fearlessness	Isa.	12	2	Faintheartedness	Deut.	20	8
Fidelity	Titus	2	10	Neglectfulness	Luke	12	47
Forbearance	1 Cor.	13	7	Vindictiveness	Luke	9	54
Forgiveness	Eph.	4	32	Retaliation	Est.	9	5
Fortitude	1 Cor.	15	58	Faltering	James	1	6
Friendship	Prov.	18	24	Enmity	James	4	4
Fruitfulness	John	15	2, 8	Unfruitfulness	Matt.	3	10
Generosity	Luke	6	38	Covetousness	Luke	12	15
Gentleness	Gal.	5	22	Harshness	Matt.	25	24
Giving	Acts	20	35	Withholding	Mal.	3	8
Godliness	1 Tim.	4	7	Ungodliness	2 Tim.	2	16
Golden rule	Matt.	7	12	Anti-golden rule	Prov.	24	29
Good	Luke	23	50	Evil	Luke	6	45
Good for evil	Luke	6	27, 35	Revenge	1 Pet.	3	9
Gratitude	Col.	2	7	Unthankfulness	Rom.	1	21
Growth	2 Pet.	1	5, 6	Backsliding	Luke	8	13
Holiness	Lev.	19	2	Unholiness	Rom.	6	13, 14
Hope	Rom.	5	5	Hopelessness	Eph.	2	12
Hospitality	Rom.	12	13	Inhospitality	1 Sam.	29	10
Humility	1 Pet.	5	5	Haughtiness	Isa.	2	17
Longsuffering	2 Pet.	3	9	Impatience	Luke	9	54
Meekness	Gal.	5	22	Irritableness	Num.	20	10
Merciful	Prov.	11	17	Cruel	Prov.	12	10
Neighborliness	Lev.	19	18	Unneighborliness	Luke	10	30-32
Peacemaker	Matt.	5	9	Contentiousness	Prov.	15	18
Piety	John	1	47	Impiety	Job	21	14
Resignation	Job	1	21	Self-willed	Deut.	1	43
Righteousness	Eph.	6	14	Unrighteousness	2 Thess.	2	10
Self-denial	Matt.	16	24	Self-indulgence	Isa.	29	8
Steadfastness	Heb.	12	1, 2	Wavering	Eph.	4	14
Straightforwardness	Prov.	4	27	Crookedness	Prov.	2	15
Submissiveness	James	4	7	Rebellion	Isa.	65	2, 5
Tolerance	Luke	9	49, 50	Intolerance	Mark	9	38
Unworldliness	Heb.	11	24, 25	Worldliness	Luke	21	34
Vigilance	1 Thess.	5	5, 6	Unwatchfulness	1 Cor.	10	12
Virtue	Phil.	4	8	Impurity	Rom.	1	26
Wakefulness	Eph.	5	14	Sluggishness	Prov.	6	9, 10
Zealousness	1 Cor.	14	12	Procrastination	Acts	24	25

Physical Qualities

Positive				Negative			
	BOOK	CHAP.	VERSE		BOOK	CHAP.	VERSE
Activity	1 Cor.	9	24, 25	Indolence	Prov.	6	6-11
Endurance	1 Thess.	2	2	Weakness	1 Cor.	9	22
Gracefulness	1 Sam.	16	12	Awkwardness	Isa.	57	17
Health	3 John		2	Sickness	Isa.	38	9
Heroism	Acts	20	22-24	Fearfulness	Ps.	55	5
Physical courage	2 Tim.	2	3	Physical fear	Heb.	13	6

A GUIDE FOR RELIGIOUS WORKERS AND BIBLE TEACHERS



As soon as one has been saved by the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ (Rom. 1:16), he has the impulse to reveal to others the glorious facts of such a wonderful Saviour. In order to help such persons to become efficient soul-winners, the following instructions have been compiled. They should be of much practical help to *Ministers, Bible School Teachers, and Young People's Workers.*

1. WHAT IS MEANT BY PERSONAL WORK?

Personal work means individual effort to lead others to an acceptance of the "Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." It is distinguished from mass or united effort. It is the impact of one personality upon another personality, with the definite objective of leading that one to a knowledge of the Saviour and the power and simplicity of his gospel.

2. WHAT ARE THE OBLIGATIONS OF PERSONAL WORK?

It is not only a high privilege but an imperative obligation to engage in personal work. Christ commanded it:

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Matt. 28:19, 20

Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. Mark 16:15, 16

Hence, the command to the Christian is "go," and the command to the sinner is "come." Matt. 11:28-30

Christianity is pre-eminently a teaching religion, and as such it appeals to the understanding as well as the emotions of man. No one can come to God until he has a knowledge of how to come. The process of salvation, of becoming a Christian, is not one of accident or chance. The will of God must be known by the sinner before he can intelligently obey its provisions and accept its promises, but these things cannot be known until they are revealed by some authoritative or qualified source; hence, the great need for efficient, well-trained personal workers in the kingdom of God at all times.

The plan and will of God is that the teacher of his word and the untaught be brought into personal contact with each other for the express purpose of teaching and being taught "the way of life and salvation." This is true in every recorded instance of conversion in Acts of the Apostles.

It is through the teaching and the hearing of God's word that faith is made possible. (Rom. 10:17) Jesus, in quoting an Old Testament prophecy, said:

And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me. John 6:45

Therefore, the divine plan or procedure is as follows:
1. Teaching. 2. Hearing. 3. Learning. 4. Believing. 5. Coming to the Lord Jesus.

3. WHO CAN AND SHOULD DO PERSONAL WORK?

Every Christian has an influence and comes in contact with others daily. Those who have "tasted the joys of salvation" will greatly desire, and even feel obligated, to tell others. Comparatively few can speak in the public assembly; however, every individual Christian should be qualified to lead others quietly and privately to a knowledge of the saving power of our Lord.

As soon as Andrew knew Christ, he told his brother Peter:

He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. John 1:41

The Samaritan woman left her waterpot and told the men of the city that she had found Christ.

The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, Come, see a man which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?
John 4:28, 29

4. WHERE CAN PERSONAL WORK BE DONE?

At home: Mark 5:19

Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.

Personal work should always begin in the home because the family is the basis of society.

On the street: Acts 17:17

Therefore disputed he in the synagogue with the Jews, and with the devout persons, and in the market daily with them that met with him.

Where people meet casually is an ideal place to do personal work.

As you go walking: Luke 24:32

And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?

In this passage Christ sets the example for carrying on personal work.

At places of business: Mark 2:14

And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alpheus sitting at the receipt of custom, and said unto him, Follow me. And he arose and followed him.

Here, Christ called Matthew from his place as a tax gatherer and asked him to become his follower.

ASSURANCE — How you may know you are saved.

You may know you are saved because God says so in his word:

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the son of God. 1 John 5:13

But as many as received him (Christ), to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: John 1:12

I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. 2 Tim. 1:12

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. John 5:24

A great many people think it a presumption for them to say they know that they are saved; rather, they feel that they can only hope for the best and will have to wait until the judgment before they know. Paul did not say to the jailer to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and perhaps he would be saved, or would have a good chance of being saved, or could hope to be saved. Paul said:

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. Acts 16:31

He that hath the Son, hath life; 1 John 5:12

We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. 1 John 3:14

Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and everyone that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. 1 John 5:1

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: Rom. 8:16

He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. 1 John 5:10-12

Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. Rev. 22:14

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Matt. 7:21

"Put that in black and white," says the merchant when a good offer is made to him. God has put his promise in black and white.

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; 1 John 5:13

Do you say, "I don't feel it"? Feeling is not the evidence or proof for you to trust. Your feelings may change like the wind, but God's word never changes. He says:

Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. Matt. 24:35

BACKSLIDER — God's warning to the backslider.

Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. Heb. 10:38

For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. 2 Pet. 2:21

Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin. James 4:17

Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. Heb. 3:12

I have overthrown some of you, as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and ye were as a firebrand plucked out of the burning: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord. Amos 4:11

Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel. Amos 4:12

So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Rev. 3:16

If you are cold and indifferent and have fallen into sin, you never will be truly happy, or have peace in your soul, until you confess your sins and return to the Lord. God says:

The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways: and a good man shall be satisfied from himself. Prov. 14:14

God says although man's ways are not his ways, there, nevertheless, is hope for the backslider. Think of the story of the Prodigal Son and how the father welcomed his boy home.

And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. Luke 15:20

BACKSLIDER — How he may return to the Lord.

1. Submit to God. He will forgive.

Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the Lord; and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I am merciful, saith the Lord, and I will not keep anger forever. Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the Lord thy God, and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed my voice, saith the Lord. Turn, O backsliding children, saith the Lord; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion: Jer. 3:12-14

I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him. Hosea 14:4

2. Confess to God.

I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah. Ps. 32:5

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

3. Repent of sins.

And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost. But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray

God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee. For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity. Acts 8:18-23

4. Turn to God.

Therefore turn thou to thy God: keep mercy and judgment, and wait on thy God continually. Hosea 12:6

If thou return to the Almighty, thou shalt be built up, thou shalt put away iniquity far from thy tabernacles. Job 22:23

And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:2

BAPTISM — *A divine command.*

Go ye therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Matt. 28:19 - R.V.

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that disbelieveth shall be condemned. Mark 16:16 - R.V.

And there went out unto him all the land of Judea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins. Mark 1:5

JESUS was baptized.

Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: Matt. 3:13, 16

And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan. Mark 1:9

The EUNUCH was baptized. The eunuch said,

See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. Acts 8:36, 38

John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. Mark 1:4

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Acts 2:38

Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days. Acts 10:47, 48

And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord. Acts 22:16

Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ, were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Rom. 6:3-5

For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Gal. 3:27

Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. Col. 2:12

Which sometime were disobedient, when once the long-suffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls, were saved by water. The like figure whereunto, even baptism, doth also now save us, (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ: 1 Pet. 3:20, 21

BUSINESS — *I will be hindered in making money.*

For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Mark 8:36, 37

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Matt. 6:33

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven . . . Matt. 6:19, 20

He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch. Prov. 11:28

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. Matt. 16:24, 25

And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life. Mark 10:29, 30

CHRIST — *His deity.*

One of the proofs that Christ is divine is the fact that we have several titles applied to Christ in the New Testament that are applied to Jehovah in the Old Testament.

The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:) Acts 10:36

But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the world unto our glory; Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. I Cor. 2:7, 8

And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name. John 20:28, 29, 31

Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? 1 John 5:1, 5

Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also. 1 John 2:22, 23

Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them, and pray: and the disciples

rebuked them. But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven. Matt. 19:13, 14

And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Matt. 18:3

And he took a child, and set him in the midst of them: and when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto them, Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me. Mark 9:36, 37

THE CHRISTIAN and ANTICHRIST.

1. The Antichrist

And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, Rev. 13:11-13

2. Many Antichrists

Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. 1 John 2:18

3. The Spirit of Antichrist

Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. 1 John 4:1, 3

For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. 2 John 1:7

4. The Believer's Attitude toward Antichrist

If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: 2 John 1:10

And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 2 Cor. 11:14

5. Doom of Antichrist

And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh. Rev. 19:20, 21

CHRISTIAN LIVING — *How to grow in grace.*

If you earnestly desire to grow in grace according to God's commandments, covenant to do the following things daily: pray, study your Bible, confess Christ, try to lead souls to Christ, and seek the society of Christian people. Let us see what God says concerning these things and their importance.

Daily prayer.

Pray without ceasing. 1 Thess. 5:17

Watch ye therefore, and pray always . . . Luke 21:36

And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray . . . Luke 18:1

I will therefore that men pray every where . . . 1 Tim. 2:8

Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not. Jer. 33:3

2. Daily study of God's Word.

And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up . . . Acts 20:32

These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so. Acts 17:11

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Tim. 2:15

As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: 1 Pet. 2:2

Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: Jer. 15:16

Make this last verse your prayer.

Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law. Ps. 119:18

3. Confess Christ daily.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matt. 5:16

Sing unto the Lord, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day. Ps. 96:2

Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. Matt. 10:32, 33

4. Seek others for Christ daily.

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit . . . John 15:16

He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. John 14:12

And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ. Acts 5:42

We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. 2 Cor. 6:1

5. Seek Christian society daily.

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the council of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. Ps. 1:1

He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed. Prov. 13:20

CHRISTIAN LIVING — *Repentance and baptism.*

1. Becoming a child of God.

But as many as received him (Christ), to them gave he power to become the sons of God . . . John 1:12

2. Has promise of eternal life.

And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers,

and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come, eternal life. But many that are first shall be last; and the last first. Mark 10:29-31

3. Receiving the Holy Spirit.

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Acts 2:38

4. Fellowship with others.

Then they that gladly received his word were baptized; and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. Acts 2:41, 42

5. God's promises.

Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: 2 Pet. 1:4.

6. Called to service.

For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. Mark 13:34

7. A place prepared.

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. John 14:2

CHRISTIAN LIVING — Results of keeping close to Christ.

Your own soul will be enriched.
 People will be saved.
 Your congregation will become aggressive.
 The word of God will be honored.
 Jesus Christ will be glorified.
 The Holy Ghost will not be grieved.
 You will be ready for any work.
 You will be devoted to Jesus Christ.
 The Bible will be studied more diligently.
 Your influence will be more telling.
 Your life will be less selfish.
 Your expectations will be more heavenly.
 Your joy will be more abiding.
 Your hope will be brighter.
 Your courage will become undaunted.
 Your service will be more acceptable to God.
 In life you will be active; in death you will be ready; in heaven you will shine.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me: for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. Matt. 11:29, 30.

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. 1 John 1:7

Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. James 4:8

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved. Ps. 55:22

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Isa. 26:3

CHRISTIAN LIVING — Strength for persevering.

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Eph. 6:10

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Eph. 6:11

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Eph. 6:13

Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; Eph. 6:14

Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Eph. 6:16, 17

Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. 1 Cor. 16:13

Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest. Josh. 1:9

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Ps. 27:1

And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 2 Cor. 12:9

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Phil. 4:13

CHRISTIAN LIVING — Those trying to be Christians.

Repentance

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. Isa. 55:7

Faith

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. Eph. 2:8, 9

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him (God) that sent me (Christ), hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life. John 5:24 A.V. & R.V.

Receiving

But as many as received him (Christ), to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: John 1:12

Committing

Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. Ps. 37:5

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Rom. 10:9, 10

CHURCH, The

And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church: and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Matt. 16:18

Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. Acts 20:28

And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all. Eph. 1:22, 23

And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the first-born from the dead; that in all things he might have the pre-eminence. Col. 1:18

For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the Saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. Eph. 5:23-27

Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved. Acts 2:47

Then they that gladly received his word, were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. Acts 2:41

And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. Acts 2:42

And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart. Acts 2:46

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. Heb. 10:25

CONFESSION — *Confessing Christ publicly.*

Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. Matt. 10:32, 33

Whosoever therefore 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 cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels. Mark 8:38

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. Rom. 10:9

Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God: But he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God: Luke 12:8, 9

We should confess Christ not only to honor him, but because of the influence we may have on others.

One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias; which is, being interpreted, the Christ. And he brought him to Jesus. John 1:40-42

Nevertheless, among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God. John 12:42, 43

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. Rom. 12:1

Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; Heb. 12:1, 2

Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. 1 Cor. 10:31

And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. Col. 3:17

Dear Saviour, help me every day
To love more dearly as I pray;
I would walk daily by thy side
And trust in thee what e'er betide.
Help me to live so near to thee
Thy likeness may be seen in me;
Make me so gentle, kind and true
That I will do as thou wouldst do.
To win some precious souls for thee,
My errand here on earth would be;
And every day till thou shalt come
To do some good, to help some one.

CONVERSIONS — *New Testament Examples.*

Those on Pentecost:

Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. Then they that gladly received his word, were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. Acts 2:37-42

The Samaritans:

Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. But when they believed Philip, preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized both men and women. Acts 8:5, 12

Saul of Tarsus:

And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house: and putting his hands on him, said, Brother Saul, the Lord (even Jesus that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest) hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized. And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus. And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God. Acts 9:17-20

The Corinthians:

And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house: and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized. Acts 18:8

The Philippian Jailer:

And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed. And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison-doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled. But Paul cried

with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here. Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas; And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway. And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house. Acts 16:25-34

Lydia:

And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul. And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us. Acts 16:14, 15

The Ethiopian Eunuch:

And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south, unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. And he arose, and went: and behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship, Was returning; and sitting in his chariot, read Esaias the prophet. Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near and join thyself to this chariot. And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou reatest? And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up, and sit with him. The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth: In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth. And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man? Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing. Acts 8:26-39

DOUBTER — *One who is honest.*

How may I know that God exists?

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. John 1:14

No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him. John 1:18.

Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. John 20:29

But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is

the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name. John 20:31

If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. John 7:17

He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God. John 8:47

Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealing with the Samaritans. John 4:9

Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. John 14:10, 11, 13

EXCUSE — *I am a member of the church.*

Church membership alone does not save anyone. Jesus made this fact very plain that there must be more than a cold profession of Christianity.

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. Matt. 7:21-23

Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it. Matt. 7:24-27

The great question is, "Have I been born again, and am I showing by my life that I am a child of God?"

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. John 3:3

EXCUSE — *I am good enough.*

You may think you are, but God does not.

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Rom. 3:23

As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: Rom. 3:10

For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not. Eccl. 7:20

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. Isa. 53:6

And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even

as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted. Luke 18:9-14

Not only would God show you that you are a sinner, but he would warn you of the consequences of sin, and the judgment that follows.

For the wages of sin is death; Rom. 6:23

The soul that sinneth, it shall die. Ezek. 18:4

Be sure your sin will find you out. Num. 32:23

EXCUSE — *I am not very bad.*

For there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Rom. 3:22, 23

They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Ps. 14:3

For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not. Eccl. 7:20

For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. Gal. 3:10

For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. James 2:10

And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God. Luke 16:15

Do you keep God's greatest commandment?

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. Matt. 22:37, 38

EXCUSE — *I am not good enough to be a Christian.*

But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Matt. 9:12, 13

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Titus 3:5

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. Luke 19:10

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: 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

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief. 1 Tim. 1:15

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. John 6:37

EXCUSE — *I am too great a sinner.*

The fact that you are a sinner assures you that you may be

saved because Christ came to save sinners, and if you forsake your sins and obey the Lord Jesus, you have God's word for it that you are forgiven.

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief. 1 Tim. 1:15

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. Luke 19:10

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. Isa. 55:7.

He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy. Prov. 28:13

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Rom. 10:13

And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. Rev. 22:17

And him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. John 6:37

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. Heb. 7:25

If you are among the "uttermost" ones, come now and rejoice in a full salvation.

EXCUSE — *Not now.*

Come; for all things are now ready. Luke 14:17

While it is said, Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation. Heb. 3:15

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Isa. 55:6

Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. 2 Cor. 6:2

Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth. Prov. 27:1

Go to now, ye that say, Today or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: James 4:13

I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: Luke 12:19, 20

And the Lord said, My Spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: Gen. 6:3

Prepare to meet thy God, O Israel. Amos 4:12

Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. Matt. 24:44

Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh. Matt. 25:13

EXCUSE — *There are church members no better than I am.*

Take Christ as your Saviour, a perfect example, and do not lose your soul through observing inconsistent Christians.

Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things. But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth, against them which commit such things. And thinkest

thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God? Rom. 2:1, 3

Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye. Matt. 7:1-5

So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God. Rom. 14:12

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. 2 Cor. 5:10

For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. Rom. 14:11

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. Mark 16:16

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. Eph. 2:8, 9

EXCUSE — *My companions keep me from Christ.*

Great blessings await those who will turn from bad associates, but the curse of God is upon those who refuse to do so.

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. Ps. 1:1

He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed. Prov. 13:20

Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away. Prov. 4:14, 15

My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not. If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause: Let us swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, as those that go down into the pit: Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse: My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path: Prov. 1:10-12, 14, 15

Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? James 4:4

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? 2 Cor. 6:14

Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you; 2 Cor. 6:17

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Phil. 4:13

If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. John 8:36

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Matt. 28:18

Christ came with power from heaven for you if you will but appropriate it.

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. 1 Cor. 10:13

This verse shows that your temptations are common to men, and not peculiar to you.

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. Heb. 7:25

As you think on your evil ways, think of what God says concerning the life of sin and be warned by it.

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. Gal. 6:7

For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. Gal. 6:8

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Rom. 6:23

EXCUSE — *There is too much to give up.*

Is it because of your business and a desire to make money that you are unwilling to accept Christ? If so, listen to the question God asks you:

For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Mark 8:36

God only asks you to give up that which is not for your own good.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. Ps. 84:11

God gave up his Son to die for your sins, and he will now supply all your needs.

He that 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

Take Christ; attend to the most important things first; and the less important will be provided later.

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Matt. 6:33

By giving up worldly things, you will receive manifold spiritual blessings in return.

And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake, Who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting. Luke 18:29, 30

For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. Gal. 6:8

No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. Matt. 6:24

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Rom. 6:23

EXCUSE — *I cannot surrender all.*

For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake shall find it. Matt. 16:25

And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, But he shall receive an hundred-fold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life. Mark 10:29, 30

Can you not give up some things for Christ who has done so much for you?

For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich. 2 Cor. 8:9

Paul gave up all for Christ.

But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Phil. 3:7

If we follow Christ as we should, we will be called upon to make sacrifices.

So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple. Luke 14:33

We are strengthened however in our suffering when we recall the promise.

If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: 2 Tim. 2:12

EXCUSE — *The Christian life is too hard.*

Some say that the Christian life is difficult, but they are mistaken about this:

For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. 1 John 5:3

Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. Prov. 3:17

Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore. Ps. 16:11

For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. Ps. 84:11

It is the sinful and rebellious life that is difficult and disappointing. There are certain worldly pleasures that please the carnal heart for a few moments, but these are like the foam on the soda water that passes quickly; they do not give true satisfaction.

Good understanding giveth favour: but the way of transgressors is hard. Prov. 13:15

But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. Isa. 57:20

There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked. Isa. 57:21

Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment. Eccl. 11:9

EXCUSE — *I have tried and failed.*

Was it God's fault, or your own?

1. You must seek the Lord with all your heart.

And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. Jer. 29:13

If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: Isa. 1:19

And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him. Acts 5:32

2. You must confess Christ.

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Rom. 10:9, 10

3. You must pray.

Ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. James 4:2

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Rom. 10:13

For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: 1 Pet. 3:12

EXCUSE — *I cannot hold out.*

Put your trust for pardon in the finished work of Christ and let him come into your life.

Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 1 Pet. 1:5

But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil. 2 Thess. 3:3

Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, Jud 1:24

Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ: Phil. 1:6

Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee. Isa. 41:10, 13

When you are tempted, remember that Christ has promised to deliver you.

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. 1 Cor. 10:13

The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished: 2 Pet. 2:9

And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. John 10:28

My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. John 10:29

For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. 2 Tim. 1:12

He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. Isa. 40:29, 31

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Eph. 3:20

God never gives grace in advance, but he does promise "as thy day thy strength shall be."

When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee; when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. Isa. 43:2

EXCUSE — *I have no feeling.*

The word "feeling" occurs but once in the Bible with regard to salvation, and then it is used in connection with the man "who is past feeling"; but faith in Christ is mentioned three hundred times. Conviction is one thing and emotion is another. The latter does not necessarily follow the former. Our feelings are like the weather; they may change daily; but God's word, in which we trust, will never change.

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: John 1:12

It is to those that "obey" him that the blessing is given.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith. Gal. 5:22

Never be guided by the experiences of some one else, but by God's word.

And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. Acts 16:31

But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name. John 20:31

EXCUSE — *I am not concerned.*

If a man were asleep in a burning building, he would be more in danger of losing his life than he would be if he were awake. There is also more danger of a man losing his soul if he is unconcerned, than there would be if he had some interest. God calls you to wake up and think about these things.

Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. Eph. 5:14

I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Luke 13:3

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: Heb. 9:27

And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life. John 5:40

The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God. Ps. 9:17

You in your indifference are forgetting God, not necessarily living a wicked life.

How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; Heb. 2:3

EXCUSE — *I cannot help my indifference.*

Listen to what God says to the indifferent. His word ought to lead you to the most thoughtful consideration of his ways.

Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. Eph. 5:14

Your indifference has put you to sleep and God calls you to awake.

Turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel? Ezek. 33:11

The soul that sinneth, it shall die. Ezek. 18:4

For the wages of sin is death. Rom. 6:23

I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Luke 13:3

How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; Heb. 2:3

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. Gal. 6:7

And he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. John 3:36

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. Mark 16:16

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. John 10:1

And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man. Gen. 6:3

EXCUSE — *I do not know the way.*

God has made very clear in his word the fact that he loves us and gave Jesus to be the way.

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. John 14:6

God wants us to forsake our way, which is the wrong way.

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. Isa. 55:7

He has promised to accept us if we turn to him with a penitent heart and do his will completely.

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. John 6:37

Believe his promise and know the way.

To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins. Acts 10:43

If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. John 7:17

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. Rom. 10:9

Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin. James 4:17

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. Rev. 22:17

He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. John 8:12

EXCUSE — *I cannot understand the Bible.*

Why can't you? Because the carnal mind cannot understand divine truth without great difficulty.

But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 1 Cor. 2:14

If you do God's will, you can understand.

If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. John 7:17

You ask, "How may I know?"

1. Pray

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. James 1:5

Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law. Ps. 119:18

2. Study your Bible.

Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. John 5:39

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. Isa. 55:8, 9

EXCUSE — *I cannot see my way clear.*

Listen to what God says in his Word, and seek to follow divine instructions. Then you will see.

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. John 8:12

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil. Prov. 3:5-7

If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. John 8:36

And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them. Isa. 42:16

And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. John 3:19

But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 1 Cor. 2:14

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit; for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 1 Cor. 2:9, 10

EXCUSE — *My heart is too hard.*

If you have a hard heart, that is why you ought to come to Christ, because the Lord will give you a new heart.

A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. Ezek. 36:26, 27

Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces? Jer. 23:29

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. Isa. 55:7

In this verse we find three things we must do.

1. "Let the wicked forsake his way."
2. "The unrighteous man his thoughts."
3. "Let him return unto the Lord."

Then, God will do two things.

1. "He will have mercy upon him."
2. "He will abundantly pardon."

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: 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

EXCUSE — *I am too young.*

It is strange that any boy or girl should feel he or she is too young to obey the Saviour, when there is so much in the Bible to encourage the children to come.

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth. Eccl. 12:1

I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me. Prov. 8:17

Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Matt. 18:3

And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast. Luke 2:42

Here we read of Christ taking an active part in service for his heavenly Father when only twelve years of age.

And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 2 Tim. 3:15

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Matt. 6:33

Seek the Kingdom first, not after a part of your life has been spent.

Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. 2 Cor. 6:2

Who will say that an intelligent boy or girl reading this verse will not understand it?

EXCUSE — *I believe everyone will be saved.*

If you read your Bible carefully, you will find there are some who will not be saved. Many of the parables teach this.

Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Matt. 22:13

Enter ye in at the strait gate; for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. Matt. 7:13, 14

Following is a list of some who will not be saved. Are you included in this list?

Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. 1 Cor. 6:9, 10

For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. Rev. 22:15

The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God. Ps. 9:17

EXCUSE — *It is too late for me to be saved.*

There is not the slightest doubt that Christ will forgive your sins, save and keep you, if you will obey him completely and sincerely.

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. John 6:37

Under no circumstances will the Lord cast out a sincere, seeking soul.

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. 2 Pet. 3:9

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: 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

Here the Lord is reasoning with us about the worst of our sins.

And even to your old age I am he; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you. Isa. 46:4

Here the promise reaches the eleventh hour.

And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle? Matt. 20:6

Here the promise avails at the eleventh hour of life.

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. Rev. 22:17

EXCUSE — *Don't talk to me or I shall leave.*

If anyone speaks to you, it is because they are interested in you and want to help you. They are trying to obey God's command.

And thou shalt speak my words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear: for they are most rebellious. Ezek. 2:7

Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise and speak unto them all that I command thee: be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound thee before them. Jer. 1:17

Note the punishment that awaits the unfaithful Christian.

When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. Ezek. 3:18, 20

If a Christian has enough interest in your soul to speak to you, you surely ought to have some interest in the salvation of your own soul. Listen to God's warning!

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Rom. 6:23

The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God. Ps. 9:17

Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth. Prov. 27:1

He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy. Prov. 29:1

EXCUSE — *I do not trust in forms and ceremonies.*

All of the following verses show plainly that we are not saved by forms of "ceremonies" but by receiving, believing, and obeying Christ.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. John 5:24

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Rom. 10:10

Belief must be of the heart as well as of the head.

And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 1 John 5:11

Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. 2 Cor. 13:5

And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. John 17:3

GIVING — *Systematically.*

Shall we give?

Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. Mal. 3:8, 10

Who shall give?

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee. Deut. 16:17

In what spirit shall we give?

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. 2 Cor. 9:7

When shall we give?

Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come. 1 Cor. 16:2

Does it pay to give liberally?

Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine. Prov. 3:9, 10

Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. Luke 6:38

HELL — *God is cruel to damn anyone.*

Do you, the creature, presume to criticize the Creator?

Shall he that contendeth with the Almighty instruct him? he that reproveth God, let him answer it. Job. 40:2

Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? Rom. 9:20

God has done all that a just God can do to provide man with salvation.

As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel? Ezek. 33:11

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. 2 Pet. 3:9

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! Rom. 11:33

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. Gal. 6:7, 8

God damns no one; man damns himself.

HELL — A real place.

The word "hell" appears in the Authorized Version of the Bible 53 times. In the Revised Version the word is translated "hades" 11 times out of the 53. If there is a "heaven" for the saved, surely there must be a "hell" for the lost. The Bible speaks as clearly about one place as the other.

The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Matt. 13:41, 42

The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God. Ps. 9:17

Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it. Isa. 5:14

And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Matt. 10:28

But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause, shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell-fire. And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. Matt. 5:22, 29, 30

And to you, who are troubled, rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; 2 Thess. 1:7-9

For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; 2 Pet. 2:4

And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. Rev. 20:1

But thou, O God, shalt bring them down into the pit of destruction: bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; but I will trust in thee. Ps. 55:23

All the expressions, "hell," "furnace of fire," "lake of fire," "bottomless pit," and "pit of destruction" suggest a "place."

HELL — Condition of the lost.

And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Matt. 24:51

Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable. Luke 3:17

And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. Rev. 20:10

He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. John 3:18

Men are condemned because they do not believe in Christ, and yet they say that it matters not what you believe if you are sincere.

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death. Rev. 21:8

What words are all these? What a condition to be in throughout all eternity! There is no ending to eternity.

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. Mark 16:16

Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? Who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings? Isa. 33:14

And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal. Matt. 25:46

Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Matt. 7:13, 14

Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. Mark 9:48

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves. Matt. 23:15

I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Prov. 1:26, 27

Then shall he say also to them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: Matt. 25:41

And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Dan. 12:2

He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? Heb. 10:28, 29

HOLINESS — Christ within you sanctifying the life.

For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers

of his holiness. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless, afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed. Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: Heb. 12:10-14

And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you: To the end he may stablish your hearts unblamable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints. 1 Thess. 3:12, 13

According as he hath chosen us in him, before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love. Eph. 1:4

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matt. 5:16

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. Rom. 6:11-14

And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; Phil. 1:9

Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God. Phil. 1:11

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Phil. 4:8

Abstain from all appearance of evil. 1 Thess. 5:22

That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing. 1 Thess. 4:12

HOLY SPIRIT — *His work among men.*

Leads:

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. Rom. 8:14

Teaches:

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. John 14:26

Sanctifies:

And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. 1 Cor. 6:11

Bears witness:

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: Rom. 8:16

Speaks:

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 1 Tim. 4:1

Quickens:

It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. John 6:63

Makes free:

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, hath made me free from the law of sin and death. Rom. 8:2

Helps infirmities:

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Rom. 8:26

Gives life:

Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God; Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life. 2 Cor. 3:5, 6

Convicts:

And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me; John 16:8, 9

Teaches:

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. John 16:13

HYPOCRITES — *Too many in the church.*

One usually finds that the person who sees the shortcomings in others, before he sees his own, is the real hypocrite.

So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God. Rom. 14:12

Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things. And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God? Rom. 2:1, 3

But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then everyone of us shall give account of himself to God. Rom. 14:10-12

Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye. Matt. 7:1-5

There are hypocrites in every other profession, but this is not an argument against the profession; nor is it an argument against Christ because a hypocrite is discovered in the church. You will not have to answer for the sins of the hypocrite at the judgment, but for your own.

Read the 23rd Chapter of Matthew and see how Christ condemned the self-righteous, critical scribes and Pharisees as they observed others turning to and accepting the Saviour.

But wo unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in. Matt. 23:13

Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell? Matt. 23:33

Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for everyone that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted. Luke 18:10-14

LOVE — *For your neighbor.*

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. John 13:34, 35

But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another. 1 Thess. 4:9

Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; Rom. 12:10

Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: 1 Pet. 1:22

He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. 1 John 2:10

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. 1 John 4:7

Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. 1 John 4:11

Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. Rom. 13:8

For all law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Gal. 5:14

Let brotherly love continue. Heb. 13:1

But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour? And Jesus answering, said, a certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him. And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow, when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him: and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise. Luke 10:29-37

MORALIST — *He who trusts in his self-righteousness.*

He who trusts in his own righteousness, trusts in a poor thing. God compares it to "filthy rags."

But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. Isa. 64:6

For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth. Rom. 10:3, 4

Even the righteousness of God, which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all, and upon all them that believe; for there is no difference: Rom. 3:22

We can approach God only through Christ.

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. John 14:6

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby ye must be saved. Acts. 4:12

Again, because our righteousness is of such inferior quality Jesus declared we must be "born again" so that we can have a nature that will produce something better.

Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. John 3:3

MORALIST — *He who trusts in good works to be saved.*

If the Scriptures make anything plain, it is that man cannot save himself, but must accept his salvation as a gift.

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. Eph. 2:8, 9

Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began. 2 Tim. 1:9

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Titus 3:5

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. John 10:1

Jesus Christ is the door as the next verse shows, and he who tries to save himself in any other way is called a "thief" and a "robber."

I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. John 10:9

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. Matt. 22:37, 38

And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God. Luke 16:15

NEW BIRTH, *The*

Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be

born of water, and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh, is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit, is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. John 3:3-8

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. 1 Pet. 1:23

For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. 1 Cor. 4:15

Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first-fruits of his creatures. James 1:18

The result of the new birth is a new heart, a new mind, a new nature, a new love for God and his people.

1. A new heart.

A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. Ezek. 36:26

2. Passing from death to life.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. John 5:24

3. Putting on a new man.

And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Eph. 4:24

4. Created anew, not made over.

Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 2 Cor. 5:17

5. Washed white, not white-washed.

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost. Titus 3:5

6. Victory over sin.

Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin. 1 John 3:9

7. Translated into the Kingdom.

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: Col. 1:13

8. Created in Christ Jesus.

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works. Eph. 2:10

PERSONAL WORK — *Qualifications needed.*

If we are going to lead souls to Christ, there are a few qualifications that we need.

1. A definite faith.

We must be able to say with Paul:

For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. 2 Tim. 1:12

Or, to exclaim with the blind man:

Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see. John 9:25

2. A love for souls.

Paul's heart yearned for his brethren.

That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ, for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh: Rom. 9:2, 3

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they, being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. Rom. 10:1-3

3. Responsibility for souls.

When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. Ezek. 33:8, 9

4. Knowledge of the Bible.

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Eph. 6:17

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Tim. 2:15

And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. 2 Tim. 3:15-17

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. Isa. 55:11

PERSONAL WORK — *Help in cottage meetings.*

Help work up "Cottage Prayer Meetings" and endeavor to get others on your list to attend with you. When the campaign begins, personally invite those on your list and try to get them to attend every night, always calling for and taking one or more with you. Study and pray about the best and most tactful ways to get the unsaved to the meetings.

1. Give them a timely tract.
2. Quote to them a beautiful promise.
3. Write them a letter about salvation.
4. Introduce them to someone who will speak about Jesus.
5. When the opportunity arises, speak to them about becoming a Christian. Explain the process fully.
6. Help make every meeting you attend a good one by taking some definite part.
7. Always be brief in prayer and remarks in public.
8. Have the mind and spirit of Christ with his words dwelling in you richly.
9. Be true to your own conscience.
10. Be not faithless. Satan will use many forces to defeat you at this point: Timidity, distrust, false pride, and fear of giving offense. DO NOT PERMIT THESE TO HINDER YOU.

PERSONAL WORK — *Use of the "Prayer List" card.*

Pray for your friends!

There are few people who do not have a special influence on at least one other person. Make a list of twelve of your acquaintances very carefully and prayerfully.

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. Phil. 4:6

Do not wait until the meeting is nearly over, hoping they may get in on the "tidal wave," or that the evangelist will "shake the tree" so hard they cannot hold on any longer. Get them started early so they can work for others during the revival meetings, and also have the help of the meeting to establish their faith.

As a rule, select those of your own age and sex. Head your list with your own name and then begin with the unsaved person you know and love best. If all are not converted during the meetings, follow them up afterwards until they are. Add new names to replace those who become converted and work this plan all the year, "in season and out of season."

Keep your list confidential so that none but the Father and yourself know the names you have. Do not be satisfied until they are converted to Christ. Ever afterwards look upon them as your spiritual children, assuming responsibility for keeping them from falling.

PERSONAL WORK — *How to reach them.*

1. You can win them by love. God gave us hearts big enough to let Jesus and all our neighbors in. Go to them in love as Jesus would have gone; take his manner; choose his words; go and delay not. Here is where courage plays so very great a part.

2. Tell them Jesus loves them.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

3. Tell them the whole Gospel.

To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. 2 Cor. 5:19, 20

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. Rom. 1:16

Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. 1 Cor. 15:1, 2

And to you, who are troubled, rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; 2 Thess. 1:7-9

PERSONAL WORK — *Hints and suggestions.*

Whatever your feeling of timidity in doing personal work, do not be deterred by fear that you may give offense. Be natural and courteous in asking the simple question as to personal salvation.

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Tim. 2:15

Always deal with the inquirer alone if you can and in quiet; if someone intrudes, diverting his attention, kindly ask the

intruder to be silent or withdraw. After a few words to ascertain the state of mind of the inquirer, present the truth you think he needs from the Bible or these helps for Religious Workers.

Do not be in a hurry; take time to be thorough. Sometimes in our eagerness to see souls saved, we do not make the way plain. If persons refuse and seem to repulse you, do not be dismayed or think that you have made a mistake. If a person baffles you with difficult questions, hand him over to a more experienced worker.

PERSONAL WORK — *Suggestive Scriptures.*

So then, faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Rom. 10:17

And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago, God made choice among us, that the Gentiles, by my mouth, should hear the word of the gospel, and believe. Acts 15:7

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Heb. 11:6

And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name. John 20:30, 31

Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent. John 6:29

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ: Rom. 5:1

Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?

And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. James 2:21-24

For by grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Eph. 2:8-10

I tell you, Nay; but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Luke 13:3

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel. Mark 1:15

And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent. Acts 17:30

Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; Acts 3:19

Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. Matt. 10:32, 33

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart, man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth, confession is made unto salvation. Rom. 10:9, 10

He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved; but he that believeth not, shall be damned. Mark 16:16

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Acts 2:38

And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord. Acts 22:16

Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized unto Jesus Christ, were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. Rom. 6:3, 4

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. John 6:37

PERSONAL WORK — *Fruit promised to faithful efforts.*

God has chosen us and sent us forth in his service, promising fruit as the result of our work.

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: John 15:16

Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Mark 16:15

And the Lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. Luke 14:23

And he said unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. Matt. 4:19

And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. John 4:36

There are wages that come now as we work, and there is a reward that will come later.

And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. Gal. 6:9

Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days. Eccl. 11:1

And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. Dan. 12:3

Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. John 4:35

Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins. James 5:20

PERSONAL WORK — *Fruit-bearer chapter.*

The fifteenth chapter of John is the "fruit chapter," likening Christ to the vine and Christians to the branches, teaching us our need to abide in Christ, if we would bring forth fruit and have power.

I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in

him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. John 15: 1-5

We cannot do even a little without Christ.

If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. John 15:6-8

PERSONAL WORK — *For those who feel too weak and are fearful.*

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: 2 Cor. 9:8

And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. 2 Cor. 12:9

Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee. Isa. 41:10, 13

Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Deut. 31:6

Let us wait on him and prove all of these promises.

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Phil. 4:19

He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. Isa. 40:29-31

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Phil. 4:13

PERSONAL WORK — *A word to the unwilling.*

God holds you responsible.

So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me. When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Ezek. 33:7, 8

The field is ripe to harvest.

Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. John 4:35

Are you proving faithful?

Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Matt. 24:44-46

I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. John 9:4

Consecrate yourself to the work.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God,

that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. Rom. 12:1

God is encouraging you. Listen!

And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. Dan. 12:3

PLEASURES — *Those who want to live for the world.*

Count the cost, friend, and see what God says concerning those who live just for worldly pleasures. Will it pay?

1. You may not enjoy it another day.

Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth. Prov. 27:1

2. You become the enemy of God.

Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? James 4:4

3. You reap what you sow.

Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. Gal. 6:7, 8

4. God calls you a fool.

And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee; then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? Luke 12:19, 20

5. God pleads with us.

Turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel? Ezek. 33:11

6. God warns us! This world with all that it has to offer will soon pass away, but he that doeth the will of God "abideth forever."

Know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment. Eccl. 11:9

PRAYER — *Heard and answered by God.*

Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not. Jer. 33:3

And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive. Matt. 21:22

Examine your heart and see if you have faith. God is willing if you believe him.

Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. Mark 11:24

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. John 15:7

And this is the confidence that we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him. 1 John 5:14, 15

And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. John 14:13, 14

If you want God's answer to prayer, remember the conditions.

And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep

his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. 1 John 3:22

PRAYER — *Victory through prayer.*

And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. Isa. 65:24

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit. James 5:16, 18

Remember that prayer is not mere petition, but rather communion, pouring out the whole soul to God. Prayer is the golden key that unlocks all the storehouses of God's grace. There is little danger of too much time being spent in prayer. Bad habits are overcome by prayer; evil thoughts and tendencies are rooted out by prayer; dark hours are made light by prayer; midnight of prayer brings noonday and victory. Form the habit of praying whenever difficulty, temptation, or trial arises.

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 2 Chr. 7:14

PRAYER — *Regular seasons for prayer.*

Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime. Dan. 6:10

Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice. Ps. 55:17

Pray without ceasing. 1 Thess. 5:17

Practice the following verses:

My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up. Ps. 5:3

Watch and pray, that he enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. Matt. 26:41

Be continually in the Spirit of prayer.

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; Eph. 6:18

Where do you pray?

I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. 1 Tim. 2:8

And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; Luke 18:1

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. Phil. 4:6

PRAYER — *Requirements for Prayer.*

You must ask!

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: Matt. 7:7

You must believe!

Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when

ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. Mark 11:24

You must be willing to forgive.

And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses. Mark 11:25, 26

You must have a clean heart.

If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me: Ps. 66:18

You must be unselfish!

Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. James 4:3

You must do his will!

And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: I John 5:14

You must be guided by his word!

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. John 15:7

You must ask in his name!

Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. John 16:23

That whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. John 15:16

REPENTANCE — *A requisite for salvation.*

What is the meaning of repentance? In the Greek, the word means a change of mind, such as leads one to forsake his sins and turn to God.

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel. Mark 1:15

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Acts 2:38

Have you repented, and are you ready for the blessings God has for you?

Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; Acts 3:19

God is commanding us to repent.

And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Acts 17:30

And they went out, and preached that men should repent. Mark 6:12

And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. Luke 24:47

I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Luke 13:3

Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Matt. 3:2

I come not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Luke 5:32

Does this verse mean you?

But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem,

and throughout all the coasts of Judea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance. Acts 26:20

REVIVAL — *How to make it a success.*

Be a prayerful Christian.

Always be on time.

Ask God to help you sing with the spirit, and with the understanding.

Make it a point to attend every meeting.

Do not quench the Spirit.

When you come, look as though you enjoyed Christianity thoroughly.

Make it a point to invite your friends to attend the meeting and accept Christ upon the terms of his gospel.

When you come to the meeting, do not find fault with the evangelist or the preacher's methods. Ask yourself the question, "If all the church members were like me, would this revival be a success?"

Always pray before the meeting and for your friends that you may be able some way to lead them to Christ.

REVIVAL — *What to bring with you.*

1. Bring your own Bible; everyone prefers his own tools.
2. Bring the topic in your memory, not on the card.
3. Bring some matured thought on the theme from your Bible study.
4. Bring the best illustration or application of the theme you have found in your reading or other research.
5. Bring some wish, aspiration, or sense of need — sated appetites are the hardest to influence.
6. Bring your attention: A wandering mind never wanders to God.
7. Bring your sympathies. Give more than you expect to get, and you will get more than you expect.
8. Bring your smiles and cheerful looks, and emphasize the beauty of holiness.
9. Bring a friend or stranger. It is very simple to increase the attendance by a few personal invitations!
10. Bring a large expectation, and God will fill it.

Think of the reward that Christ has promised to those who suffer for him.

And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. Rom. 8:17

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. Rom. 8:18

RIDICULE and PERSECUTION — *My friends will laugh at me.*

The person who will ridicule you for being a Christian is not your friend.

Whosoever therefore 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 cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels. Mark 8:38

For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. Mark 8:35

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say

all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you. Matt. 5:10, 12

If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified. 1 Pet. 4:14

For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake; Phil. 1:29

RIDICULE and PERSECUTION — Christ was persecuted for us.

For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.

For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: 1 Pet. 2:20, 21

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. Heb. 12:2

If you will notice the Scriptures you will see that Paul also was persecuted, but God delivered him. Will he not deliver us? Yes, surely he will.

Therefore, I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong. 2 Cor. 12:10

Encouragement is given to us who suffer.

And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name. Acts 5:41

But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled; 1 Pet. 3:14

Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf. Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator. 1 Pet. 4:16, 19

SABBATH — Scripture Studies.

And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made. Gen. 2:2, 3

Remember the sabbath-day to keep it holy.

Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates;

For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath-day, and hallowed it. Ex. 20:8-11

Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you.

Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore: for it is holy unto you. Every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

Six days may work be done, but in the seventh is the sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord: whosoever doeth any work in the sabbath-day he shall surely be put to death.

Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant.

It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed. Ex. 31:13-17

Ye shall kindle no fire throughout your habitations upon the sabbath-day. Ex. 35:3

Six days shall work be done; but the seventh day is the sabbath of rest, an holy convocation: ye shall do no work therein: it is the sabbath of the Lord in all your dwellings.

It shall be unto you a sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth day of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your sabbath. Lev. 23:3, 32

Keep the sabbath-day to sanctify it, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee.

And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and that the Lord thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: therefore the Lord thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath-day. Deut. 5:12, 15

And while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man that gathered sticks upon the sabbath-day.

And they that found him gathering sticks brought him unto Moses and Aaron, and unto all the congregation.

And they put him in ward, because it was not declared what should be done to him.

And the Lord said unto Moses, The man shall be surely put to death: all the congregation shall stone him with stones without the camp. And all the congregation brought him without the camp, and stoned him with stones, and he died; as the Lord commanded Moses. Num. 15:32-36

Thou camest down also upon mount Sinai, and spakest with them from heaven, and gavest them right judgments, and true laws, good statutes and commandments:

And madest known unto them thy holy sabbath, and commandedst them precepts, statutes, and laws, by the hand of Moses thy servant. Neh. 9:13, 14

Thus saith the Lord, Keep ye judgment, and do justice: for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed.

Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil. Isa. 56:1, 2

If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words:

Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. Isa. 58:13, 14

For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the Lord, so shall your seed and your name remain.

And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the Lord. Isa. 66:22, 23

Thus saith the Lord; Take heed to yourselves, and bear no burden on the sabbath day, nor bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem;

Neither carry forth a burden out of your houses on the sabbath day, neither do ye any work, but hallow ye the sabbath day, as I commanded your fathers. Jer. 17:21, 22

Moreover, also I gave them my sabbaths to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord that sanctify them.

But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness: they walked not in my statutes, and they despised my judgments, which if a man do, he shall even live in them: and my sabbaths they greatly polluted: then I said, I would pour out my fury upon them in the wilderness, to consume them.

I am the Lord your God; walk in my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them;

And hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am the Lord your God. Ezek. 20:12, 13, 19, 20

And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath:

Therefore, the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath. Mark 2:27, 28

Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days. Matt. 12:12

And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath-day, and stood up for to read. Luke 4:16

In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. Matt. 28:1

And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath-days reasoned with them out of the scriptures,

Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ. Acts 17:2, 3

SALVATION — Offered to "whosoever will."

Notice the different classes to whom salvation is offered.

1. To the weary and heavy laden.

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. Matt. 11:28, 30

2. To the hungry and thirsty.

Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Isa. 55:1
But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Rom. 5:8

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief. 1 Tim. 1:15

3. To the lost.

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. Luke 19:10

4. To those who wish to come.

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. Rev. 22:17

SALVATION — Offered to the most sinful.

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: 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

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. Luke 19:10

No one can say, "I am too great a sinner; Christ cannot save me," for God says he has blotted out our sins.

I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee. Isa. 44:22

I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins. Isa. 43:25

My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any men sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:1, 2

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Rom. 10:13

SALVATION — What must I do to be saved?

Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway. And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house. Acts 16:30-34

Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. And with many other words, did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. Acts 2:37-41

Continued obedience to Christ necessary.

But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in the glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion

is vain. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world. James 1:22-27

He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me, shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. John 14:21

Therefore, whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it. Matt. 7:24-27

And besides this, giving all diligence, add to your faith, virtue; and to virtue, knowledge; And to knowledge, temperance; and to temperance, patience; and to patience, godliness; And to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. 2 Pet. 1:5-11

Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. Rev. 2:10

But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. Matt. 24:13

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Matt. 7:21

SALVATION — *Proofs that we are saved.*

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: Rom. 8:16

And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 1 John 5:11

He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. 1 John 5:12

Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts. 2 Cor. 1:22

And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Eph. 4:30

And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Gal. 4:6

And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us. 1 John 3:24

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost. Titus 3:5

Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. 1 John 4:13

In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also, after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise. Eph. 1:13

SCRIPTURES — *Given by inspiration.*

To Ezekiel, the Prophet.

And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, — Ezek. 12:21, 26

To David, the Psalmist.

The Spirit of the Lord spake by me, and his word was in my tongue. 2 Sam. 23:2

To Paul, the Apostle.

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. 2 Tim. 3:16

For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe. 1 Thess. 2:13

To Peter, the Apostle.

Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. 2 Pet. 1:20, 21

To John, the Beloved.

For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him. John 3:34

To Jesus Christ.

And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. Luke 24:27

SCRIPTURES — *Supply every need.*

1. Produce faith.

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Rom. 10:17

2. Induce spiritual growth.

As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: 1 Pet. 2:2

3. Build us up.

And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified. Acts 20:32

4. Discern our hearts.

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. Psalms 119:11

6. Become our weapon.

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Eph. 6:17

7. Make our lives a success.

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. Josh. 1:8

8. Convert the soul.

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the

testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. Ps. 19:7

9. Make wise unto salvation.

And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 2 Tim. 3:15

10. Give comfort.

For whatsoever things were written aforetime, were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. Rom. 15:4

SCRIPTURES — God's promises to you.

Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. 2 Pet. 1:4

1. His presence.

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen. Matt. 28:20

2. Guidance.

I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye. Ps. 32:8

3. Divine intercession.

Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Rom. 8:34

4. Grace to live.

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: 2 Cor. 9:8

5. Victory over temptation.

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. 1 Cor. 10:13

6. Forgiveness of sin.

I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more. Jer. 31:34

7. Answer to prayer.

Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. Mark 11:24

8. The Holy Spirit.

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him? Luke 11:13

9. Power for service.

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Acts 1:8

10. Divine wisdom.

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. James 1:5

11. Divine strength.

Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee. Isa. 41:10, 13

12. Divine comfort.

I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. John 14:18

When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. Isa. 43:2

13. Divine teaching.

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. John 14:26

14. Our labor not in vain.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Cor. 15:58

15. Our work rewarded.

Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded. 2 Chr. 15:7

16. A heavenly mansion.

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. John 14: 1, 2

17. A glorified body.

For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 Cor. 5:1

18. A coming of the Lord.

So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation. Heb. 9:28

This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. Acts 1:11

SCRIPTURES — For the Jews.

As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd. John 10:15, 16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. Rom. 1:16

Is he the God of the Jews only? is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also: Rom. 3:29

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they, being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same

Lord over all, is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Rom. 10:1-3, 12, 13

And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him. But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up: I myself also am a man. And as he talked with him, he went in, and found many that were come together. And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean. Therefore come I unto you without gainsaying, as soon as I was sent for: I ask therefore for what intent ye have sent for me? Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation, he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him. Acts 10:25-29, 34, 35

For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. 1 Cor. 12:13

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. Gal. 3:28, 29

Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing. For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law. Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace. For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love. Gal. 5:1-6

Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all. Col. 3:9-11

SCRIPTURES—*Of comfort and assurance to Christians.*

It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Matt. 4:4

Yea, rather blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it. Luke 11:28

For he mightily convinced the Jews, and that publicly, shewing by the scriptures, that Jesus was Christ. Acts 18:28

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. 2 Tim. 3:16, 17

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. Through thy precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way. Thy testimonies are wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them. The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple. Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me. Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it. Ps. 119-11, 104, 129, 130, 133, 140

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. 1 John 5:13

Thus the word of God assures us of salvation, and we may know we are saved because God says so.

For whatsoever is born of God, overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. 1 John 5:4

He who has God's life in him is the one who has victory.

If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him. 1 John 2:29

Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. 1 John 3:9

We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. 1 John 3:14

The fact that we find ourselves loving God's people and having fellowship with them is one of the most adequate proofs that we have been born again.

SCRIPTURES—*How to find helpful thoughts.*

1. Read regularly. Have a certain time each day when you can read without hurrying.
2. Read prayerfully.
Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law. Ps. 119:18
3. Read studiously. When you read something you do not fully understand, stop and obtain light upon it from a standard commentary, or Bible dictionary.
4. Read sympathetically. Ask when, where, by whom, and for what purpose each book that you read was written. In this way get the standpoint of the sacred writer and put yourself in sympathy with him.
5. Read it, noting its perspectives. Observe the dates of events by the aid of the Bible margin, and keep them in your mind at their proper relative distance from each other; thus, although Abraham appears in Gen. 12, he is halfway between Adam and Christ.
6. Read topically by the aid of a concordance and Bible textbook. See what is declared upon Faith, Love, Justification, etc.
7. Read in a spirit of obedience; seek for direction. Make the precepts the rule of your life.
8. Read in faith. Take the Bible as God's word to yourself. Look upon its promises as your own.

This book is the word of God, showing the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, the happiness of believers.

Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, practice it to be holy, and live it to be happy.

It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you.

It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter.

Have a well-bound Bible of your own with a good print. Keep it where you spend most of your time, and then search it.

These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so. Acts 17:11

Set apart at least ten minutes each day. Choose an hour for study when your mind is clearest. The first thing in the morning is often the best time. May the first four words in the Bible be your motto, "In the beginning God."

The Lord God hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned. Isa. 50:4

At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. Matt. 11:25

And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified. Acts 20:32

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Tim. 2:15

SCRIPTURES — *How to study them.*

1. When you open your Bible never forget that it is God's word, not man's word.

For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe. 1 Thess. 2:13

For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. 2 Pet. 1:21

2. Read your Bible as if it were written for you only.

For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. Rom. 15:4

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 2 Tim. 3:16

3. Study with prayer, making the psalmist's prayer yours.

Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law. Ps. 119:18

4. Study with meditation, expecting help, comfort, blessings, and success in living for God.

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. Josh. 1:8

5. And as you read pray: "Thou light of life shine into my heart, and reveal thyself to me now from thy word." Study to know God's will and do it; be Christ-like in life, holy in living, and humble in service.

If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, of whether I speak of myself. John 7:17

Cleanse your life by the application of the word.

Wherewith shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. Ps. 119:9

SCRIPTURES — *How to memorize.*

In preparing these helps the author believes that something

worthwhile has been done to supply a long-felt need among Christians who desire to be soul-winners.

Looking at the great number of Scripture references in this work, it would seem like asking something that was impossible to suggest the memorizing of all these passages. Yet, it is a comparatively easy task if undertaken in the right manner. In memorizing:

1. Memorize the difficulty; then locate the verses under that difficulty, and memorize where the verses are found. For example, say, "John 1:29, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."
2. Learn it. Don't get a faint, indefinite idea of it. Do not take a "snap shot," but give it a "time exposure." If you want to remember any text in after years as well as at the present time, let it make a deep, clear, vivid impression on your mind.
3. There are a great many "methods" or "schemes" for memorizing advanced in this day of ours, but the writer's opinion is that the best way of memorizing is to get to work and do it. If it is easily acquired by some easy method, you may depend on it that it will be as easily lost.
4. Read the verses over twenty times; close your Bible, and see if you can repeat them correctly; then, to be certain, read them again. The writer has made a practice of writing out on paper the passages to be memorized. Writing the verse once is worth a dozen repetitions of it by mouth.
5. Review! Review! Review! That's the secret of memorizing. Review every day. Review every week. Review every year. How often people say, "I know the verse one day, but forget it the next." You simply need to review, that's all.
6. Use the passages of Scripture. Seek occasions for talking to persons who have difficulties. Practice! Practice! Practice! That is what the lawyer, preacher, and doctor have to do. Be it in season or out of season, seek your opportunity to practice.
7. Try to commit to memory the Gospel of St. John in a year. Learn three verses a day and review constantly until a chapter is repeated at one time!

SCRIPTURES — *The word of God our testimony.*

And be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: 1 Pet. 3:15

Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. Matt. 10:32, 33

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Rom. 10:9, 10

O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise. Ps. 51:15

Live so that you can say with the Psalmist:

I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy loving-kindness and thy truth from the great congregation. Ps. 40:10

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. Rom. 1:16

The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity. Mal. 2:6

SKEPTIC — *The honest inquirer.*

There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. Prov. 14:12

The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. Ps. 14:1

And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name. John 20:30, 31

Many have had the same experiences through which Thomas, the Apostle, passed:

But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. John 20:25-28

SPIRITUALITY — *True and false.*

Beware of false doctrines and pagan cults.

Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am the Lord your God. Lev. 19:31

And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people. Lev. 20:6

Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. 1 John 4:1-3

Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. 2 Thess. 2:9-12

There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. Deut. 18:10 11

SUNDAY — *First day of the week.*

To many Christians, this is a very significant day, because it was on the first day of the week that our Saviour rose from the dead, and other notable events of New Testament history took place on this day.

And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. And very early in the morning, the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun: And they said among

themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre? (And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away,) for it was very great. And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified; he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him. Mark 16:1-6

Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them. And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre. And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold two men stood by them in shining garments. And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen. Remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, Luke 24:1-6

And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, (ready to depart on the morrow) and continued his speech until midnight. Acts 20:7

Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come. 1 Cor. 16:1, 2

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him, must worship him in spirit and in truth. John 4:23, 24

When the day of Pentecost was fully come. Acts 2:1

I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways. Ps. 119:15

TEMPERANCE — *God's warning against intemperance.*

Wo unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, till wine inflame them! Wo unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink: Isa. 5:11, 22

Wo unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness. Hab. 2:15

Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way. Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh: For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags. Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. Prov. 23:19-21, 29-32

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. Prov. 20:1

He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man: he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich. Prov. 21:17

And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; Eph. 5:18

But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: Dan. 1:8

TEMPTATION — *How to gain the victory.*

When you are tempted, remember that God has promised to deliver you.

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. 1 Cor. 10:13

The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished: 2 Pet. 2:9

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. James 1:12-14

Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest. Josh. 1:9

Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. Isa. 41:10

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Heb. 4:15, 16

Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. Matt. 26:41

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4:7

UNFORGIVENESS — *For those who will not forgive.*

Do not delay one moment; you must forgive, or God will not forgive you.

Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. Matt. 5:23, 24

Have you forgiven all?

And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses. Mark 11:25, 26

And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Eph. 4:32

For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. Matt. 6:14, 15

Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. Col. 3:12, 13

If you refuse to forgive your neighbor, you make it impossible for God to forgive you.

Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: Eph. 4:31

UNPARDONABLE SIN — *What is it?*

Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come. Matt. 12:31, 32

Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme: But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation: Because they said, He hath an unclean spirit. Mark 3:28-30

For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame. Heb. 6:4-6

If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it. 1 John 5:16

WORLDLY AMUSEMENTS — *"I see no harm in them."*

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 1 John 2:15

Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend. 1 Cor. 8:13

Paul was willing to give up meat for the sake of others. Can you not give up something?

And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. Col. 3:17

Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. 1 Cor. 10:31

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? 2 Cor. 6:14

No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. Matt. 6:24

Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? James 4:4

Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; 2 Cor. 6:17

No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. 2 Tim. 2:4

For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. 1 Cor. 6:20

Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment. Eccl. 11:9

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are. 1 Cor. 3:16, 17

They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate. Titus 1:16

YOUNG CONVERTS — *What they should do.*

1. Say something to God every day.

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. Phil. 4:6

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. John 15:7

Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. Mark 11:24

Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not. Jer. 33:3

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. James 5:16

Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime. Dan. 6:10

Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice. Ps. 55:17

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 2 Chr. 7:14

2. Let God say something to you every day.

Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: Jer. 15:16

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Tim. 2:15

As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: 1 Pet. 2:2

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Eph. 6:17

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Ps. 119:105

3. Set apart at least ten minutes a day for your Bible, and let God speak to you.

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. Josh. 1:8

4. Say something for God every day.

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Rom. 10:9, 10

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matt. 5:16

Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: Isa. 43:10

Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels. Mark 8:38

Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. 1 John 4:15

Sing unto the Lord, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day. Ps. 96:2

Return to thine own house, and shew how great things God hath done unto thee. Luke 8:39

And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me. Luke 9:23

5. Do something for God every day.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Cor. 15:58

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Mark 16:15

I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. John 9:4

Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins. James 5:20

And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. Dan. 12:3

And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward. Matt. 10:42

Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Matt. 25:40

Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. John 4:35

Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. John 15:8