

God's Love



Ephesians 3:16-21

I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, BEING ROOTED AND ESTABLISHED IN LOVE, MAY HAVE POWER, together with all the saints, TO GRASP HOW WIDE AND LONG AND HIGH AND DEEP IS THE LOVE OF CHRIST, AND TO KNOW THIS LOVE THAT SURPASSES KNOWLEDGE--THAT YOU MAY BE FILLED TO THE MEASURE OF ALL THE FULLNESS OF GOD. Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

*we need to be rooted and established in love.

ROOTED: entrenched; deep-seated; embedded; surrounded; fixed; stable.

ESTABLISHED: grounded. To lay a basis for. To erect; to lay the foundation.

*we need to entrench ourselves in His love – we need to surround ourselves with it and let nothing move us from that place!

Jude 20-21 I carefully build myself up on this most holy faith by praying in the Holy Spirit, staying right at the center of God's love. Keeping my arms open and outstretched, ready for the mercy of my Master Jesus Christ. This is the unending life, the real life.

-Jude describes the unending, real life. This life is life in the Spirit – it is life that is eternal or of lasting value.

-this Spiritual life consists of faith, prayer, love, and mercy – all of which are connected.

*faith finds its foundation in love.

1 Corinthians 13:13 NIV And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE.

Galatians 5:6 NIV For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. THE ONLY THING THAT COUNTS IS FAITH EXPRESSING ITSELF THROUGH LOVE.

-faith is expressed through love.

EXPRESSED: to be active; efficient. Effectual (powerful; efficacious – successful). Fervent (passionate); show forth self; be mighty in.

-faith is only active because of love. Faith comes from hearing and hearing the Word – and we must be hearing the Word as the love letter it is if we want to see living faith in our lives!

*we need to stay right at the center of God's love for us – completely surrounded by it ~ Just like the definition of root – surrounded!

-we do this by filling ourselves with His declarations of His love for us – verses that declare His love must be taken in REGULARLY!



*he builds himself up in faith by praying in the Holy Spirit – in other words, praying the promises of God.

John 6:63 The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. THE WORDS I HAVE SPOKEN TO YOU ARE SPIRIT AND THEY ARE LIFE.

-the Word is Spirit and the Word is life – it is eternal life.

-when we pray the promises of God our prayers have life. We are told to come boldly to the throne and we can do that when we are coming to God with what He has already promised us!

John 15:7 If you remain in Me and My Words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.

*remain in Christ – go to God based on Christ and who you are because of Him.

*My Words remain in you – we go to God presenting the promises He has made to us. Out of the abundance of the Word in our heart, our mouth prays to God.

*ask whatever you wish – God gives us the desires of our heart (Psalm 20:4, 21:2); He will fill our hearts with the good things He has in store for us when we fill ourselves with His Word. Our desires will be the fruit of the Word – God-given desires.

1 Chronicles 17:23-26 And now, LORD, let the promise You have made concerning Your servant and his house be established forever. Do as You promised so that it will be established and that Your name will be great forever...You, my God, have revealed to Your servant that You will build a house for him. So YOUR SERVANT HAS FOUND COURAGE TO PRAY TO YOU. O LORD, You are God! You have promised these good things to Your servant.

-going to God must be based on His promises to us. We will have courage when we go based on His Word.

*it will be given you – God is not a man that He should lie! All of His promises are yes! If He promised it, you will receive it ~ faith and patience!

Hebrews 6:17-19 Because God wanted to make the UNCHANGING NATURE OF HIS PURPOSE very clear to the heirs of what was promised, HE CONFIRMED IT WITH AN OATH. God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOD TO LIE, we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged. We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure...

-we can be “greatly encouraged” = STRONG CONSOLATION.

-consolation is comfort, solace, relief. When we flee to the Word for the hope we need we can rest secure.



God's nature is unchanging – if He promised it, He will bring it to pass.
 -we can anchor our soul in His Word!
 We can find stability for our mind, will, and emotions while we wait on His promises.

*when we are rooted in love and actively taking in the Word of God and living by faith we will EXPECT mercy – God's love to reach out and meet our need in spite of us!

-the more we fill ourselves with His Word as a love letter, the more we will expect mercy to flow in our lives every day! We will begin to understand that every good thing we have is only because of Him – every good behavior, every good thought, every good word, every good promise fulfilled, and so on!

John 3:21 But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done THROUGH GOD.

*rooting ourselves in love comes from living by the truth or the Word of God. The more we root ourselves in love, the more we walk in the Light.

-the truth of the Word shows us that we have nothing of Spiritual value outside of Christ.

Psalms 16:2 I said to the LORD, "You are my Lord; APART FROM YOU I HAVE NO GOOD THING."

Isaiah 26:12 LORD, You establish peace for us; ALL THAT WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED YOU HAVE DONE FOR US.

Philippians 2:13 For it is GOD who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose.

1 Corinthians 15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—YET NOT I, BUT THE GRACE OF GOD THAT WAS WITH ME.

*if we truly understand what God has done for us we will live expecting mercy! We will depend on Him instead of ourselves and this dependence sends us to the Word as our dwelling place.

*a root makes something stable. It keeps a plant from being moved. We are the planting of the Lord and we need to be rooted in His love if we want to remain in the Spirit.

Luke 8:11 This is the meaning of the parable: THE SEED IS THE WORD OF GOD.

Matthew 13:18-23 Listen then to what the parable of the sower means:

When anyone hears the message about the Kingdom AND DOES NOT UNDERSTAND IT, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path.

The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the Word and at once receives it with joy. But SINCE HE HAS NO ROOT, HE LASTS ONLY A SHORT TIME. When trouble or persecution comes because of the Word, he quickly falls away.

The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the Word, but THE WORRIES OF THIS LIFE AND THE DECEITFULNESS OF WEALTH CHOKE IT, MAKING IT UNFRUITFUL.



But the one who received the seed that fell on GOOD SOIL is the man who HEARS THE WORD AND UNDERSTANDS IT. HE PRODUCES A CROP, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.

-the Seed is the Word of God – whether or not the Seed takes root is dependent upon hearing and understanding.

*hearing is shama and understanding is connecting with Christ. We must take the Word in as a dearly loved child of God.

-if we do not understand the Word – if we do not make that connection with Christ – the Word is snatched from us. When we read disconnected from Christ we are reading in the flesh and nothing in the flesh is of lasting, Spiritual value.

-some hear the Word and are quick to proclaim their faith – but living faith takes time. It takes time for a root to develop.

John 8:31-32 AMP So Jesus said to those Jews who had believed in Him, If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples. And you will know the Truth, and the Truth will set you free.

*we must ABIDE in the Word if we are going to be set free by the truth.

ABIDE: properly to *sit* down; to *dwell*, to *remain*, to *settle*, to *marry*: - (make to) abide (-ing), continue, (cause to, make to) dwell (-ing), ease self, endure, establish, habitation, (bring again to) place, tarry.

-again we see the beautiful picture of connection with Christ.

-a disciple is a student of the Word – a student is a person who studies.

STUDY: learn about; to discover facts about – investigate. To research; to look at and consider.

*a disciple is not casual with the Word – they have an intimate relationship with the Word and it shows in their everyday life.

-this relationship and connection take time to develop – just like roots.

-the Seed of the Word must take root in our lives. We need roots!

*roots perform 4 major functions in the natural:

1. absorption of water and nutrients
2. anchoring / support
3. storage of food and nutrients
4. vegetative reproduction

-we can see this is in the Spiritual, too.

*if we do not absorb and take in what we are reading we will not have support. It is our repeated intake of the Word as a dearly loved child of God that develops roots. Roots take time! The more we take the Word in, the more Word is stored up in us; and, as the Word is stored up in us, Spiritual fruit is produced in our lives.

-roots may not always be seen, but their result is always seen!

*a trees longest branch is only as long as its longest root. What is seen above ground depends on what is taking place below ground.

Mark 4:22 For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought out into the open.

-the Word that is being hid in our heart is meant to be revealed in our lives!



-roots depend on the seed. What kind of seeds are you planting in your life? Is your seed that of the Word or of the flesh?

Romans 11:16, 18 If the part of the dough offered as first fruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; IF THE ROOT IS HOLY, SO ARE THE BRANCHES...do not boast over those branches. If you do, consider this: YOU DO NOT SUPPORT THE ROOT, BUT THE ROOT SUPPORTS YOU.

*if we plant the Seed of the Word as a dearly loved child of God, then we will have a holy root – the Holy Root is Jesus Christ.

Galatians 6:8 AMP For he who sows to his own flesh (lower nature, sensuality) will from the flesh reap decay and ruin and destruction, but he who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

-sowing to the Spirit is sowing the Word of God; and, the Word of God will produce fruit of eternal value or Spiritual fruit.

-sowing Spiritually is sowing based on Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:11 Filled with the fruit of righteousness THAT COMES THROUGH JESUS CHRIST—to the glory and praise of God.

*only through Christ can we develop Spiritually. We need to be rooted in Christ.

*if we are not consistently taking in the Word we will not be able to handle the trouble or persecution that comes our way.

-this trouble or persecution is described as coming “because of the Word.” This means that the Word will have to be put to the test in our lives.

Hebrews 10:32 AMP But be ever mindful of the days gone by in which, after you were first Spiritually enlightened, you endured a great and painful struggle.

*faith is a fight. A fight can be a “great and painful struggle.” If we are going to win this fight, we must remain in the Word.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

-when our circumstances are not lining up with the Word, the Word is being put to the test in our lives.

1 Peter 1:7 These have come so that your FAITH—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—MAY BE PROVED GENUINE and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.



*genuine faith is faith that is founded on God's promises; it is the result of abiding in the Word. No matter what "fire" you go through, God's Word will ALWAYS prove true!

-the Word will always prove true but we have to stick with the Word if we are going to see it proved true in our lives. If we lack roots, we will be easily moved from the Word and we will not see its effects in our lives.

*the Word is being put to the test – not you! You would fail, God knows that; nevertheless, the Word cannot fail! That is why your focus needs to be on the Word!!

-trials can do 1 of 2 things to us – discourage us or strengthen us. If we focus on the trial, we will be discouraged; if we focus on the Word, we will be strengthened.

Numbers 21:4 AMP And they journeyed from Mount Hor by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom, and the people became impatient (depressed, much discouraged), because [of the trials] of the way.

*the Israelites became impatient, depressed, and much discouraged because of the trials – because their focus was still on the trial!

-they were still in the "poor me" mode!

Exodus 6:9 Moses reported this to the Israelites, but they did not listen to him because of their discouragement and cruel bondage.

*the Israelites had a hard time even listening to Moses and his declaration of the freedom God promised to give them because they were ENGROSSED in the trial.

-trials can easily become a way of life. The flesh likes to keep us in the mess. The flesh will fight your time in the Word.

Ephesians 4:22-24 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to PUT OFF YOUR OLD SELF, WHICH IS BEING CORRUPTED BY ITS DECEITFUL DESIRES; to BE MADE NEW IN THE ATTITUDE OF YOUR MINDS; AND TO PUT ON THE NEW SELF, CREATED TO BE LIKE GOD IN TRUE RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HOLINESS.

*discouragement, impatience, fear, anxiety, bondage, depression, etc. are all part of the old life!

*we need to be made new in our minds – as a man thinks, so he becomes! To be made new is to renovate – make changes! Change the scenery – what are you focusing on?

*put on the new self! Find out who you are in Christ and abide in this new identity!

*when we are so entrenched in a trial it will take time to even receive the promises of God. We may have a hard time even listening to them, but that is okay – it may be hard, but it will be worth it!



Romans 8:18 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

-the flesh suffers when it is being put to death, but that is okay – the new life blows the old one away! It is worth it!

-trials can strengthen us if we focus on the Word.

1 Thessalonians 3:2-5 We sent Timothy, who is our brother and God's fellow worker in spreading the gospel of Christ, TO STRENGTHEN AND ENCOURAGE YOU IN YOUR FAITH, SO THAT NO ONE WOULD BE UNSETTLED BY THESE TRIALS. You know quite well that we were destined for them. In fact, when we were with you, we kept telling you that we would be persecuted. And it turned out that way, as you well know. For this reason, when I could stand it no longer, I sent to find out about your faith...

*trials do not have to unsettle us!! We can unsettle them!

Philippians 1:28 AMP And do not [for a moment] be frightened or intimidated in anything by your opponents and adversaries, for such [constancy and fearlessness] will be a clear sign (proof and seal) to them of [their impending] destruction, but [a sure token and evidence] of your deliverance and salvation, and that from God.

*Paul knew they were going through trials and what was the one thing he wanted to know – how was their faith?! Paul knew that the Word was the victory!

*our faith, the result of abiding in the Word, will be a clear sign for the enemy! How is your faith? Are you afraid of the trial or is it afraid of you?!

-turn your trial into a Spiritual buffet!!

Numbers 14:9 AMP Only do not rebel against the Lord, neither fear the people of the land, for they are bread for us. Their defense and the shadow [of protection] is removed from over them, but the Lord is with us. Fear them not.

*do not rebel against the Lord ~rebellion is a disconnection from God; it is refusing to be connected to Him by ignoring the connection – His Word.

*do not fear ~ connect with God. Know that He is with you; stay connected to His promises.

-the Word is BREAD – it is your Spiritual food! Fill yourself!!

Job 23:12 AMP I have not gone back from the commandment of His lips; I have esteemed and treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food.

*we must understand the value of the Word!!

-strengthen each other in the midst of trials – take others to the buffet!

Acts 14:22 AMP Establishing and strengthening the souls and the hearts of the disciples, urging and warning and encouraging them



to STAND FIRM IN THE FAITH, and [telling them] that it is through many hardships and tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.

*the Kingdom of God is nothing more than Spiritual living – and our flesh will not take its death kindly! It won't go without a fight. If we want to walk in the Spirit instead of the flesh, we are going to have to stand firm in the Word no matter what comes against us — and we can!!

Isaiah 35:3-4 AMP Strengthen the weak hands and make firm the feeble and tottering knees. Say to those who are of a fearful and hasty heart, Be strong, fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance; with the recompense of God He will come and save you.

*remind others that God has a plan and He will not go back on His Word! Speak the Word to those who are struggling – speak it to yourself if you are the one struggling!!

-the Word can also be choked in our lives.

CHOKED: to strangle completely. To drown. To crowd.

*how much the Word affects you depends on how much of the Word is being taken in. Is the Word preeminent in your life or is it lost in the crowd of things that you give yourself to?

-when the worries of the life, the cares of this life, and the greed in this life preoccupy you, then the Word will not be fruitful.

*in studying the planting of an apple tree, I discovered that only 30% of the seeds that you plant actually take root. If we are planting more seeds of the flesh than we are of the Spirit, then we are in for a harvest of the flesh!

-we can produce 30, 60, or 100 fold – this increase depends on the amount of Seed that is planted!!

*worry is a Spiritual enemy

Matthew 6:25 Therefore I tell you, DO NOT WORRY ABOUT YOUR LIFE, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes?

WORRY: to be anxious about. To take thought.

Through the idea of distraction.

-worry is the flesh's way of occupying itself, but it can only produce the fruit of the flesh.

-in order for us to let go of worry, we must know that God has our lives in His hands – we must know His promises in the areas we worry about.

*our focus will naturally go to taking care of ourselves if we do not have living faith regarding His care of us!

Philippians 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

-the ability to avoid anxiety and worry comes by prayer, petition, and thanksgiving ~ all 3 are the fruit of filling yourself with the Word!

*we pray in the Spirit – we pray based on the Word. We must know the Word if we are going to “pray in



the Spirit” – that is also the meaning of petition: going to God for what He already promised.

John 16:24 Until now you have not asked for anything in My Name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

ASK: make a demand on what is rightfully yours.

-ask IN HIS NAME – His Name is the Word of God!

Revelation 19:13 He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and HIS NAME IS THE WORD OF GOD.

-they were not asking based on the Word; they did not go to God for what He already promised. When we go based on the Word we will receive and we will have complete joy.

COMPLETE: to furnish; satisfy; accomplish. Verify; execute.

*joy is verified and accomplished in our lives when we live in the fulfillment of the Word. In His presence is fullness of joy – and He is the Word!

*thanksgiving is the end result of faith – when you are living by faith regarding God’s promises you WILL be thankful whether you are experiencing them or not! Again, this is a Spiritual fruit – we cannot be thankful in the flesh. You will be thankful because you are walking in the Spirit – you are in agreement with the Word and you know that God will do what He promised.

-worry tries to distract – worry wants to take your focus off of the Word. Worry finds its roots in doubt or a lack of faith – aka: a lack of the Word.

*our focus must remain on the Word. If we turn our attention to the worries of the world more than the Word we will see that the Word will be choked in our lives.

-in order to be good soil, we must plant the Seed of the Word repeatedly as a dearly loved child of God!

*we must hear and understand – we must connect with Christ as we shama.

Luke 6:47-48 I will show you what he is like who comes to Me and hears My words and puts them into practice. He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built.

-hearing the Word and putting it into practice is “HEARING and DOING” – it is SHAMA which leads to ASAH.

SHAMA: to *hear* intelligently; attentively, call (gather) together,



consent, consider, be content, declare, diligently, discern, give ear, (cause to, let, make to) hear (-ken, tell), indeed, listen, make (a) noise, (be) obedient, obey, perceive, (make a) proclaim (-ation), publish, regard, report, shew (forth), (make a) sound, surely, tell, understand, whosoever [heareth], witness.

ASAH: to do; accomplish.

-faith comes from hearing (shama) and faith with works is alive – it is Spiritual. When we are shama-ing the Word it will produce Spiritual fruit in our lives! You cannot have asah without the shama if you want your fruit to be Spiritual! We can perform actions on our own – but apart from Christ we can do nothing of Spiritual value!
-when we are living by faith we are producing Spiritual fruit – 30, 60, 100 times what was sown. This is the result of a life that finds its foundation in the love of Christ!

Mark 4:24-27 "Consider carefully what you hear," He continued. "With the measure you use, it will be measured to you—and even more. Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him." He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how."

*consider how much of the Word you are shama-ing – you cannot produce fruit from a seed you did not plant.

*consider how much of the Word you are planting – little seeds turn into large plants.

-the more Seed you have, the greater the harvest.

*as we plant the Seed of the Word we can rest – whether we sleep or get up, the Word will produce in our lives!

-remember the definition of abide – part of it meant to “ease self.” Instead of wearying ourselves we can rest in Christ and what His Word does in us!

Isaiah 57:10 You were wearied by all YOUR ways...

Matthew 11:28-30 "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take MY yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For MY yoke is easy and MY burden is light."

*we can wear ourselves out trying to produce Spiritual fruit on our own – it is impossible – or we can rest in Christ by abiding in the Word.

*His yoke – or the connection with Him – is EASY. The Greek word translated as easy means to furnish with everything needed! He has given us everything we need for life and godliness – we just have to plant that Seed!

*we cannot explain how that Spiritual fruit is produced in us – just like the blind man: “All I know is I was blind but now I see!”

-we may not understand how the Word produces Spiritual fruit in us, but we do not have to understand – we live by FAITH!



*be good soil – take in the Word consistently as a dearly loved child of God and take part in the harvest of blessings God has for you! The Word will bless you in so many ways – it will bring all of God's promises to pass in your life - it will change your thoughts, your words, your actions, your situation, and so on!!

*we must be rooted in LOVE – God's love for us! That love will change us in every area of our lives.

1 John 4:9 This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world THAT WE MIGHT LIVE THROUGH HIM.

-God's love for us is displayed in the gift of living THROUGH Christ! Too many times we miss this gift by trying to live FOR Christ.

Acts 17:25 And He is not served by human hands, as if He needed anything, because He HIMSELF gives all men life and breath and everything else.

Job 22:2 Can a man be of benefit to God? Can even a wise man benefit him?

*we need Him! He does not need us! We cannot be Spiritual without Him!

Acts 3:26 When God raised up His servant, He sent Him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways."

Jeremiah 7:21-24 "This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: Go ahead, add your burnt offerings to your other sacrifices and eat the meat yourselves! For when I brought your forefathers out of Egypt and spoke to them, I did not just give them commands about burnt offerings and sacrifices, BUT I GAVE THEM THIS COMMAND: OBEY ME, AND I WILL BE YOUR GOD AND YOU WILL BE MY PEOPLE. WALK IN ALL THE WAYS I COMMAND YOU, THAT IT MAY GO WELL WITH YOU. But they did not listen or pay attention; instead, they followed the stubborn inclinations of their evil hearts. They went backward and not forward.

*God gave them THIS command – obey and walk – SHAMA and HALAK!

HALAK: to *walk* - (all) along, continually, be conversant, + BE EASED, enter, exercise (self), + follow, go (about, abroad, along, away, forward, on, out, up and down), grow.

-shama and halak – take the Word in; hear it based on who you are in Christ. Take it in continually – walk all around in it. Take the Word in to the point that your words display the Word you are taking in. Rest in Christ – set yourself at ease! Let Christ do in you what you cannot! Rest in Him – depend on Him. Do the one thing He prescribed and rest!

-they were adding works to God's prescription – they were lukewarm. They did not want to rest in what Christ did for them; they wanted to do something.

-God did not give them burnt offerings and sacrifices as a work they were to do for Him – it was a representation of what Christ did for them!

-God's plan has ALWAYS been to shama and shamar. He gave us His Word so that it would go well with US!

-God gives man the Word as his Seed, his Spiritual Food – but man thinks he can do better on his own. Instead of listening and paying attention to the Word, they focus on works of the flesh.

NOT LISTEN: would not shama

*they would not heed the Word and take it in. They were not content with the Word – they needed more. Religion.

PAY ATTENTION / NOR INCLINED THEIR EAR: they would not yield to



the Word.

-they refused to live THROUGH CHRIST – and we can, too!

John 6:57 Just as the living Father sent Me and I live because of the Father, SO THE ONE WHO FEEDS ON ME WILL LIVE BECAUSE OF ME.

-we have a choice to make – life or death; Spiritual living or life in the flesh.

-if we will listen to God's plan for our lives and feed on Christ – live off of the Word- we will live life in the Spirit! Zoe – life as God has it!!

*live THROUGH CHRIST – that is really living!

*recognize who you are now because of Christ.

Colossians 3:3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

-now that we are in Christ, our old life is dead – it is useless.

-real life, eternal life, is found with Christ in God!

Galatians 2:19-20 For through the law I died to the law so that I might live *for* God. I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, Who loved me, and gave Himself for me.

-the word "for" is not in the original translation – it simply says "so that I might live God." In the Hebrew, this word translated as God means "godly or in the same way as God."

-we are not alive (Spiritual) on our own – it is Christ who lives in us that gives us Spirituality – we cannot live for Him, we must live through Him.

-the life we live in the flesh (or in this body) we live by faith – we live through the Word / Christ. We live by HIS faith because HE loved us and gave Himself for us!

*without the love of God we have no Spiritual life!

Hosea 2:18-20 TLB At that time I will make a treaty...I will bind you to Me forever with chains of righteousness and justice and love and mercy. I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness and love, and you will really know Me then as you never have before.

*the treaty or covenant that God longs to make with each one of us is based on HIS love for us.

*He longs to "bind" us to Him – this is the Hebrew word for betroth; engage to marry.

-we are bound to Him forever – it is permanent because it is based on HIS righteousness, justice, love, and mercy!

*His righteousness makes me righteous.

*He is a just God – He will not hold me accountable for the sin Christ paid for; I now have the privilege of being in relationship with God because of Christ.

*His love for me is greater than my sin. Christ laid down His life for me – no greater love!

*His mercy is His love reaching out to meet my need in spite of me because of Christ.

-everything that connects me to God is based on Him – and He is faithful! He will never change His mind about me!

*the key to really knowing God is HIS righteousness, HIS justice, HIS love, HIS mercy, and HIS faithfulness! If we want to really know God, He must be our focus.

-when we are living by works trying to accomplish something *for* God, our lives are centered on ourselves.

-we must be focused on Him if we want to know Him.

יָדָע KNOW (YADA)

YOD: open-handed. Humility; importance; value.



DALET: humility; opening yourself up to Christ.

AYIN: eye. To see – observe to do.

Humility.

KNOW: to *know* (by *seeing*); (*observation, care, recognition, instruction, etc.*): - acknowledge, acquaintance (-ted with), comprehend, consider, declare, be diligent, discover, endued with, familiar friend, kinsfolk, kinsman, mark, perceive, privy to, prognosticator, regard, have respect, skilful, show, can (man of) skill, be sure, teach, (can) tell, understand, have [understanding], X will be.

*the Hebrew spelling focuses on humility. You must be humble if you really want to know God. God is not experienced in our pride.

*to know God is to be familiar with who HE is and what HE has done – familiar with it to the point that we can teach others.

*understanding is part of the definition for “know” – that connection is vital.

*we must see ourselves in Him.

יהוה LORD (YEHOVAH)

YOD: open-handed. Humility; importance; value.

Represented by 10- God’s hand.

HEY: man with arms raised. Represented by 5 – the number of grace.

Look, behold – produce fruit.

VAV: tent peg; fasten; hook. Nail. Represented by 6 – the number of man.

HEY: man with arms raised. Represented by 5 – the number of grace.

Look, behold – produce fruit.

*Yehovah is the most holy name of God. In Hebrew, it means “self-existent One; covenant-keeping God; the eternal God.”

*the Hebrew spelling shows us that God’s hand was opened and nailed so that we could live in grace.

-so we could live THROUGH CHRIST – live by every word that comes from His mouth!

-grace: the Divine influence on the heart in our everyday lives – the Word!

*we come to really know God through His covenant! His covenant is His Word (Psalm 105:8). His covenant is based on HIM - HIS righteousness, HIS justice, HIS love, HIS mercy, and HIS faithfulness!

*really knowing God is losing sight of ourselves and putting the focus on Him. It is seeing ourselves IN HIM!

-again, without His love, we have no Spiritual life!

1 John 4:16-19 And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like Him. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. We love because He first loved us.

*we need to know and rely on the love HE has for us! Not our love for Him – our love for Him is non-existent without His love for us!

*living in love is living in God – it is living a Spiritual life.

*when God’s love for us is what we know and rely on, then we will no longer fear judgment.

Too many Christians doubt that Christ **truly paid the price in full for** their sins!



-truly knowing and relying on His love is seeing ourselves IN HIM! For us to live is Christ! Our lives are hidden in Him! In this world we ARE LIKE HIM because He paid the price for us to LIVE THROUGH HIM!

*when God looks at us He sees Christ – we need to do the same!!!

-perfect love drives our fear – only God has perfect love.

*when we begin to really see what His love has done for us, the fear of punishment will fade.

-God is just — if Christ paid for our sins then we don't have to!

-when we fear punishment it is because we truly do not know and rely on God's love for us!

*if you are fearing punishment then you need to know Him as you never have before – you need to connect yourself with Christ. You need to focus on HIS righteousness, HIS justice, HIS love, HIS mercy, and HIS faithfulness!

-knowing Him this way will change us!

*too many people are worried about teaching too much about God's love and not enough about His judgment. Judgment is for the unsaved – not God's children!

-judgment or punishment for sin is not what changes man – it is God's love.

Isaiah 1:5 AMP Why should you be stricken and punished any more [since it brings no correction]? You will revolt more and more. The whole head is sick, and the whole heart is faint (feeble, sick, and nauseated).

*punishment is not what brings about change in our lives anyway – and God knows that!

*punishment does not bring repentance – a change in the way we think. "As a man thinks, so he becomes." God told us this – He knows what changes a man – it is a steady intake of His Word!

*when we are sinning we are participating in our flesh – a sick, faint, feeble nature! Nothing good dwells in our flesh and nothing good ever will – no matter how much punishment is endured!

-the change that needs to take place can only be done through Christ. We must connect with Him – based on His love – and fill ourselves with the Seed for change!

*without the Word we will never walk in the Spirit – and if we do not walk in the Spirit we cannot defeat the flesh.

-we NEED the Word!

Jeremiah 5:5 NIV So I will go to the leaders and speak to them; surely they know the way of the LORD, the requirements of their God." But with one accord they too had broken off the yoke and torn off the bonds.

*too many religious leaders are teaching works. They are basing their "relationship" with God on themselves!

*religion has broken off the yoke and the bond – the Word of God!

-religion has decided to do for God instead of live through Him!

-religion sees the Word as a challenge – not the prescription for life!

*we will never see Spiritual change in our lives without the love of God!

Jeremiah 31:3-4 The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness. I will



build you up again and you will be rebuilt...Again you will take up your tambourines and go out to dance with the joyful.

-if we want to be rebuilt – if we want to experience Spiritual restoration – we are going to have to know and rely on the love of God!

-only God can take us back to our original intention!

*when God is building us up through His love, joy is inevitable! We lose joy when we are focused on ourselves rather than Christ – and remember, the joy of the Lord is our strength (Neh. 8:10)! Too many Christians are living loveless, joyless, weak lives!

*living in God's love WILL change us!

2 Corinthians 5:14 For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.

COMPELS / CONSTRAINS: to *hold together*, that is, to compress (the ears, with a crowd or siege) or arrest (a prisoner); figuratively to compel (induce, bring about, force), preoccupy: - constrain, hold, keep in, stop, straiten, be taken with.

-the love of Christ is amazing! It will hold us together – when we are focused on His love we will not fall to pieces when trials come our way.

-the love of Christ will keep us where we need to be! It makes us a “prisoner” of the Spirit – WE CANNOT LEAVE THE SPIRIT IF WE ARE FOCUSED ON THE LOVE OF GOD!

-His love induces Spiritual fruit!

*faith produces Spiritual fruit – but faith is activated by LOVE (Gal. 5:6)!

-His love will preoccupy us – it will keep us focused on the Spiritual!

Ephesians 5:1-2 Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

-we will never imitate God if we do not first recognize ourselves as dearly loved children.

LIVING A LIFE OF LOVE IS THE RESULT OF RECEIVING GOD'S LOVE FOR YOU!!

*when we live in God's love, many things will change – one of those things is our words. Words are weapons – they can be used for good or evil. If we are walking in the flesh, our words will wound.

Matthew 12:33-35 Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit. You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him.

-“make a tree good” – we need to be made good – God alone makes us good! We have been made good through Christ. Through Christ we *have been* made the righteousness of God! Our Spiritual nature is good; our flesh is bad.

*living a life of love is living in our Spiritual nature.

-a tree is recognized by its fruit – you can tell if you are walking in the Spirit or the flesh by the fruit you are producing.

*“be sure your sin will find you out” – your sin displays that you are walking in the identity of your flesh. It exposes what is going on inside. It finds out which “you” is in control.



*a bad tree CANNOT produce good fruit! If we are walking in the flesh we cannot produce Spiritual fruit – no matter how “good” it appears.

-we reap what we sow – if we sow seeds of the flesh, we will see a harvest of the flesh.

-the good man – the man who is walking in the Spirit (planting the Seed of the Word in his heart)- will produce good / Spiritual fruit!

Psalms 37:30-31 The mouth of the righteous man utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks what is just. The law of his God is in his heart; his feet do not slip.

*when we are walking in our Spiritual nature (the righteous man or who we are in Christ), we will speak what is Spiritual. The opposite is also true~

Proverbs 15:7 The lips of the wise spread knowledge; not so the hearts of fools.

-out of the overflow of the heart our mouth speaks – the heart of the fool is the heart of the flesh and it can only speak foolishness or sin – it speaks CONTRARY to the Word of God.

Jeremiah 9:3,5 “They make ready their tongue like a bow, to shoot lies; it is not by truth that they triumph in the land. They go from one sin to another; they do not acknowledge Me,” declares the LORD...“Friend deceives friend, and no one speaks the truth. They have taught their tongues to lie; they weary themselves with sinning.”

*no matter how good something sounds that a person in the flesh says, it is of no value Spiritually! Be careful who you listen to! “Friend deceives friend” –

Ephesians 5:6 NIV Let no one deceive you with empty words...

-we will be easily deceived if we do not know the truth of the Word for ourselves!

Ephesians 4:29 NIV Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

Ephesians 5:4-5 Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a man is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

*first, understand that the flesh has no inheritance in the Kingdom – we are not enjoying kingdom living when we are in the flesh.

-immorality, impurity, and greed are all just fruits of the flesh. They are the result of ignoring the Word.

*those who are producing fruits of the flesh are idolaters because the Word is not first in their lives. They do not live a life of shama and shamar – something else takes the place of the Word and they live in the flesh and they can only produce fruit of the flesh.

*do not LET unwholesome talk come out of your mouth – you control your mouth by taking in the Word of God. The words of our mouth are the direct result of the intake of our heart.

*when we are walking in the flesh, unwholesome talk, obscenity, foolish talk, and course joking will flow freely from our mouths.

UNWHOLESOME TALK: corrupt; rotten; worthless; bad.



-the flesh cannot produce words of Spiritual value. Anything we say in our flesh is worthless. The words of the flesh are words of death.

Psalms 5:9 Not a word from their mouth can be trusted; their heart is filled with destruction. Their throat is an open grave; with their tongue they speak deceit.

*we need to be careful who we listen to. If a person is speaking contrary to the Word, their advice is useless! They are speaking death; they are speaking lies.

OBSCENITY: filthiness; shameful.

-obscenity is talking about anything that is shameful.

FOOLISH TALK: dull; stupid; heedless (neglectful, without regard, careless, without thought).

Mean. Break silence.

-BREAK SILENCE: don't just say something to say something.

Ecclesiastes 5:3 As a dream comes when there are many cares, so the speech of a fool when there are many words.

*the one who talks just to talk usually makes a fool out of themselves.

Proverbs 10:19 When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise.

*we do not always have to talk. We can listen!

James 1:19 My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak...

-slow to speak – too many times we love to hear ourselves talk.

Proverbs 17:28 Even a fool is thought wise if he keeps silent, and discerning if he holds his tongue.

-the wise, the person walking in the Spirit, restrains his tongue.

Proverbs 17:27 A man of knowledge uses words with restraint...

-too many times we want to tell everyone what we know; we think it makes us look smart – the opposite is actually true.

-foolish talk is also mean talk – just saying something to hurt another person.

Psalms 64:3 They sharpen their tongues like swords and aim their words like deadly arrows.

Proverbs 12:18 Reckless words pierce like a sword...

*words do hurt. We must examine our words – they are displaying what is in our heart. If we say things to make others look bad or make them feel stupid, etc., we are walking in the flesh!

COURSE JESTING: ready at repartee, jocose; witticism, that is, (in a vulgar sense).

Ribaldry (language or behavior that is humorous but rude and vulgar, often involving jokes about sex).

*too many Christians joke about things that are not funny according to the Word of God.

James 3:1-10 Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.

We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check.

When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal.



Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go.

Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark.

The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man, but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness.

Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be.

*not many should presume to be teachers.

TEACHER: an instructor; doctor; master.

-do not assume you know it all!

*this goes back to using words without restraint. The person who loves to talk is the person who will be judged more strictly – not by God (if you are a Christian), but by man.

-anyone who teaches or speaks a lot, also incurs judgment. Someone always wants to judge what you say, why you said it, etc., and some people just love to try to prove others wrong. When you put yourself out there as a “teacher” you are opening yourself up to the criticism, opinions, and opposition of all those who are listening.

*we all stumble in many ways, but when our words are Spiritual it is because our hearts are full of the Word and that means we are perfect or complete – we are walking in the Spirit and that nature is complete. That nature, and that nature only, won't fulfill the lusts of the flesh. We can keep our body in check WHEN we are walking in the Spirit.

*the mouth / our words are described here as a controlling force. Our words are the result of what our heart is full of – that is why they are a controlling force.

-a bit can turn a whole animal – the tongue can turn a whole man.

TURN: to lead over, that is transfer (direct).

Turn about.

*our words lead us. Our words direct us. Our words can also turn us about. Why are words so powerful? Because they come from the heart.

Proverbs 4:23 Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.

-the heart is described as the “wellspring of life” that needs to be guarded or protected.

-our lives are based on what our heart is full of and so are our words.

*that is why it is the wellspring of life and needs to be protected!

-we need to guard our heart – we need to protect it by filling it with the things of God.

*we are guarding or protecting our heart when we are filling it with the Word of God.

*we are also steering our lives in a Spiritual direction when we are filling our hearts with the Word.

Proverbs 13:2-3 KJV A man shall eat good by the fruit of [his] mouth: but the soul of the transgressors [shall eat] violence. He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: [but] he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.

-A GOOD LIFE IS THE RESULT OF A HEART THAT IS FULL OF THE WORD.

*a good life does not mean a perfect life or a trouble-free life; it simply means a life that is centered on Christ. HE is good!

-the soul of the transgressor doesn't “eat good” –they “eat violence”.

TRANSGRESSOR: to *cover* (with a garment); figuratively to *act covertly*, by



implication to pillage (plunder).: - deal deceitfully (treacherously, unfaithfully), offend, (depart), treacherous (dealer, -ly, man), unfaithful (-ly, man), very.

VIOLENCE: wrong; unjust gain; cruelty; damage; false; injustice.

Oppressor; unrighteousness.

*a transgressor is a person that does not walk in his Spiritual identity. The cover or act covertly – they are undercover Christians or not Christians at all. They do not fill themselves with the Word; therefore, they live a life of lies.

*the transgressor deals deceitfully instead of truthfully – they ingest lies instead of the truth. They ingest what is wrong, cruel, and damaging because they refuse to live the life Christ died for them to have. They refuse this life by refusing the Word.

-keeping your mouth is guarding it – it is the same Hebrew word used in Prov. 4:23 – “guard” your heart. Keeping / guarding your heart and mouth are one-in-the-same because our mouth is the outward profession of the condition of our inner life.

-keeping or guarding our mouth keeps us from the flesh.

Proverbs 21:23 He who guards his mouth and his tongue keeps himself from calamity.

*what is in your heart can protect you or leave you wide open for attack.

–“he that openeth wide” his lips shall have destruction.

HE THAT OPENETH WIDE = pasaq

PASQAQ: to become licentious – shameful; wicked; profligate.

*when our lips are controlled by the profligate nature of the flesh we will have destruction. The flesh will never produce anything Spiritual productive!

*the tongue may be small but it can do major damage.

-our tongue can be destructive when it is operating in the flesh. It can hurt us and others.

Psalms 52:2 Your tongue plots destruction; it is like a sharpened razor, you who practice deceit.

*practicing deceit is habitually filling yourself with lies. Those lies produce destruction – damage, hurt, pain, devastation.

*the tongue that is controlled by the flesh is described as a sharpened razor!
Proverbs 12:18 Reckless words pierce like a sword...

*reckless words are words of the flesh and they pierce or wound.

Psalms 59:7 See what they spew from their mouths– they spew out swords from their lips...

Psalms 57:4 I am in the midst of lions; I lie among ravenous beasts– men whose teeth are spears and arrows, whose tongues are sharp swords.

*the tongue of the flesh is repeatedly described as something that cuts, wounds, pierces, and destroys.

-words do hurt!

*that is why we need to speak according to the love letter of the Word of God!

*no man can tame the tongue – taming the tongue is a work only God can do. When we are walking in the Spirit our tongue will be controlled.

Luke 18:27 Jesus replied, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

John 15:4-5 Remain in Me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in Me. I am the vine;



you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing.

-we must depend on God to tame our tongue – we must fill ourselves with His Word and trust that He will do what He said He would do! God promises us that His Word will not come back void – it will change us! We cannot change ourselves.

*without the Word, our mouth will never speak the truth.

-fill yourself with the Word and God will fill your heart and your words will change!

*the tongue of the flesh is divided – it is hypocritical.

-the tongue of the flesh can praise God one moment and speak evil of His child the next. Psalms 50:16-20 But to the wicked, God says: "What right have you to recite My laws or take My covenant on your lips? You hate My instruction and cast My words behind you. When you see a thief, you join with him; you throw in your lot with adulterers. You use your mouth for evil and harness your tongue to deceit. You speak continually against your brother and slander your own mother's son.

*we have no right to recite the Word if we are rejecting the Word.

-the Word is not a book of cute sayings that we can just quote here and there. The Word is to be our life; we are to love the Word and make it our focus.

*when we do not love the Word, we will ignore it – and ignoring the Word will lead to flesh-filled hearts and words.

*the tongue of the flesh will reveal itself. We can say we love God but if we turn around and speak hate about one of His children, we are showing that God's love is not our focus. We are showing that the Word is not the source of our words.

-we talk about God's forgiveness but yet we hold bitterness in our heart against another – that is hypocritical!

*"Father, forgive them, they know not what they do."

*when our words reveal the condition of our heart we must take heed. If you find yourself speaking contradictions, you can be sure that you need more of the Word in that area.

-we can know that we need to fill ourselves with more of God's love when we are speaking hateful words against others.

Colossians 4:6 NIV Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

*our conversation should always be full of grace – the Divine influence on our heart in our daily life – in other words, our conversation should be full of the Word!

-when our hearts are full of the Word we will know how to answer everyone.

Ephesians 4:29 NIV Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

*to answer means to respond or speak. Too many times we do not know how to respond in a Godly manner – in a way that will benefit and build up others. We speak words that are harmful and tear others down because our conversation is not full of grace.

*how different would things be if only what was helpful came out of our mouths??? How different would things be if we only said things that would build others up and benefit them???

*our words should be seasoned with salt – they should make others thirsty for more of God.



-if our words are judgmental, condemning, harmful, demolishing, and so on, they will not lead others to God – they will lead them away from Him!

*when we fill ourselves with the love of God, then the love of God will come out in our words. The love of God will never judge, condemn, harm, demolish, and so on.

Psalms 40:8-10 I desire to do Your will, O my God; YOUR LAW IS WITHIN MY HEART." I proclaim righteousness in the great assembly; I do not seal my lips, as You know, O LORD. I do not hide Your righteousness in my heart; I speak of Your faithfulness and salvation. I do not conceal Your love and Your truth from the great assembly.

*when the Word is within our heart we will speak it!

*we will proclaim HIS righteousness – we will not hide it by speaking about ourselves!

-His Name will be the only one we proclaim!

Isaiah 26:12-13 AMP Lord, You will ordain peace (God's favor and blessings, both temporal and spiritual) for us, for You have also wrought in us and for us all our works...we will acknowledge and mention Your name only.

*we will acknowledge His Name only – we will understand that apart from Christ we can do nothing and He deserves all the acclaim.

*we will speak of HIS faithfulness and salvation; we will speak of HIS love and truth WHEN our heart is FULL of the Word!

-when we speak like this, we will make others thirsty for God! They have had enough of Christians who toot their own horn!

*it is time for us Christians to lift Christ up instead of ourselves!

Psalms 71:16 I will come and proclaim Your mighty acts, O Sovereign LORD; I will proclaim Your righteousness, YOURS ALONE.

-our faith needs to be in His righteousness alone. When it is, we will not have need to speak of our own false righteousness.

John 12:32 KJV And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all [men] unto Me.

-Christ was lifted up on the cross and we need to lift Him up in our lives! It is only what He did for us that enables us to be Spiritual!

-when our words are judgmental and condemning we are concealing His love and His truth!

*love covers a multitude of sins – the flesh loves to point out everyone's sins!

1 Peter 4:8 Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

-love covers; love does not expose sin.

-too many Christians lack love. They do not understand the love of God and all that they have been forgiven for.

Luke 7:47 AMP Therefore I tell you, her sins, many [as they are], are forgiven her—because she has loved much. But he who is forgiven little loves little.

*when we think we are next to perfect, we have a hard time forgiving or concealing the sins of others. We do not realize the scope of Christ's love, either, because we do not realize all that He has forgiven us for.

James 2:10 For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.



-we must recognize the depth of our sin. We are all equally guilty – we are all guilty of everything. In Christ we are all equally forgiven – forgiven for everything!!

-when we truly see all that Christ has forgiven us for, we will no longer see the need to expose the sin of others. We will realize that we could just as easily be pointed out as an offender of the very same sin!

*the truth is the Word and the Word says there is no condemnation!

Romans 8:1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Romans 4:7-8 Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will never count against him.

-our words should be full of the forgiveness and love of God!!

*too many times we love to point out every flaw in people.

We love to speak about their shortcomings or things they do “wrong” – according to us.

-when we speak like this, we are concealing the truth!

-when we speak like this, we are speaking death into the lives of those who are receiving our words.

*our words should be full of truth and life!

Proverbs 10:11-14 The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life, but violence overwhelms the mouth of the wicked. Hatred stirs up dissension, but love covers over all wrongs. Wisdom is found on the lips of the discerning, but a rod is for the back of him who lacks judgment. Wise men store up knowledge, but the mouth of a fool invites ruin.

*the mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life – Spiritual life springs forth from the words of those who know who they are in Christ!

-in order to be righteous, we must take on Christ’s righteousness!

Philippians 3:8-9 What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for Whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, NOT HAVING A RIGHTEOUSNESS OF MY OWN THAT COMES FROM THE LAW, BUT THAT WHICH IS THROUGH FAITH IN CHRIST–THE RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT COMES FROM GOD AND IS BY FAITH.

*too many Christians are full of themselves – they are trying to have a righteousness of their own.

*our words are full of life when we are proclaiming what Christ has done – lifting HIM up!

*“...violence overwhelms the mouth of the wicked.”

VIOLENCE: cruelty. Damage. False. Injustice.

-the mouth of the wicked (those walking in the flesh) is full of or overwhelmed by cruelty and lies and it does damage!

*we are concealing the truth when we speak according to the flesh and the flesh is cruel, damaging, false, and unjust!

*in the middle of a discussion on our words, love is inserted into the dialogue.

-love is the foundation on which we must build. Our words must come from the love of God if we want our words to be a fountain of life!



*again, love covers all wrongs – hate exposes them.

-love is a Spiritual fruit – hate is the opposite; hate is of the flesh.

HATE: to abhor (personally). Enemy; foe; rival; opponent.

Odious – detestable; loathsome.

*hate is produced when we look at each other as rivals – too many Christians view other Christians as a competitor or an adversary.

2 Corinthians 10:12 We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some who commend themselves. When they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are not wise.

-we are not in a contest – we are supposed to be on the same team!
We should be excited about the strengths of others who are on our team!

-comparisons lead to division. Comparisons are a result of the flesh.

*hate is the fruit of the flesh – a lack of the Word on others will produce hate in our lives – whether we admit it or not! We are quick to say we do not hate others, but our words prove we are not telling the whole truth.

-exposing the sin of others or pointing out their flaws is hatred according to the Word of God.

-love is a Spiritual fruit!

1 John 4:11-12 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

*because God loves us so, we can love others! Love is made complete when we receive God's love and share it with others.

*loving God is a Spiritual action – if we are truly walking in the Spirit, then we will love others, also!

1 John 4:20-21 If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. And He has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.

-when we say we love God, but hate our brother, we are living in the flesh. We are living the life of a liar –

1 John 2:22 Who is the liar? It is the man who denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a man is the antichrist—he denies the Father and the Son.

*the liar is the flesh. The flesh denies Christ!

-the flesh will always produce hatred and animosity because the flesh is an absence of the Spirit.

*love covers all wrongs – hate exposes them.

Genesis 9:20-25 Noah, a man of the soil, proceeded to plant a vineyard. When he drank some of its wine, he became drunk and lay uncovered inside his tent. Ham, the father of Canaan, saw his father's nakedness and told his two brothers outside. But Shem and Japheth took a garment and laid it across their shoulders; then they walked in backward and covered their father's nakedness. Their faces were turned the other way so that they would not see their father's nakedness. When Noah awoke from his wine and found out what his youngest son had done to him, he said, "Cursed be Canaan! The lowest of slaves will he be to his brothers."

-Ham saw and told – his brothers did not even want to see; instead, they wanted to cover.

-how do we react when we see a brother stumble??



*and remember, love does not keep a record of wrongs!

-Ham's sin affected his son. When we live a lifestyle of pointing out the faults of others it will affect our children, too, unless they put a stop to it through the Word.

*the Bible tells us that blessed is the man whose sins are forgiven – Ham was cursed – he did not forgive others because he did not understand what it meant to be forgiven.

-his lack of receiving God's forgiveness was passed on to his son.

*do you understand what it means to be forgiven? Do you truly, beyond doubt understand???

*love will cover all wrongs – even the wrong words we speak! Anything we do that is of the flesh will be covered by the love of God.

-no one can ever say all the right things. When we say something that does not line up with the Word, we need a dose of love!!

*if we will focus on His love for us, our words will display that love!

-His words to us are all loving words – the more we abide in His Word, the more we will imitate Him.

*wisdom is found on the lips of the discerning or those who understand. Those who discern or understand are those who are CONNECTED WITH CHRIST. Our connection with Christ, the Word, will produce wisdom in our speech. We cannot speak wisdom without this connection.

-as we connect with Christ and continue in the Word, we are storing up wisdom.

-we need to store up wisdom!

Proverbs 10:5 He who gathers crops in summer is a wise son, but he who sleeps during harvest is a disgraceful son.

*summer is usually a time of blessing. Even in the good times of life, we must store up the Word! If we are wise, then we will see the need for the Word at ALL times!

-the time to prepare for tomorrow's trial is today!

*if we are Spiritually prepared, then trials will not get the best of us.

*when we do not see the need for the Word, we are a "disgraceful" son – this word was translated from the Hebrew word for "disappointed" – WE WILL BE DISAPPOINTED WITHOUT THE WORD!!

*the fool is the one who says there is no God – our flesh is foolish!!

-the fool ignores the Word; and in doing so, he invites ruin into his life.

*a lack of the Word will destroy us – our lives will never be built up Spiritually without the Word.

Proverbs 13:3 He who guards his lips guards his life, but he who speaks rashly will come to ruin.

-guarding our lips cannot be done apart from Christ. If we want to speak words of life, then we need to be full of the Word of God – He is life!

-we must see the importance of the Word in every area of our lives!!

Colossians 3:16-17 Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

*the Word of God is to dwell in us richly or inhabit abundantly.



Deuteronomy 11:18-20 Fix these words of Mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

Deuteronomy 32:46-47 KJV And He said unto them, Set your hearts unto all the words which I testify among you this day, which ye shall command your children to observe to do, all the words of this law. For it [is] not a vain thing for you; because it [is] your life: and through this thing ye shall prolong [your] days in the land, whither ye go over Jordan to possess it.

-the Word is YOUR LIFE! You are not taking it in in vain!

*the Word is to be fixed in our hearts and minds! It is to be focused on in our daily lives.

פִּיִּשׁ FIX (SUM - soom)

SHIN: Spirit; Spiritual fire. Eating.

VAV: fasten; hook. Nail.

SAMEKH: shield. Support; eternal; double blessing.

FIX: to *put*, appoint, bring, care, commit, consider, heap up, hold, make (out), mark, preserve, purpose, put (on), + regard, rehearse, wholly.

-the Hebrew spelling shows us that fixing the Word in our heart and mind is done by eating – taking in the Spiritual food of the Word. We take in the Word and we fasten ourselves to the Word. When we take the Word in, it shields us and supports us. The Word is eternal – it blesses us eternally (blessings here that carry over into Heaven).

-in the definition of “SUM” we see that we are to *heap up* the Word – “eat” a lot!! Do not simply take in a few verses here and there. Heap it up!! Fill yourself with the Word so that it is overflowing!

Mark 4:24-25 "Consider carefully what you hear," He continued. "With the measure you use, it will be measured to you—and even more. Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him."

*how much of the Word are you taking in? If it is a minimal amount, it will not be effective.

*carefully consider what you are doing with the Word of God.

-we are to *commit* the Word to our hearts and minds – we are to meditate on it, focus on it, and take it in, so that it becomes part of who we are.

Hebrews 2:1 We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away.

*the phrase “pay more careful attention” was translated from two words:

PROSECHO: pay attention to; be careful about; apply oneself to. Adhere to – attach yourself to.



PERISSOTEROS : superabundantly; abounding.

More frequent; exceedingly.

-the Word should be abundant in your life!

-we should be attached to the Word!

-it should be abounding in our lives!

-when we ignore the Word or spend very little time in the Word, we will drift away. The flesh is no match for the Spirit, but the Spirit must be strong in you – you must feed the Spirit if you want to defeat the flesh in your life.

**rehearse* the Word – go over it again and again – pay careful attention to what the Word is saying to you! Faith comes from hearing and hearing and hearing!!

-we are to *put on* the Word. We are to cover ourselves with the truth of the Word. The Word is to be abundant in our lives!

*when the Word of God is dwelling in you richly you will teach and admonish (remind, call attention to, warn).

-we will not be able to help but speak the Word because we are full of the Word.

Job 32:18-20 For I am full of words, and the Spirit within me compels me; inside I am like bottled-up wine, like new wineskins ready to burst. I must speak and find relief; I must open my lips and reply.

Jeremiah 20:9 But if I say, "I will not mention Him or speak any more in His Name," His Word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot.

*we will not have to force ourselves to say the right things or try to talk like a Christian should – when we are full of the Word, Spiritual words will come naturally. Intrinsic Spiritual value is found in the Word of God – we do not have to try to add our own works to the mix!

*the word translated as "as" also means "before" – before you teach or admonish, make sure the Word is abounding in you!

Matthew 15:14 AMP Let them alone and disregard them; they are blind guides and teachers. And if a blind man leads a blind man, both will fall into a ditch.

-IF WE ARE NOT FULL OF THE WORD, THEN WE CANNOT TEACH OR ADMONISH.

Isaiah 56:10 NIV Israel's watchmen are blind, they all lack knowledge; they are all mute dogs, they cannot bark; they lie around and dream, they love to sleep.

*when we lack knowledge (the Word of God) we are blind. If we try to lead others, then they will be in darkness, too.

*without the knowledge of the Word we are nothing more than a mute dog.

DOG (Hebrew – KELEB): From an unused root meaning to yelp, or else to attack; a dog; hence (by euphemism) a male prostitute.

*this lack of knowledge is the result of being lazy – lazy with the Word.

Hebrews 6:12 We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.

-those who lack knowledge love to lie around and dream – they love sleep.



-sleep comes from Hebrew word that means to be slack or lethargic. It also means to grow old and stale; inveterate (hardened; incurable; entrenched).
 -sleep is a Spiritual condition – it is living a life that is entrenched in the flesh. There is no Spiritual activity because they are doing nothing with the Word of God! There is a total lack of the Word.

*if we are Spiritually asleep, then how can we teach anyone else? We have nothing of value to impart!

*a heart that is full of the Word will sing ~ it will sing the Word! It will sing God's praise!

Psalms 119:54 Your decrees are the theme of my song wherever I lodge.

-if the Word is abundant in our heart, then we will sing – no matter where we are in life.

1 Corinthians 14:15 ...I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my mind; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind.

-sing with your Spirit and your mind – think on the things of God and then you will sing! God's promises are GOOD!! When our minds are set on the Word, singing praise to God will come naturally.

Psalms 28:7 NIV The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to Him in song.

-an abundance of the Word will produce faith, strength, protection, joy, and thankfulness!!

*a heart that is full of the Word will be thankful!

Psalms 30:4 KJV Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of His, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

-when we are reminding of Who He is and all that He has done for us, we will be thankful – we won't be able to be anything but thankful!

Hebrews 12:28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe.

*do you realize what you have in Christ?

*be thankful!! God has eternal blessings in store for us!

-live thankful – live in awe of what God has done!

WORSHIP: *ministration* of God.

~ *care* of God!

~ *support* of God!

~ *nurture* of God!

~ *aid* of God!

*a person who is receiving from God will be thankful!

Psalms 100:3-5 AMP Know (perceive, recognize, and understand with approval) that the Lord is God! It is He Who has made us, not we ourselves [and we are His]! We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. ENTER INTO HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING...and into His courts with praise! BE THANKFUL AND SAY SO TO HIM, bless and affectionately praise His name! For the Lord is good; His mercy and loving-kindness are everlasting, His faithfulness and truth endure to all generations.

תדה THANKFUL (YADAH)

YOD: picture of humility and importance.



RESH: where illumination takes place. First; top; beginning.

HEY: look; behold; produce fruit. Grace.

Man with arms raised.

THANKFUL: to *use*. (Hold out) *the hand*. Physically to *throw* (a stone, an arrow) at or away; especially to *revere* or *worship*. Cast (out), (make) confess (-ion), praise, shoot, (give) thank (-ful, -s, -sgiving).

-the Hebrew spelling shows us that we need to live by grace – by the Word – look at the Word; behold (keep watch) the Word; produce Spiritual fruit. When we do this, we are illuminated with the Word – our thoughts will be focused on the Word and we will understand that apart from Christ we can do nothing of Spiritual value – humility.

*we see this in the definition also – “to use” is part of the definition. Our use of the Word will determine our level of thankfulness.

*we also see again that a receiver (hold out the hand) will be thankful.

-know that the Lord is God. We need knowledge of who God is.

יהוה LORD (Y^hHOVAH)

YOD: picture of humility and importance.

HEY: look; behold; produce fruit. Grace.

Man with arms raised.

VAV: tent peg. Fasten; hook; nail.

HEY: look; behold; produce fruit. Grace.

Man with arms raised.

LORD / Y^hHOVAH: (the) *self Existent* or *eternal*; *Jehovah*, Jewish national name of God: - Jehovah, the Lord.

אלהים GOD (ĒLOHĪM)

ALEPH: connection of God and man.

LAMED: shepherd's hook. King of kings. Understanding.

To incite (provoke; motivate). The heart of the alphabet.

HEY: look; behold; produce fruit. Grace.

Man with arms raised.

YOD: picture of humility and importance.

SAMEKH: shield. Support. Eternal; double blessing.

GOD / ĒLOHĪM: the supreme *God*, exceeding, (very) great, judges, X mighty.

*part of being thankful is knowing who God is. The Lord is God – He is the self-existent One; He is supreme; He is eternal.

-the more we learn about God, the more thankful we will be.

*we need to know that He is our Creator.

*we need to know that He is our Shepherd.

-He watches over us; He cares for us; He feeds us; He guides us, etc.

*we need to know that He is good.

*we need to know that His mercy and loving-kindness are everlasting.



*we need to know that His faithfulness and truth endure to all generations.

-we are thankless when we are focused on the things of the flesh instead of the things of the Spirit. The flesh is never satisfied; therefore, it is never thankful.

Proverbs 30:15 NIV The leech has two daughters. "Give! Give!" they cry...

*the leech is a blood sucker – it takes from others. The leech is never satisfied – the fruit of the leech is entitlement and greed.

*the flesh is never thankful – no matter how much you do, it will never be enough.

Isaiah 56:10-11 Israel's watchmen are blind, they all lack knowledge; they are all mute dogs, they cannot bark; they lie around and dream, they love to sleep. They are dogs with mighty appetites; THEY NEVER HAVE ENOUGH. They are shepherds who lack understanding; they all turn to their own way, each seeks his own gain.

*and when our words are full of the Word, we are speaking in the name of Jesus so we have a lot to give thanks for!

-words that line up with the Word of God will always give credit where credit is due!

*the source of every Spiritual thought, word, action, and so on, is ALWAYS the love of God – His love for us is the foundation on which we must build our lives.

Romans 4:17 KJV (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before Him whom he believed, [even] God, WHO QUICKENETH THE DEAD, AND CALLETH THOSE THINGS WHICH BE NOT AS THOUGH THEY WERE.

Romans 4:17 AMP As it is written, I have made you the father of many nations. [He was appointed our father] in the sight of God in Whom he believed, Who gives life to the dead and speaks of the nonexistent things that [He has foretold and promised] as if they [already] existed.

-the words of God are words of faith – and we can speak the same way! When we do, we will be satisfied with the fruit of our mouth and we will be thanking God for all that He has in store for us!

*thankful words are the end result of a heart that is full of the love letter of God's Word!!

*love will produce Spiritual words and it will also produce PATIENCE in us.

1 Corinthians 13:4 Love is patient...

-when we are walking in love, we will be patient.

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PATIENT (AREK)

ALEPH: connection between God and man.

RESH: where illumination takes place. First; top; beginning.

KAF: what is contained in the palm.

PATIENT: to *be long spirited*, that is, *forbearing* or *patient*: - bear (suffer) long, patiently endure.

*patience takes place in the mind first when we are connected to God by taking what He is offering in His Word.

-as a man thinks, so is.

*do we believe we are patient?

-faith comes from hearing and hearing – we need to continually remind ourselves who we are in Christ! In Christ



we are patient because He is patient – in this world we are
LIKE HIM (1 John 4:17)!!

*a patient person is long spirited – they are full of the Word so they can forbear
with others endurance.

-to be longsuffering is the result of a life that is full of the Word –
longsuffering is a fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22).

Colossians 1:9-12 For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped
praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all spiritual
wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord
and may please Him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of
God, being strengthened with all power according to His glorious might so that you may have
great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to
share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.

-great endurance and patience are the result of being filled with the knowledge of His
will – His will is His Word. We have this knowledge because we are filling ourselves with
the Word as a child of God– we are wise in Christ; we have understanding (we connect
with Christ).

-when we connect ourselves to Christ and receive His Word, we are living a life that is
“worthy of the Lord”

WORTHY: appropriately; after a Godly sort.

*if we want to live Godly, or as God would live, then we must connect with
Christ and receive the Word.

-this is walking by faith – the only thing that pleases God.

PLEASES: to be agreeable. Complaisance; pleasing.

-when we connect ourselves to Christ and receive His Word, we will produce fruit in every
good work, we will grow in the knowledge of God, we will be strengthened with all
power according to His glorious might so that you may have great endurance and
patience, and we will joyfully give thanks to the Father.

*again, patience (and every other Spiritual fruit) is the result of our consistent intake
of the Word as God’s dearly loved child!

-when we understand this, we will be thankful! We will understand that
apart from Christ we can do nothing of Spiritual value.

“...joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share
in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.”

*HE qualified us – we cannot qualify ourselves!

QUALIFY: to enable; to make able. Succeed; meet the
requirements; make eligible. Make competent.

-we have so much to be thankful for!

*HE enables us!

*HE is our success!

*HE meets the requirements for us!

*HE makes us eligible for every good thing!

*HE makes us competent – capable;

knowledgeable; skilled; proficient; expert!

-knowing you are loved, will prompt the love of others in your life – and
love is patient.

Ephesians 4:2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing
with one another in love.

*HUMILITY keeps us patient – when we know what we are
truly capable of apart from Christ, we will then be able to
deal with others patiently.



*WE LOSE OUR PATIENCE BECAUSE WE STOP WALKING IN LOVE.
 -if we feel impatient, then we must fill up on God's love and patience for us. WE CANNOT GIVE WHAT WE HAVE NOT FIRST RECEIVED.

*BEAR WITH ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE!

Colossians 3:12-13 Therefore, AS God's chosen people, holy and DEARLY LOVED, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

*we cannot clothe ourselves with patience if we do not understand how dearly loved we are.

*we will lose our patience with others because we do not believe God is patient with us – we do not truly understand the forgiveness of God. We are to forgive as God forgives – if we believe that He is impatient and unforgiving with us, then that will show in our treatment of others.

Ephesians 4:32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

-“JUST AS” – we must receive before we can give! This means we must be receiving the Word. As we take the Word in, we will mature Spiritually.

Romans 15:1 We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves.

STRONG: powerful or capable. Mighty man. Possible.

*remember that Christ makes us strong – He makes us capable!

-strength is the end result of understanding who you are in Christ. You ARE strong in Christ!

Proverbs 14:29 A patient man has great understanding, but a quick-tempered man displays folly.

*a man is patient because he connects with Christ and displays the patience of Christ.

-a patient man is a Spiritual man.

*Spiritual strength enables us to be patient with others.

-Spiritual strength is humble – when we are Spiritually strong it is only because we are RECEIVING the strength of Christ.

*Spiritual patience also enables us to wait for God and His timing.

James 5:7-8 Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.

-do not forget what it means to wait Spiritually – it means to connect yourself to the Word or to marry the Word. EVERY SPIRITUAL THING WE HAVE IS THE END RESULT OF OUR CONSISTENT INTAKE OF THE WORD!

-as we continue in the Word, God will produce the Spiritual fruit of patience in us. We will be able to endure until it is His perfect timing. We will not give up – we will stand firm in our faith because we KNOW that God keeps His promises – every one of them!



*God's love produces Spiritual words, patience, and kindness.

1 Corinthians 13:4 Love is...kind.

KIND: to show oneself useful. Act benevolently (compassionately; generously; kindly). Be kind – caring; sympathetic; gentle; thoughtful; considerate; benign (harmless).

-God's love will produce every good fruit that will make us a benefit to others.

-God's love is kind – we need to walk in HIS love!

-God's love is useful – when we walk in His love we will be useful in the lives of others!

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

*when we are walking in the love of God we will make the lives of others better. We will be there for each other – beginning with our own families first!

Mark 2:11 "I tell you, get up, take your mat and GO HOME."

Mark 5:18-19 As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with Him. Jesus did not let him, but said, "GO HOME TO YOUR FAMILY AND TELL THEM HOW MUCH THE LORD HAS DONE FOR YOU, AND HOW HE HAS HAD MERCY ON YOU."

-go home! Do not try to go out and affect the world when you have a family at home to take care of first.

*when we are living Godly at home, it will affect the world!

1 Timothy 5:8 KJV But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

-go home! Do for your family first! If everyone simply did for their own family, how different life would be!

-are you useful to your family?

-we are to provide for our own – especially those in our own house.

PROVIDE: to consider in advance, that is, look out for beforehand [active voice by way of *maintenance* for others; middle voice by way of *circumspection* (caution; care) for oneself].

*to provide for your family is to prepare your family.

*"consider in advance" – prepare them by teaching them the Word of God and their desperation for Christ!

-the greatest thing you can pass on to your family is their need for the Word of God!!

*providing for your family is also taking care of yourself so that you are not a burden to them. Some people purposely do not take care of themselves and just expect others to do it.

*when we do not "provide" for our own family it is because we are "denying the faith".

DENY: contradict; disavow (disown or give up); reject; disagree with; refuse.



-preparing your family and taking care of your family and yourself are all the result of faith – they are the result of our consistent intake of the Word.

-it is our rejection of the Word that leads us to ignore the needs of our own family. We are worse than an infidel when we live like this – we are worse than an unbeliever because we have the truth of God.

*love is kind – God’s love at work in us will make us family members who are there for each other.

*love will also keep us from living envious of others.

1 Corinthians 13:4 Love...does not envy...

ENVY: have feelings against. Affect. Covet; desire; move with jealousy, resentment, or greed.

-envy is a fruit of the flesh. It is the end result of a lack of the Word.

1 Corinthians 3:3 You are still WORLDLY. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere men?

*envy, jealousy, resentment, greed – they are all part of our carnal nature.

WORLDLY: carnal; pertaining to the flesh. Temporary. Animal.

Unregenerate (not reborn Spiritually; stubborn).

*our flesh is temporary – it is focused on self. Animal is also part of the definition of worldly –

Psalms 73:22 I was senseless and ignorant; I was a brute beast before you.

-a brute beast is a dumb, mute animal in the Hebrew.

*our wisdom only comes from God – without Him we are senseless.

*we are behaving like the world – we are participating in our unregenerate nature when we are envious of others.

*we are behaving like mere men – like a person who has not been born again Spiritually and has the power of God available to them.

Job 5:2 Resentment kills a fool, and envy slays the simple.

SLAYS: worthy of death. To kill; to destroy.

SIMPLE: be roomy in a mental sense. Silly; deluded; deceived.

*envy is a fruit of the flesh – it kills; it destroys.

Proverbs 14:30 A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones.

-envy rots; the flesh is rotten – it decays; it does not last!

*envy is a fruit of the flesh – it is the result of a mind that is not full of the Word.

-envy comes from a lack of faith – we want what someone else has, but we do not believe we will ever have it.

James 4:1-2 What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God.



*you have not because you ask not – the word ask means to make a demand on what is rightfully yours. Only a person who is walking by faith will go boldly to the throne for what God has promised them through Christ.

*we do not need to envy what others have if we know that God's blessings are for us, too. When we know that He has good plans for us and they will come in His perfect time, we will no longer resent others for what they have. Those who have what we want will be proof that God keeps His promises.

*love will humble us

1 Corinthians 13:4 Love...does not boast, it is not proud.

-when we are abiding in the love of God we also realize that we are nothing apart from Christ. We recognize that we could not even love God were it not for the love He first gives to us.

John 3:21 But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God.

*living by the Truth is living in the Word – the Word enlightens us to our desperation for Christ. It opens our eyes to the fact that we are not doing for God, He is working through us!

Philippians 2:13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose.

-it is GOD at work in us that enables us to produce Spiritual fruit. We must never forget that. We must remain focused on Him!

2 Corinthians 1:12 NIV Now this is our boast: Our conscience testifies that we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially in our relations with you, in the holiness and sincerity that are FROM GOD. We have done so not according to worldly wisdom but ACCORDING TO GOD'S GRACE.

-every good (Spiritual) fruit we produce is FROM GOD! It is because HE is at work in our lives because we have planted the Seed of His Word.

Hosea 14:8-9 ...YOUR FRUITFULNESS COMES FROM ME. Who is wise? He will realize these things. Who is discerning? He will understand them. The ways of the LORD are right; the righteous walk in them, but the rebellious stumble in them.

*your fruitfulness comes from GOD!!

-what is our boast? It is in Christ! We can boast about Him all day long!

1 Corinthians 1:28-31 He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before Him. IT IS BECAUSE OF HIM THAT YOU ARE IN CHRIST JESUS, who has become for us WISDOM FROM GOD—THAT IS, OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS, HOLINESS



AND REDEMPTION. Therefore, as it is written: "LET HIM WHO BOASTS BOAST IN THE LORD."

*realize who you really are apart from Christ – when you do, you will be more and more thankful!!

*it is BECAUSE OF HIM!!

*HE is my wisdom, my righteousness, my holiness, and my redemption! Thank YOU, Lord!!

Psalms 44:8 In God we make our boast all day long, and we will praise Your Name forever. Selah

*brag on your Lord! Apart from Him you can do nothing, but through Him you can do all things!

Isaiah 26:12 NIV LORD, YOU establish peace for us; ALL THAT WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED YOU HAVE DONE FOR US.

-we have nothing to brag about other than Christ!

-when we are walking in the love of God, we will never feel a need to brag on ourselves.

Romans 15:18 I will not venture to speak of anything except WHAT CHRIST HAS ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH ME...

*Paul felt no need to talk about himself – he knew who he was, was only because of Christ.

1 Corinthians 9:16 Yet when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, for I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!

-Paul understood that he deserved no credit for any of the Spiritual things that Christ did through him. He realized he was "compelled".

COMPELLED: constraint (something that limits freedom). Needful; of necessity.

*because he was filling himself with the Word, he was compelled to preach – it was needful. He couldn't do anything but preach – that was the fruit the Word produced in him!

-Christ's love compels – it keeps us where we are supposed to be!

-when we are walking in the Spirit we will be praising God and thanking Him for His love!

-it is not a Spiritual desire to want to brag about yourself.

Proverbs 25:27 AMP It is not good to eat much honey; so for men to seek glory, their own glory, causes suffering and is not glory.

*when we feel a need to brag on ourselves we can be sure that we are walking in the flesh. It is not good – it is of the flesh – to want to seek your own "glory". Actually, it is anything but glory when we brag on ourselves.

-true glory is the splendor that belongs to God!

Isaiah 61:3 ...They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of HIS splendor.



*we are ONLY displaying HIS splendor because He loves us so much!
 *there is nothing splendid in us to display other than Christ!

-boasting, pride, and comparisons go hand-in-hand

2 Corinthians 10:12 NIV We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some who commend themselves. When they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are not wise.

*when we think we are all that, we also love to notice those who aren't all that according to our standards.

-this is unwise!

*we should never compare ourselves to others! We are all at different places in our walk with God and we have nothing to brag about or beat ourselves up over. We simply need to keep on keeping on with Christ. He will make sure we are where we need to be when we need to be! God is so good!!

-pride is temporary! It is of the flesh!

Matthew 23:12 For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

*we may be able to exalt ourselves, but we will not be able to maintain that position.

Daniel 4:37 Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything he does is right and all his ways are just. And those who walk in pride he is able to humble.

Proverbs 16:18 Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.

-the pride of man is temporary – it is of the flesh; it will not stand before God.

1 Corinthians 8:2 The man who thinks he knows something does not yet know as he ought to know.

*when we begin to think that we know it all, that is when we are truly ignorant – lacking Spiritual knowledge.

Proverbs 26:12 Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.

-a fool says there is no God – the fool is the flesh! Our pride is of the flesh.

-we need to recognize who we are apart from God and who we are with Him!

1 Corinthians 3:18 AMP Let no person deceive himself. If anyone among you supposes that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool [let him discard his worldly discernment and recognize himself as dull, stupid, and foolish, without true learning and scholarship], that he may become [really] wise.

-apart from Christ we have no Spiritual wisdom – and that is the only true wisdom!

-the “poor in Spirit” are blessed – realize how poverty stricken you are apart from Christ and abide in His true riches!

*part of being humble is considering others before yourself.



Philippians 2:1-3 If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from His love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, **HAVING THE SAME LOVE**, being one in spirit and purpose. **DO NOTHING OUT OF SELFISH AMBITION OR VAIN CONCEIT, BUT IN HUMILITY CONSIDER OTHERS BETTER THAN YOURSELVES.**

-we are told to have the same love –to love others with the love of God.

*God's love is humble; it is not self-centered.

-when we love others with the love of the Lord, we will not be the focus!

CONSIDER: to lead (or command with authority); governor or judge. To esteem; to suppose; to think.

-are we thinking of ourselves first or do we consider the feelings of others?

*this does not mean that you are a doormat or a people-pleaser; it simply means that you are not selfish.

-how are we leading others? Is it in love?

1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that we all possess knowledge. **KNOWLEDGE PUFFS UP, BUT LOVE BUILDS UP...**But food does not bring us near to God; we are no worse if we do not eat, and no better if we do. Be careful, however, that the exercise of your freedom does not become a stumbling block to the weak. For if anyone with a weak conscience sees you who have this knowledge eating in an idol's temple, won't he be emboldened to eat what has been sacrificed to idols? So this weak brother, for whom Christ died, is destroyed by your knowledge. When you sin against your brothers in this way and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause him to fall.

-Paul understood that what he ate did not determine his relationship with God, but there were some who thought it did.

*Paul had knowledge – he knew that food meant nothing in God's eyes; however, Paul also had love – he cared about others.

-Paul did not exercise his freedom in front of those who felt bothered by eating certain foods offered to idols. Paul cared more about them than he did himself. (This does not mean that we sin for the sake of others – what Paul was doing was not sin.)

-Paul referred to these people as "weak" who were concerned about the food.

*weak simply means those who are walking in the flesh or the unsaved.

-Paul cared more about their Spirituality than he did about himself.

-because they believed it was sin, Paul did not argue with them or eat it to spite them. He realized what was more important.

*when we want to display our freedom at the cost of others, we are really in sin.

-“sin against Christ”: we are going against the very things that Christ is.

*when someone really believes something that is incorrect according to the Word of God, we must go about things the right way – accusing them of being stupid or calling their belief dumb is not the right way!

1 Corinthians 13:5 It is not rude, it is not self-seeking...

-when we are showing the love of God to others, we will not be rude – we will not make others feel stupid or “less Spiritual” than we are. That is self-seeking – to make yourself look better than another.



Titus 3:9 But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and arguments and quarrels about the law, because these are unprofitable and useless.

1 Timothy 1:3-5 As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain men not to teach false doctrines any longer nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. These promote controversies rather than God's work—which is by faith. The goal of this command is love...

COMMAND: transmit a message. To instruct; declare.

-we are not to quarrel about what is right and what is wrong – we are to transmit the message of God. We do this by declaring the Word in love. The Word will produce the faith that will change the actions in all of us!

-the goal is love! We cannot be profitable or useful without it!

Romans 12:10 KJV [Be] kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another.

PREFERRING: to lead the way for others. Have respect for.

*we can lead the way for others by having respect for them.

HONOR: a value, that is, money paid, or valuables. Esteem, precious, price.

*when we realize the worth and value that Christ places on each and every one of us, then we will begin to respectfully lead the way for others.

-Paul realized that if he did eat it, it may make them go down a wrong path because they were weak and he did not want to be a cause for someone else to sin.

*if our freedom causes someone else to get involved in sin, it is no longer freedom.

-true freedom sets others free as well!

-we can use our freedom to lead others to the truth or we can use it to spite others – and when we do, we are walking in bondage, too.

*bondage is not the goal – love is!

1 Timothy 1:5-8 The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. Some have wandered away from these and turned to meaningless talk. They want to be teachers of the law, but they do not know what they are talking about or what they so confidently affirm. We know that the law is good if one uses it properly.

*the goal is love!

-love comes from a pure heart – that is a Spiritual heart. An undivided, 100% Spiritual heart. Love is the fruit of the Spiritual nature!

-love comes from a good conscience – a good conscience is the result of knowing who you are in Christ. When we know who we are in Christ it is because we are walking by faith –which is made effective by love!

-love comes from sincere faith – faith that is Spiritual. Love is the result of abiding in the Word of God. As we abide in the Word, we will display love to others more and more.

*when we wander away from the Word, we are also wandering away from a pure heart, a good conscience, and sincere faith. We are wandering away from our Spiritual identity.

-when we wander from our Spiritual identity, we begin to walk in the flesh.

*the flesh is meaningless talk!

*the flesh does not understand the Word of God and it cannot help anyone else understand it!

-the Word is good to those who use it properly!

GOOD: valuable. Beautiful.

*when we do not understand shama and shamar, when we do not see ourselves as dearly loved children, when we look



at the Word as a rule book – there is nothing valuable or beautiful to be found.

*some do not see the Word correctly – they use it against people. It is not “good” news to them – it is frightening, condemning, etc.

-these people do not know what they are talking about even though they are dogmatic about it!

*abide in the Word; abide in your Spiritual identity! The Word is good!

Psalms 19:7-8 The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

-when we view the Word as God does, the benefits are endless!

*the Word is perfect – it is complete; it is everything you need!

*the Word will revive your soul – it will give Spiritual life to your mind, your will, and your emotions!

*the Word can be trusted – God is not a man that He should lie!

*the Word will make us wise – it is the Wisdom of God!

*the Word will make us joyful – it will keep us at the center of God’s love and that is true joy!

*the Word is the Light – it will shine through us!

-the Word is GOOD and when we understand that, we can share it with others and they can experience the love and the goodness of our great God! That is the goal!

*love is not angry.

1 Corinthians 13:5 Love is...not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

ANGRY: to easily provoke. To exasperate (infuriate, madden, frustrate, drive mad, annoy); to stir.

-love can overlook things. It is not easily provoked or aggravated.

*when we are full of God’s love for us, we are not so quick to be aggravated by others. We bear in mind all that God has been patient with us

*God says *man’s* ANGER does not bring about the kind of life HE wants for us!

James 1:20 for man’s anger does not bring about the righteous life that GOD desires.

-man’s anger is not a fruit of the Spirit. Man’s anger is not part of our Spiritual identity.

ANGER: hurt turned outward as a reaching forth or EXCITEMENT OF THE MIND, violent passion (ire, or [justifiable] abhorrence); by impl. PUNISHMENT:–anger, indignation (rage or strife), VENGEANCE, wrath.

*man’s anger is not of God.

-Christ came so we would have an awesome life - and anger gets in the way of that!!

John 10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

*you don’t feel like you’re enjoying life when you are angry - when you are angry satan is stealing from you – stealing joy, peace, happiness, forgiveness, etc!!

*man’s anger has many facets:

-EXCITEMENT OF THE MIND: our mind has a lot to do with anger



*we get ourselves all worked up in our *mind*

Job 21:6 When I THINK about this, I am terrified; trembling seizes my body.

-our thoughts affect us in many ways!!

-the more we think about something someone did to us, the more excited our mind becomes.

-we THINK about what others do to us, we THINK about how we've been hurt, etc!

*we are thinking about the wrong things!!! God says to think on THESE things!

Phil 4:8 Finally, brothers, whatever is TRUE, whatever is NOBLE, whatever is RIGHT, whatever is PURE, whatever is LOVELY, whatever is ADMIRABLE—if anything is EXCELLENT or PRAISEWORTHY—think about such things.

-instead of thinking about all we have to be angry about, we should be thinking about how much God loves us and the awesome promises that He has given us

1 Sam 18:8 Saul was VERY ANGRY; this refrain galled him. "They have credited David with tens of thousands," he THOUGHT, "but me with only thousands. What more can he get but the kingdom?"

*Saul thought too much, he was jealous and it led to anger.

-jealousy is a fruit of wrong thinking!! Jealousy is nothing more than wanting something that you never believe you will have – it is a lack of faith – that is why you are upset with others for having it.

*and it leads to anger

*Because of his anger he went after David and that eventually led to his death.

*our thoughts can lead us to anger and anger is dangerous.

2 Ki 5:11-12 But Naaman went away angry and said, "I THOUGHT that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy. Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than any of the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be cleansed?" So he turned and went off in a rage.

-Naaman was a commander of an army who had awesome success BECAUSE OF GOD.

-he also had leprosy and he went to Samaria to get healed

-things did not go the way he THOUGHT they should so he got a little upset

*he THOUGHT he deserved a "better" healing

-why? maybe because of all the success he had – but he forgot one thing: he did not deserve the success - God GAVE it to him!!

-when we begin to think too highly of ourselves we will begin to get angry or feel anger toward others when they do not treat us as such.

Rom 12:3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not THINK of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather THINK of yourself with sober judgment...

1 Cor 1:26 Brothers, THINK OF WHAT YOU WERE WHEN YOU WERE CALLED. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth.

*none of us have anything to be proud of on our own!

-and thinking we do will postpone our miracle just like Naaman!



-Naman walked away from his miracle because of his thoughts and anger.

-another facet of man's anger is PUNISHMENT.

*PUNISHMENT: we are trying to hurt someone else because we've been hurt!

*we are focused on ourselves and not what we are doing to others!

1 Cor 10:24 Nobody should seek his own good, but the good of others.

1 Cor 13:4-5 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is NOT EASILY ANGERED, it keeps no record of wrongs.

-punishment is self-seeking. We feel like we have the right to make someone else suffer because of how they made us feel or because of something they did to us or said about us.

*Love is what we are supposed to be all about!

-others will know us by the love we have for each other

-when we are filled with the love of God we will never want to punish anyone because we will be basking in forgiveness of God!

Prov 27:4 Anger is cruel and fury overwhelming, but who can stand before jealousy?

*anger is cruel - we are hurting others and ourselves. Anger is a lack of love.

-anger is cruel – it is unkind, brutal, pitiless, vindictive, spiteful.

*anger has no consideration for others.

-anger is selfish.

*it is overwhelming

-anger is overwhelming – it is devastating, crushing, overpowering.

*we need to realize what we are doing to others and ourselves when we are angry.

-anger gets the best of us and our actions when we let it get out of control!

*we lose control because we are no longer focused on God.

2 Chr 16:10 Asa was ANGRY with the seer because of this; he was so enraged that he put him in prison. At the same time Asa brutally oppressed some of the people.

*the seer told Asa that because he depended on man rather than on God, he would now be at war – this made Asa mad!

-Asa's focus was not on God; therefore, the fruit of the flesh was produced in his life.

*when we get mad at people we like to "imprison" them – we like to punish them!

-we keep them in prison with unforgiveness, we hold things over their heads, etc.

*this kind of thinking shows us how desperate we are for a healthy dose of God's love!

-God's love sets us free from our prison of sin. His love forgave and forgot all of our sin – never to remember them!

*as you focus on what Christ has done for you, you will then begin to demonstrate that same love.

-we can also hold others hostage with our outrageous, violent behavior

*they are afraid to do or say anything that would anger us because they know the result!

-he brutally oppressed the people!

-another facet of man's anger is REVENGE.

REVENGE: to grudge (hold bitterness, feeling of resentment, hold against), avenge or



punish: -retaliate, punish, payback surely, take vengeance.

*we are not supposed to be trying to get revenge!

Lev 19:18 Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.

-love is the answer for revenge and grudge bearing. Love – the love of God! We can only love others when we are receiving God's love for ourselves.

Est 3:5 When Haman saw that Mordecai would not kneel down or pay him honor, he was ENRAGED.

ENRAGED: heat; figuratively anger, poison (from its fever): - anger, bottles, hot displeasure, furious (-ly, -ry), heat, indignation, poison, rage, wrath.

*Haman's pride was hurt and he was enraged.

-Haman did not love others as he loved himself; he simply loved himself!

-he was poisoning himself with his lack of love and his anger.

*the word that enraged comes from means the same thing as curdled milk or cheese – curdle means to go bad or wrong, or to spoil something.

-our flesh *spoils* us – no matter how it is displayed, the flesh will never produce anything good in our lives.

-his anger was never kept in check. We are not to let the sun go down on our anger – he let the sun go down; he kept his anger "bottled" up.

*he wanted to get back at Mordecai because he wouldn't bow down to him. He continued to think on his prideful anger and it festered.

*when people do not think we are as great as we think we are, it leads to anger.

-again, we need to not think too highly of ourselves!

*Haman's anger also eventually led to his death – like Saul.

Dan 3:19 Then Nebuchadnezzar was FURIOUS with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and his attitude toward them changed. He ordered the furnace heated seven times hotter than usual

*Nebuchadnezzar was so mad he tried to KILL 3 of his FRIENDS!

-when we get angry it is because we are hurt and we want to hurt someone else!

-he wanted to get back at them

*this goes against everything that God says!!

*He says to FORGIVE!

Prov 19:11 A man's discretion makes him slow to anger, And it is his glory to OVERLOOK a transgression.

Prov 10:12 Hatred stirs up dissension, but LOVE COVERS over all wrongs.

-our flesh will never love others. It will never produce Spiritual fruit in our lives.

Prov 14:17 A quick-tempered man does foolish things...

*anger makes us do things we regret – "foolish" things are things of the flesh.

*in each one of the previous examples they did something I am sure they regretted.

-look at the results of each one's anger - no wonder God tells us to stay away from anger.

Psa 37:8 Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil.



FRET: to glow or grow warm; fig. (usually) to blaze up, of anger, zeal, jealousy:—be angry, burn, be displeased, X earnestly, fret self, grieve, be (wax) hot, be incensed, kindle, X very, be wroth.

*if you notice, anger has different degrees – fret is to grow warm, while enrage means to be hot with fever.

-when anger is left to itself it will increase. When we dwell on our anger (excitement of mind), then it will be amplified.

*MAN'S ANGER ONLY LEADS TO EVIL!

*NONE OF THEIR ANGER LED TO ANYTHING GOOD.

*UNCONTROLLED ANGER PRODUCES NO GOOD FRUIT.

Amos 1:11 This is what the LORD says: "For three sins of Edom, even for four, I will not turn back my wrath. Because he pursued his brother with a sword, stifling all compassion, because HIS ANGER RAGED CONTINUALLY and HIS FURY FLAMED UNCHECKED...

-this anger was progressive. It was left unchecked and it became hotter and hotter.

-this anger raged – this means it was perpetually tearing apart or causing destruction because it was being supplied with food.

*our anger can be fed – we need to learn how to starve it!

-we feed our anger when we continue to dwell on it; we starve it when we choose to focus on the love of God instead.

*So what do we do?

Ecc 7:9 Do not be quickly provoked in your spirit, for anger resides in the lap of fools.

FOOL: stupid or silly!

*KNOW that it is stupid, it is silly, to get mad! Understand that you are hurting yourself and others and going against God's good plan for your life. Know that man's anger is a result of walking in the flesh and not the Spirit.

*we are quickly provoked because we are not Spiritually full – a steady intake of the Word will make us slow to anger.

Col 3:8 But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.

-the Bible says we are to get rid of anger! How?!

Col 3:12-14 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, CLOTHE YOURSELVES WITH COMPASSION, KINDNESS, HUMILITY, GENTLENESS AND PATIENCE. BEAR WITH EACH OTHER AND FORGIVE WHATEVER GRIEVANCES YOU MAY HAVE AGAINST ONE ANOTHER. FORGIVE AS THE LORD FORGAVE YOU. And over all these virtues PUT ON LOVE, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

*put on love – sink down into it; dress yourself with it. When we cover ourselves with the love of God, we then connect with all of these attributes he tells us to clothe ourselves with. How do we connect or unite with compassion? By sinking down into the love God has for us. That is how we connect or unite with kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, too! The love of God is the connection. AS God's dearly loved and chosen people, we can be compassionate, kind, and so on – it is our new, Divine nature!! The nature we receive because of the everlasting love of God.



*when we are walking in the Spirit we *WILL* be able to forgive – we won't be able to not forgive!! We *WILL* forgive as Christ forgave us, because that *IS* the way our new nature operates! Only the flesh holds grudges and carries anger.

Rom 13:14 Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not *THINK* about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

*take on your new identity and take off the old one – put on love!

*clothing ourselves with Christ is walking in the Spiritual nature God has given us.

Gal 5:16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

-walk in the Spirit – what does that mean?? It means get in agreement with God –it means to participate in the Divine nature!

Amos 3:3 Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

*in order for us to be in agreement with the Word we must believe it and the Bible says faith comes from the Word (Rom. 4:17) - so we need to read it over and over until we truly do believe it. How do we know that we truly believe it – when we are doing what it says~ because the Bible tells us that alive faith will produce a work or in other words an action!!

*get in agreement with what God says about man's anger.

-when you are not controlled by anger any longer, you can then know that you are walking in the Spirit in that area.

*think with the mind of Christ that is now yours!

-do not think about how you can gratify your flesh – do not give your attention to the flesh. When you begin to feel anger, you need to replace that thought with the Word of God!

*you can think like Christ thinks – you have the mind of Christ; it *IS* who you are in the Spirit.

Romans 12:2 NIV Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.

-you can be transformed into His image! You can participate in the Divine nature and leave your flesh behind ~ and you do it by renewing your mind.

*our minds are renewed when we fill them with the Seed for the new, Divine nature ~ the Word! You do not have to be controlled by anger – you can control it!

Eph 4:26-27 "In your anger do not sin" : Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.

*we are going to get upset - but what we do with that feeling is up to us!

*we are not to hold anger in; don't keep it bottled up - that gives satan an open invitation!

-forgiveness is the opposite of holding the anger in. We need to forgive -and FORGET!

*and we can *ONLY* do that through Christ – just like everything else!



John 15:5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; APART FROM ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING.

-we need Jesus! Forgiveness is Spiritual – and only through Christ can we produce Spiritual fruit – we cannot do it on our own!

John 3:6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the SPIRIT GIVES BIRTH TO SPIRIT.

-love does not keep a record of wrongs! When we let the sun go down, that means we are keeping the anger. It is a sin to store up anger – it is the opposite of faith!

*your stored up anger is satan's foothold in your life

-"one more thing" will make you blow

-holding on to the anger only makes it more intense. Fretting will eventually lead to being enraged if you do not do something about it!

-we are not getting rid of anger when we need to. Christ can bear the burden of anger for us if we will let Him.

Mat 11:28 "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

*we are weary and burdened down with anger when we are holding on to it! Give it to God~ go to Jesus for the help you need! You can't do it without Him!

1 Pet 5:7-9 Give all your worries to Him, because He cares about you. Control yourselves and be careful! The devil, your enemy, goes around like a roaring lion looking for someone to eat. Refuse to give in to him, by standing strong in your faith. You know that your Christian family all over the world is having the same kinds of suffering.

*give up your uncontrolled anger by going to Christ for the help you need and live in the self-control He died for you to have

Gal 5:22-23 But the FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and SELF-CONTROL. Against such things there is no law.

-you will walk in self-control when you are walking in the Spirit. The Word in you will produce self-control.

-in order for you to give up the anger, you must take hold of something else – the Word of God will replace anger in your life if you receive it.

*when we hold onto anger, satan has a foothold in our lives – he has made an inroad and he will camp out if we let him!

*WE CAN REFUSE TO GIVE IN TO HIM! We need to wake up and realize this! We do not have to live angry! We do this by standing strong in our faith – this means that we walk in Spiritual strength because we are consistently filling ourselves with the Word!

-again, the Word will replace anger.

*anger is often the end result of feeling like you are the only one who is suffering. We must understand that we are not alone in this battle of flesh vs. Spirit!

-just because some Christians do not advertise their trials, that does not mean that they have none!!

-stop feeling sorry for yourself – stop focusing on YOU!!



-realize that others are suffering, too.

James 1:19 My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry,

*as a Christian anger should not be my first reaction to things not going my way!

-remember LOVE is PATIENT!

*be quick to listen – to both sides!

Proverbs 18:17 The first to present his case seems right, till another comes forward and questions him.

-there are two sides to every story and the truth usually lies somewhere in the middle.

-we are all quick to see things *OUR* way. We need to open our eyes to the feelings and thoughts of others, too.

*we should be quick to LISTEN – most people have trouble with this.

Proverbs 17:27 A man of knowledge uses words with restraint, and a man of understanding is even-tempered.

-when we are knowledgeable concerning the Word, we will keep our words to a minimum – we will be slow to speak and quick to listen.

*a man of knowledge knows that words can cause quite a stir.

Proverbs 10:19 When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise.

-IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING SPIRITUAL TO SAY, DON'T SAY ANYTHING!

James 3:5-6 Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

-when we really understand that words can destroy or they can bring life, we will be sure to fill ourselves with Life so that we are speaking life.

-your words can set the whole course of your life on fire!

They can be fueled by hell – by evil, by the flesh!

-a man of understanding is even-tempered.

*understanding is connecting yourself with Christ – when we connect with Christ, we will not have erratic emotions.

-when we are walking in the Spirit we will not be roller coaster Christians.

*KJV – “a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit”

EXCELLENT: valuable. Brightness; clear. Costly; excellent; honorable women; precious; reputation.

-the person who connects themselves with Christ is a valuable and precious fruit-bearing person. They are clear – Christ's brightness shines through! What a reputation to have!

-any person who connects with Christ will be slow to anger because they are vividly aware of who they are and all that they have been forgiven of. They are walking in the Spirit and they are seeing the fruit of the Spirit at work in their lives.

James 1:26 If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless.

RELIGIOUS: pious – self-righteous.



-feeling religious is feeling self-righteous – it has nothing to do with true righteousness.

*when we feel as if we have righteousness of our own, we are deceived!

-many of us feel pious – we feel good about ourselves, but we forget that our mouths give us away!

-the truth of a man's heart is revealed in his words.

-self-righteousness is worthless – we cannot keep our mouths from speaking death apart from the Word.

*with man it is impossible to tame the tongue, but with God all things are possible!

Prov 16:32 Better a patient man than a warrior, a man who controls his temper than one who takes a city.

*even our temper can be controlled through Christ!

*controlling our temper makes us mighty!

-and controlling our temper is a fruit of His Spirit and fruit is only produced when we are abiding in Christ!

*it's all about Jesus!! Not us! We need to lean on Him!

*our might is found in Him – we walk in His strength when we walk in His Spirit!

1 Corinthians 13:6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

*true love, the love of God, will lead us to truth. The truth is the Word of God. Anything that disagrees with the Word is a lie – it is evil.

-when we are walking in the love of God, we will be in agreement with the truth of the Word. The foundation of our lives as Christians is the love of God. The love of God will keep us focused and on the right path.

*love rejoices with the truth – the Word makes a Spiritual person rejoice! Those who are walking in the Spirit are excited about the Word of God.

Jeremiah 15:16 When Your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear Your name, O LORD God Almighty.

-when we are identifying with Christ, we will be in love with the Word. His love for us will draw us to His love letter! We will understand that His Word is our PROMISE book!

Psalms 119:162 I rejoice in Your promise like one who finds great spoil.

-love knows the value of the Word.

Psalms 119:72 The law from Your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of pieces of silver and gold.

Psalms 119:111 Your statutes are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.

*when we are ignoring the love that God has for us, that is when we do not see the value of the Word in our lives.

*we must recognize what the Word truly is to us as God's dearly loved children!

-the Word really is all we need – because it will provide us with everything else!

1 Corinthians 13:7 KJV Love...Beareth all things...

*love bears all things.

BEARETH: to *roof* over. To *cover* with silence; to endure patiently.



(For-) bear, suffer.

-love always protects. A roof protects what it covers; it maintains structural stability; it keeps a constant temperature.

*love with protect. Love will keep unwanted debris out of your life.

-God's love with protect you. When you see the Word as His love letter, you will also see the Word as a place of refuge.

Psalms 91:4 He will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you will find refuge; His faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.

*His wings = His Word.

-His Word is our safe haven.

Psalms 61:4 I long to dwell in Your tent forever and take refuge in the shelter of Your wings.

*when we realize that His Word is our safe place we will long to dwell in it – it will no longer be an obligation; it will be a privilege.

Psalms 57:1 ...Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me, for in You my soul takes refuge. I will take refuge in the shadow of Your wings until the disaster has passed.

*the Word is our place to rest until the storm has passed. We must remain focused on the Word during our trials.

*love will enable you to stand firm. It will keep you firmly planted in Christ.

Proverbs 10:25 When the storm has swept by, the wicked are gone, but THE RIGHTEOUS STAND FIRM FOREVER.

-the righteous stand firm forever – those who know who they are in Christ stand firm! Our Spiritual identity will always stand firm!

-if we will remain focused on the Word during our storms will see victory in time. The Word will keep us standing firm until that time.

Isaiah 7:9 ...If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all.

*we must stand firm in our faith.

אמן STAND FIRM (aman)

ALEPH: connection between God and man.

MEM: wave of water. Truth of God (revealed or hidden). Trials and refreshing.

NUN: seed. Fish – life and activity.

STAND FIRM: to build up or support; to foster as a parent or nurse; figuratively to render firm or faithful, to trust or believe, to be permanent or quiet. Assurance, believe, bring up, establish, be faithful (of long continuance, steadfast, sure, surely, trusty, verified), nurse, (-ing father), (put), trust, turn to the right.

*standing firm is being supported or nursed by our loving Father; it is being nurtured by God and thus making us firm or faithful – full of faith.

-we are connecting with God through the Seed of His Word. This Seed produces Spiritual life as God's truth is revealed in our lives – during good times and bad.



*we can be “of long continuance” when we are being nursed by God through our intake of His Word.

-faith and patience bring about God’s promises – both of which are the result of our consistent intake of the Word.

*if we want to be stable and endure the trials, then we must see the Word as the life preserver that it is!

Psalms 40:2 He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; He set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

*the Rock we stand on is Christ – and He is the Word. He is our firm place to stand!

Psalms 93:5 Your statutes stand firm; holiness adorns Your house for endless days, O LORD.

*Your statutes “stand firm” – this is the same Hebrew word that is used in Isaiah 7:9! -the Word of God builds us up; it supports us; it parents and nurses; it renders us faithful! It establishes us; it brings us up!

*holiness adorns His house – in the Hebrew this phrase says, “Holiness is at home in Your house.” When we are walking in the Spirit we cannot fulfill the lusts of the flesh.

*the Word will never change – it stands firm: it is SURE! All of God’s promises are “YES” in Christ!

2 Corinthians 1:20-21 For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so THROUGH HIM the “Amen” is spoken by us TO THE GLORY OF GOD. NOW IT IS GOD WHO MAKES BOTH US AND YOU STAND FIRM IN CHRIST. HE anointed us..

*everything Spiritual that we do is done THROUGH CHRIST to the GLORY OF GOD! -the Word is established and we will be, too, WHEN we abide in the Word! PROMISES: (Greek) an announcement; assent or pledge. Divine assurance of good.

דָּבָר DABAR (Hebrew)

RESH: mind

BET: Jesus, Master of the house. Power.

DALET: humility. Opening the door for Christ.

DABAR: because of. Commandment; decree; judgment – final word. Power. Work.

*God’s promises are His final word on your situation. The power of God is within His Word! The work that needs done is found in His Word – the Word produces Spiritual actions! His Word is full of power and good!

*because of His Word I can live a Godly life – Zoë!

*the Hebrew spelling shows us that the promise FOCUSES ON CHRIST! He is the center of the promise! We must humble ourselves and open the door for Him – we must change the way we think!

-when we think with HUMILITY we will see the power of Christ!



*the promises only come to pass by faith and patience – both of which are GIFTS from GOD!

-the Word is a Gift – not a burden or obligation!!

*the promises depend on HIM – we need to see that!

Isaiah 55:1 AMP WAIT and listen, everyone who is thirsty! Come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Yes, come, buy [priceless, spiritual] wine and milk WITHOUT money and WITHOUT price [simply for the SELF-SURRENDER that accepts the blessing].

-humble yourself and ACCEPT the blessing! RECEIVE what CHRIST has done for you and stop trying to figure out how to get it yourself!

-the one who has no money can buy!! Wow!

-stop thinking that you need to earn His promises – Christ did that FOR you!

-self-surrender – it is not about you! Just like Paul, consider whatever you can do apart from Christ as garbage!

*the promise depends on Him and all of God's promises are YES!

YES: of strong affirmation. Even so; surely; truth; verily (truthfully).

-the promises of God are yes IN CHRIST!

*they are strongly affirmed IN HIM! It is because of Him that we can count on every one of God's promises!

*through Christ we can say AMEN – let it be as You have said! We can have confidence in the Word because our confidence is in Christ and His finished work! HE did everything that needed to be done in order for us to QUALIFY to receive all of God's good promises!
Colossians 1:12 giving thanks to the Father, Who has QUALIFIED you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.

QUALIFIED: to enable. Succeed; meet the requirements; make eligible. Make competent.

*focus on HIS love and what HE has done for you – be firmly planted IN HIM!

-Your statutes stand firm –remember what “stand firm” means: *abide in the Word and be nursed and supported by your loving Father.*

*the English translation puts the focus on you; the Hebrew translation puts the focus where it belongs – on God!!

-this RECEIVING relationship will produce the faith and patience you need to see every one of God's promises come to pass! It is all about depending on HIM!

2 Corinthians 1:21 Now it is GOD who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us...

-HE makes us stand firm!

-HE anointed us!

ANOINTED: through the idea of *contact*, to *smear* or *rub* with oil, that is, (by implication) to *consecrate* to an office or religious service: - anoint. (Hebrew: to rub, smear, paint)



Related to CHRAOMAI: to *handle*; to *furnish* what is needed; (give an *oracle*, “graze” [touch slightly], *light* upon, etc.), that is, (by implication) to *employ* or (by extension) to *act towards* one in a given manner: - entreat, use.

-He anoints us – He covers us with Himself! Through contact with Him we are furnished with everything we need. Wow! We need to see ourselves covered with Christ. Wow!

Psalms 17:15 And I—in righteousness I will see YOUR face; when I awake, I will be satisfied with seeing YOUR likeness.

*“in righteousness” – seeing yourself in Christ! Living by faith or walking in the Spirit.

*when we are walking in the Spirit, or in righteousness, we will see HIS face – not our own!

*and we will be satisfied with what we see! We will be satisfied with Christ and stop looking to ourselves for what we need.

*“seeing your likeness” = a manifestation of Christ. Living as Christ lives ~ life as God has it!! Wow!

-that is a real life of love – a life planted in Christ!! (Col. 3:4 – Christ is my life!)

*God’s love “bears all things” – love will keep you consistent. It will keep you from extremes.

Psalms 91:1 AMP He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall remain stable and fixed under the shadow of the Almighty [Whose power no foe can withstand].

סֵתֵר SECRET PLACE (sether)

SAMEKH: shield. Support; eternal; double blessing.

CHET: wall, fence. Disciple; light; life.

Grace – new beginnings.

RESH: the mind. Where illumination takes place.

First; top; beginning.

SECRET PLACE: a covering. Covert; disguise.

Hiding place; protection.

-the secret place is the Word of God / Jesus Christ – the Word is our covering, our protection. When we are abiding in the Word we are covered with Him – that is real zoel!

*when you look at the Hebrew spelling you see that grace (the Divine influence on the heart in your daily life) is at the center of the word. The Word needs to renew our mind,



and when it does, we will be shielded and protected and we will live the eternal life – the life of double blessings.

-if we want to avoid a roller coaster of emotions and feelings, then we must DWELL in the secret place.

DWELL: to sit down. To remain. To settle; to continue; to make your dwelling. To marry.

-we must DWELL in the Word of God! We must marry ourselves to the Word – the 2 become 1. The secret place is the Word and it keeps us stable. We receive the nursing and support of our loving Father - we “stand firm” – through the Word.

-this does NOT mean that we will never waver – we all still have our flesh to deal with; BUT, we can see victory over it through the Word of God. We just need more faith – more of the Word!

Psalms 17:4 KJV Concerning the works of men, BY THE WORD OF THY LIPS I HAVE KEPT [ME FROM] THE PATHS OF THE DESTROYER.

-the Word keeps us from the path of destruction – the path of the flesh!

-the destroyer is defined as: violent; thief; destroyer; ravenous; robber. It comes from the word “parats” – the word that is translated as “break” in the verse that says if you break a hedge, a serpent will bite you.

*when we do not hedge the Word in our lives (shamar) we are opening the door for the flesh, the enemy!

*if we want Spiritual stability we need the Word HABITUALLY!

Ecclesiastes 7:15-18 In this meaningless life of mine I have seen both of these: a righteous man perishing in his righteousness, and a wicked man living long in his wickedness. Do not be overrighteous, neither be overwise - why destroy yourself? Do not be overwicked, and do not be a fool- why die before your time? It is good to grasp the one and not let go of the other. THE MAN WHO FEARS GOD WILL AVOID ALL EXTREMES.

-fearing the Lord keeps us from extremes.

-to fear the Lord literally means to be “wowed” by Him! It is standing in awe of who HE is and what HE has done!

*IT IS A LIVING A LIFE THAT IS FOCUSED ON HIM RATHER THAN SELF!

-when we live wowed by God we avoid all extremes.

Jeremiah 32:40 I will make an everlasting covenant with them: I will never stop doing good to them, and I will inspire them to fear Me, so that they will never turn away from Me.

*HE “inspires” us to fear Him = HE puts His fear in us. HE endows us with awe!

נָתַן

INSPIRES / PUT (nathan)

NUN: Seed. Fish; life; activity.

TAV: the cross.



NUN (final): Seed. Fish; life; activity.

INSPIRE: to give. To add; assign; bestow. To bring forth.

Without fail; to pay; to perform. To restore.

-HE inspires! HE adds this ability to be wowed by God; HE bestows this on me – HE performed FOR me! HE paid for me to live a life wowed by God!! WOW!! And HE does it without fail! I can live restored – the way I was always meant to live – BECAUSE OF WHAT CHRIST HAS DONE FOR ME!

-the center of the Hebrew word “nathan” is the cross – it is all about JESUS! The word “nathan” begins and ends with the Seed – the Word of God / Jesus! It is ALL about HIM!

*the Word inspires us to be wowed by Him!!

-living this kind of life is the result of your intake of the Word – receive the Gift!!

*when we truly fear the Lord, or live a life wowed by Him, we will not turn away from Him – WE CAN'T! We are wowed by Him BECAUSE we *are* focusing on Him. Our focus is on the Lord and as we walk in the Spirit, we will not fulfill the lusts of the flesh (Gal. 5:16). We also won't take pride in the fact that we are walking in the Spirit; instead, we will live thankful for the fact that God enables us to live this way! WOW!

-when we live a life in awe of God, we will avoid all extremes. We will not be “overrighteous” or “overwise” or “overwicked”.

-when we live in awe of God we will not take pride in ourselves – we will not be “overrighteous” or “overwise” – we will not believe that we are better than another.

-when we live in awe of God we will not ignore the work that the Word does in our lives; we will not be “overwicked” – we will not believe we have a license to sin because we have been forgiven. We are inspired to fear Him so that we cannot turn away from Him!!

Romans 6:14 KJV For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

*sin cannot rule over people who live under (through) GRACE!

-don't forget that grace is the Divine influence on the heart in your daily life – it is the Word!!

*ALL BACKSLIDERS HAVE 1 THING IN COMMON – THE FOCUS IS ON THEM INSTEAD OF ON GOD. SIN DOMINATES THE PERSON WHO TRIES TO LIVE UNDER THE LAW OR BY WORKS.

-sin does not have dominion over the person who is Divinely influenced daily!

-living in awe of God will lead us to understand that the Word will change us IF we ABIDE in it. We will understand that apart from Christ we can do nothing, but we will also understand that through Christ we can do all



things. We cannot keep ourselves from sin, but Christ can – grasp one and don't let go of the other!

*don't depend on your righteousness; instead, depend on His by abiding in His Word! Be satisfied with seeing Christ manifested in you!

*God's love will keep you balanced; it will keep you consistent.

-God's love "bears all things" - love covers with silence. Wow...

1 Peter 4:8 Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

*God's love in you will never reveal the sin of others to others. It will never expose the flaws and shortcomings of others to others.

-it is our flesh that loves to make others' sin known to others.

*this does not mean that we cannot go to them one-on-one *if* GOD leads us.

Proverbs 17:9 He who covers over an offense promotes love, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends.

*discussing the sin of others produces division. Division is not a facet of love. Division is a fruit of the flesh.

-true love understands and demonstrates, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." (Luke 6:31)

-when we enjoy broadcasting others' sins, we need to be reminded of what Christ has done with ours!

Psalms 32: 1-2 Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.

*our Spiritual nature has no deceit. Our Spiritual nature testifies to truth alone – and it is true that Christ has covered ALL of our sins! When you walk in the knowledge of this, you will not care to broadcast the sins of others. If you enjoy pointing out the sins of others, then you can know that you are in the flesh! Recognize the fruit that is being produced and change the seed you are planting!

*true love covers with silence.

Zephaniah 3:14-17 Sing, _____; shout aloud, O _____! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, _____! The LORD has taken away your punishment, He has turned back your enemy. The LORD, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm...The LORD your God is with you, He is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, HE WILL QUIET YOU WITH HIS LOVE, He will rejoice over you with singing."

*His love will quiet us ~ "we will rest in His love" (KJV).



חָרַשׁ QUIET (CHARASH)

CHET: wall, fence. Disciple; light; life.

Grace – new beginnings.

RESH: man's head – where illumination takes place.

First; top; beginning.

SHIN: reflect the Trinity. The Spirit; Spiritual fire.

2 front teeth – eat.

QUIET: to engrave. Conceal. To be silent; let alone. To rest.
Hold your peace.

-to be “quieted” by His love is to engrave it on our hearts. We are to be concealed by His love – hidden with God in Christ. We do not have to speak in our defense – Christ's love has redeemed us. We can rest in that love!

-the Hebrew spelling shows us that being “quieted” begins in the mind. The mind is “quieted” as we eat the Word – as we live by grace through faith.

Psalms 119:114, 119 MSG You're my place of quiet retreat; I wait for Your Word to renew me...therefore I lovingly embrace everything You say.

*engrave His love on your heart by embracing His love letter. Cover yourself with Christ!

1 Corinthians 13:7 KJV Love...believeth all things...

*the phrase “LOVE BELIEVES ALL THINGS” does *not* mean that we will believe everything someone says because we love them.

-it does not mean that we will fall for anything because of love.

BELIEVES: to have faith,, that is, credit; by implication to entrust (especially one's spiritual well being to Christ): - believe (-r), commit (to trust), put in trust with.

ALL THINGS: all; any; whole; completely; daily.

*TO “BELIEVE ALL THINGS” SIMPLY MEANS TO COMPLETELY HAVE FAITH IN OR ENTRUST YOUR SPIRITUAL WELL BEING TO CHRIST DAILY!!

Proverbs 8:34 Blessed is the man who LISTENS to Me, watching daily at My doors, waiting at My doorway.

-blessed (fortunate, prosperous, to be envied) is the man who listens to God.
The word translated as *listens* is the Hebrew word *shama*.

שָׁמַע LISTENS (SHAMA)

SHIN: reflect the Trinity. The Spirit; Spiritual fire.

2 front teeth – eat.

MEM: wave of water. Truth of God (hidden or revealed).

Trials and refreshing.



AYIN: eye. To see – observe to do.
Humility.

SHAMA (listen, obey): to *hear* intelligently; attentively. Call (gather) together - carefully, certainly. Consent, consider, be content, declare, diligently, discern, give ear, (cause to, let, make to) hear (-ken, tell), indeed, listen, make (a) noise, (be) obedient, obey, perceive, (make a) proclaim (-ation), publish, regard, report, shew (forth), (make a) sound, surely, tell, understand, whosoever [heareth], witness.

*to shama (to listen or to obey) means to take the Word in; to hear it and hear it intelligently and diligently. It means to be content with it – to require no other proof beside the Word. To shama the Word is to agree or approve of the Word – to consent.

*when we shama the Word we will also be able to proclaim the Word – we will be a witness to the Word.

-all these things will come NATURALLY to the person who shama-s the Word.

Mark 4:26-28 He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head."

*the Holy Spirit in you is the soil – and it ONLY receives Spiritual Seed.

*our responsibility is to scatter the Seed! Plant the Word in your life and watch what happens!

-whether you sleep or get up (it is NOT based on you) the SEED will do what God intended!

*our hope must be in Him – not us!

*in many places in Scripture, God refers to us as a garden. We must plant the Seed of the Word if we want to reap a harvest of the Spirit! What kind of garden am I? What am I planting in my life??

*in the Hebrew spelling, we see that *shama-ing* the Word deals will feeding on the Word and filling ourselves with God's truth. We need to fill ourselves with the Word during trials and times of refreshing – WE ARE NEVER ANY LESS DESPERATE FOR THE WORD. WE NEED IT DAILY!



-we must be humble enough to recognize this!
 *the Hebrew spelling also points out “observe to do” – we must observe or remain focused on the Word in order to be able to do what it says. THE ACTIONS OF THE WORD ARE THE RESULT OF THE ATTENTION WE GIVE TO THE WORD.
 -faith (Rom. 10:17) produces Spiritual actions!
 *the person who shama-s the Word is blessed!
 -blessed (fortunate, prosperous, to be envied) is the man who watches daily at God’s doors. The word *watches* is the Hebrew word *shaqad*.

שָׁקַד WATCHES (SHAOAD)

SHIN: reflect the Trinity. The Spirit; Spiritual fire.

2 front teeth – eat.

OO: horizon. The Shepherd’s crook (a long stick with a curved end used by a shepherd to catch or guide a sheep). Right hand of mercy.

100- the lifespan of an eagle.

DALET: closed tent door. Humility,
 Opening yourself up to Christ.

SHAOAD: to *be alert*, that is, *sleepless*, hence to *be on the lookout* (whether for good or ill): - hasten, remain, wake, watch (for).

*to watch daily is to remain focused on the Word. God’s door is His Word / Christ. That door will remain closed in our lives unless we humble ourselves and open ourselves up to Christ.

*the Hebrew spelling shows us that once we humble ourselves and “watch daily” we will find that we are fed by God, “caught” (taken hold of) by God, and guided by God.

-YOU HUMBLE YOURSELF TO ACCEPT CHRIST AS SAVIOR AND YOU’LL CONTINUALLY HUMBLE YOURSELF TO ACCEPT HIM AS YOUR DAILY SAVIOR – THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN ENABLE YOU TO LIVE SPIRITUALLY VICTORIOUS.

-blessed (fortunate, prosperous, to be envied) is the man who waits at God’s doorway. The word translated as *waits* is the Hebrew word *shamar*.

שָׁמַר WAITS (SHAMAR)

SHIN: reflect the Trinity. The Spirit; Spiritual fire.

2 front teeth – eat.

MEM: wave of water. Truth of God (hidden or revealed).
 Trials and refreshing.

Resh: man’s head. Where illumination takes place.
 First; top; beginning.

SHAMAR (wait, keep): to *hedge* about (as with thorns), that is, *guard*,



generally to *protect, attend to*, etc.: - beware, be circumspect (vigilant, cautious), take heed (to self), keep (-er, self), mark, look narrowly, observe, preserve, regard, reserve, save (self), sure, (that lay) wait (for), watch (-man).

*shama and shamar both start with the same two Hebrew letters – shin and mem. Both words have to do with feeding on the truth of God during trials and times of refreshing – BOTH WORDS INDICATE OUR CONTINUAL NEED FOR THE WORD OF GOD. We need to eat! We need to scatter the Seed!

*shamar ends with the Hebrew letter resh – shamar deals with the mind. As a man thinks so he becomes – the mind is the beginning. *to shamar the Word is to remain focused on the Word – to have single vision – look narrowly. To shamar the Word is to guard it in your life – you protect the Word in your life because you understand its value. You behave as a watchman with the Word – you would rather die than take your eyes off of it. You feed your mind with the Word.

*to shamar the Word is also defined as “save self” – we must understand that Christ has already given us everything we need for life and godliness; He has given us His Word. It is up to us what we do with the Word – we can save ourselves by “shamaring” the Word and we can destroy ourselves by ignoring the Word.

-remember the destroyer – Psalm 17:4 – we keep ourselves from the path of the destroyer through the Word!

-to “believe all things” simply means to completely have faith or entrust your Spiritual well being to Christ daily – and we do this by shama-ing and shamar-ing the Word. When we live by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord, then we are truly blessed – happy, fortunate, and to be envied! Our desire to live this life is founded on the love God has for us. LOVE DAILY LOOKS TO CHRIST FOR SPIRITUAL WELL BEING! He IS love!

*to “believe all things” means to completely have faith in or entrust your Spiritual well being to Christ daily – we can trust Him because He will never let us down and we will trust Him when we are living by faith!

Psalms 68:19 Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens. Selah
-love recognizes that CHRIST bears our burdens DAILY.

*He is always there for us and we will be sure of that when we are filling ourselves with His promises!

*what burdens are you carrying that He is already bearing? Guilt? Fear? Insecurity? Doubt? Anger? Works?...

*we must open our eyes to the rest that is found in Christ!

Matthew 11:28-30 NIV “Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and



learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

-His yoke – or the connection with Him – is EASY. The Greek word translated as easy means *to furnish with everything needed*. He has given us everything we need for life and godliness – we just have to plant that Seed!

*our job is to plant the Seed and depend on Christ to do what He promised He would do – rest in His Word.

*we cannot even explain how that Spiritual fruit is produced in us.

-“whether we sleep or get up, the Seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how!”

-just like the blind man: “All I know is I was blind but now I see!”

-if you are burdened by works and appearances, then connect with Christ – yoke up with Him and realize that you already have everything you need in Him! Rest in His Word!

Isaiah 28:12-13 NIV to whom He said, "This is the resting place, let the weary rest"; and, "This is the place of repose"– but they would not listen. So then, the Word of the LORD to them will become: Do and do, do and do, rule on rule, rule on rule; a little here, a little there– so that they will go and fall backward, be injured and snared and captured.

*if we do not see the Word as our resting place and entrust our Spiritual well being to Christ daily, then we will look at the Word as a rule book and we will fall into the enemy's trap!

-when we start to see all that Christ does for us daily, we will then begin to live a life of praise and rest.

-remind yourself daily of what God's love has done for you!

*true love will keep us at rest in Christ! It will enable us to daily look to Him for our Spiritual well being. We will daily commit our lives, our care, and so on, to Him when we are walking in His love for us!

1 Corinthians 13:7 It (love)always protects...

*the love of God PROTECTS – it shelters, it shields, it cares for, it saves from harm, it defends and guards!

Colossians 2:13-14 When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, THAT WAS AGAINST US AND THAT STOOD OPPOSED TO US; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.

-the written code is against us and stands opposed to us – because no one can live up to it! Why do we desire to have a relationship with something that is against us and stands opposed to us?!?



Galatians 3:10 All who rely on observing the law are under a curse, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law."

*when the Israelites chose works (observing the law), God explained the consequences – but they did not care.

Deuteronomy 27:26 NIV "Cursed is the man who does not uphold the words of this law by carrying them out." Then all the people shall say, "Amen!"

-they said "Amen!" – let it be as you have said! Let the curse fall on us if we cannot perform the Word. What arrogance and pride – what a lack of knowledge.

*there is no Spiritual life outside of the Word – there is nothing but death/ curses/ the flesh.

Deuteronomy 28:15 KJV But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all His commandments and His statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:

-hearken = shama

-observe = shamar

-if we will not shama and shamar the Word, then we are living in the flesh – under the curse!

*verses 16 – 68 of Deuteronomy 28 goes on to list the aspects of a life lived under the curse of the flesh.

*living by works is living a dead life – life in the flesh, under the curse.

2 Corinthians 3:6 AMP [It is He] Who has qualified us [making us to be fit and worthy and sufficient] as ministers and dispensers of a new covenant [of salvation through Christ], not [ministers] of the letter (of legally written code) but of the Spirit; for the code [of the Law] kills, but the [Holy] Spirit makes alive.

-Christ qualifies me – I can rest in Him!

-the letter of the law kills – that is, attempting to accomplish the law apart from Christ kills. The flesh can only give birth to flesh!

-through Christ we can live a Spiritual life – we can "observe to do" – we can remain focused on the Word and hedge it in our lives and we can see the Word manifested in us!

*NO ONE CAN LIVE UP TO THE WORD, BUT WE CAN ALL LIVE THROUGH THE WORD THANKS TO CHRIST!

*when we rely on how well we can observe the law, we are then living under the curse.

-no matter how wonderful we think we are, no one can live without transgressing the law!

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

-depending on self is living under the curse!



*when we trust in how much *we* love God, how good *we* are, how much *we* do, etc, we are living under the curse!!

*we cannot do everything written in the law, but when we are relying on Christ we will live in agreement with the Word because the Word produces faith and Spiritual faith produces Spiritual actions. The Word will be manifested in the child of God who *shamas* and *shamars!*

*this is the very point Christ was trying to make when he was dealing with the "religious" people. He kept telling them what to DO so that they would realize that they couldn't! With His disciples, however, He only corrected them by asking them about their FAITH.

-the love of God protects while the written code is against us – HE canceled it because He loves us!

Galatians 3:13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree."

*Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law, so why are we so willing to continue in it?!?

-we have been set free from the curse of the law and we need to understand this. We need to live accordingly!

*we do not have to attempt to live up to the law, we can live through Christ! He fulfilled it for us and THROUGH HIM we can see it manifested in our lives!

2 Chronicles 30:18-20 Although most of the many people who came from Ephraim, Manasseh, Issachar and Zebulun had not purified themselves, yet they ate the Passover, contrary to what was written. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, "May the LORD, who is good, pardon everyone who sets his heart on SEEKING GOD–THE LORD, the God of his fathers—even if he is not clean according to the rules of the sanctuary." And the LORD heard Hezekiah and healed the people.

*these people were seeking God, not focusing on self.

-they weren't preoccupied with appearing perfect – they wanted to seek God.

*when the people did contrary to what was written in the code, Hezekiah called on God and His goodness! Wow!

-the goodness of God trumps the written code – but not everyone believes that.

*God's goodness resulted in celebration, joy, and praise

-2 Chr. 30:21-27

*they CELEBRATED the feast with great rejoicing

*they SANG to the Lord

*Hezekiah SPOKE ENCOURAGINGLY

*they PRAISED GOD

*GREAT JOY was restored

-when you begin to see God's goodness, it will do the same for you! Remind yourself of His forgiveness and all that He has done for you! Commit Colossians 2:13-14 to memory!



-in chapter 31 of 2 Chronicles, we also see that God's goodness resulted in abstaining from sin. They destroyed their false gods when their focus was on the one true God!

*wow!~ We cannot keep ourselves from sin, but Christ can keep us from sin if we will keep our focus on Him!

*the Spiritual behavior and the blessings are both the result of faith!

Romans 6:1-4 What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

*we died to sin – our Spiritual nature is dead to sin! It is impossible for our Spirit to sin so if we are walking in our Spiritual nature it will be impossible for us to sin. If you walk in the Spirit you WON'T fulfill the lusts of the flesh – Galatians 5:16.

*if you believe that you can continue in sin and walk in the Spirit at the same time, then you do not realize what happened when you received Christ.

-you were baptized into Christ

BAPTIZED: to make whelmed (engulfed or submerged in water); fully wet.
To cover wholly with a fluid. Ablution (ritual cleansing, washing).

*you were completely covered with Him!

-the meaning of baptism has been watered down through time. It has become a ceremonial duty instead of the beautiful picture of what Christ has done for us.

-baptism is a picture of receiving Christ and living in Him.

*the person is lowered into the water and totally covered. This represents dying to the old life of the flesh in the same way Christ died in His physical body for us.

*the person is raised up out of the water. This represents waking from the death of the flesh and walking in your new life in Christ in the same way Christ was resurrected and shed his earthly body.

-baptism is an elementary teaching about Christ – it is foundational (Heb. 6:1-2); therefore, we need to understand it's meaning.

*baptism is a picture of being wholly immersed in the Word – being covered with Christ. Apart from Him we can do nothing Spiritual – we need to be immersed!

-we will live our new life in the Spirit through the water of His Word! We cannot have Spirit apart from the Word!

-baptism is done in water. The water of the Word is what produces the faith we need to receive Christ and to walk in Christ / the Spirit.

*baptism was always a picture of being cleansed and covered by Christ, but just like the Word, man turned it into a rule / regulation. Instead of it



representing what God did for them, they turned it into something they thought they were doing for God.

-we need to learn to live THROUGH Christ instead of trying to live FOR God.

-this is not a debate over words – it is a question of how you see things.

-living for or doing for God denotes an effort on our part that benefits God – it makes it seem like God needs us.

Job 35:6-8 If you sin, how does that affect Him? If your sins are many, what does that do to Him? If you are righteous, what do you give to Him, or what does He receive from your hand? Your wickedness affects only a man like yourself, and your righteousness only the sons of men.

Acts 17:25 And He is not served by human hands, as if He needed anything, because He Himself gives all men life and breath and everything else.

*we need to recognize our need for Him and understand that the rocks can cry out in our place – God is not desperate for us.

*our “works” do not impress Him. He is not depending on us to do the “right” thing. He is greater than our behavior.

Jeremiah 7:20-24 Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says: My anger and My wrath will be poured out on this place, on man and beast, on the trees of the field and on the fruit of the ground, and it will burn and not be quenched. This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: Go ahead, add your burnt offerings to your other sacrifices and eat the meat yourselves! For when I brought your forefathers out of Egypt and spoke to them, I did not just give them commands about burnt offerings and sacrifices, but I gave them this command: Obey Me, and I will be your God and you will be My people. Walk in all the ways I command you, that it may go well with you. But they did not listen or pay attention; instead, they followed the stubborn inclinations of their evil hearts. They went backward and not forward.

*His command was, “Obey Me.”

-obey = shama (definition on pg. 55)

*He told us to walk in His ways.

HALAK: to *walk* - (all) along, continually, be conversant, + BE EASED, enter, exercise (self), + follow, go (about, abroad, along, away, forward, on, out, up and down), grow.



-rest in the Word – rest in His work and stop trying to produce your own!

*if we do not look at the Word as our source of Spiritual life, then we are following our stubborn inclinations of our evil heart – our carnal nature.

-and the flesh will never produce anything of Spiritual value – you will go backward, not forward!

*we can live a NEW life, a SPIRITUAL life, because of what Christ has done for us! We can live through Christ instead of trying to perform for Him in our flesh!

*we need to know who we are in Christ so we can live the *Zoë* life!

Romans 8:19 The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed.

-all creation is eagerly awaiting the day that you recognize who you are in Christ and Christ is then truly manifested in you!

*what a different world this would be if we truly understood who we are in Christ!

*we are God's dearly loved children and HE has defeated sin for us! If you know that you are dead to sin, then you won't LIVE in it!

Romans 6:11 In the same way, COUNT YOURSELVES dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

COUNT YOURSELVES / RECKON: to take an inventory; to estimate; conclude. To esteem, to suppose, to think on.

-take an inventory of what Christ has said about who you are in Him. Think on those things He has said and then you will begin to recognize who you truly are.

*when we know who we are in Christ, our lives change!

Romans 6:12-14 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to Him as instruments of righteousness. For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.

-the phrase, "Therefore do not let," comes from one word that means *God forbid*.

*when you see yourself dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus, God forbids the reigning of sin in your body! WOW!!

-again we see how man's interpretation of the translation puts the focus on us, while the original text puts the focus on God!

-offer yourself to God.

OFFER: yield. To stand beside.

Be at hand.



*this phrase “offer yourself to God” means to stand beside Him – connect with Him! Yield to Him – see yourself in Him!

-you HAVE been brought from death to life! Stand in that! Stand beside Christ and receive what He has bestowed on you!

-when you are under grace you are being Divinely influenced daily; you are standing beside Christ – you are connected to Him and sin will not have dominion over you because you know who you are in Him!

*it is referred to as being a slave to righteousness because it will be impossible to yield to sin when you are in the Spirit.

John 8:34 NIV Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.”

-we sin because we are walking in our flesh – we cannot do anything other than sin in our flesh! In other words, we are slaves to sin when we are in the flesh.

Romans 6:20 NIV When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness.

*you are either controlled by your Spirit or your flesh – can’t be both!

Romans 6:18 NIV You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

-we need to realize who we are in Christ! We now have the OPTION of yielding to our new nature – a nature that can ONLY live righteously!

2 Corinthians 5:16-21 So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. THEREFORE, IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, HE IS A NEW CREATION; THE OLD HAS GONE, THE NEW HAS COME! All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to Himself IN CHRIST, not counting men's sins against them...God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that IN HIM WE MIGHT BECOME THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD.

*we can walk in Christ – we can live as the righteousness of God because of Christ!

*the old “has gone” – this phrase means to come near or alongside. Now we have 2 natures – the old flesh and the Holy Spirit of God. We do not have to yield to our flesh anymore because of what Christ has done for us!

-we must be mindful of what He has done for us.

*the love of Christ will compel us (2 Corinthians 5:14)!

COMPELS: to hold together. To arrest; to constrain – restrain, hold back. To preoccupy.

-THE LOVE OF CHRIST WILL KEEP US IN THE SPIRIT!



-what are you focused on when you read the Word – Christ’s love or the law? Are you focused on yourself or Christ?

*sin cannot master your Spiritual nature - the person who lives by grace or the Word!

2 Corinthians 7:1 KJV Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

-we have what we need to stay away from the flesh – His promises!

-we can “perfect” holiness when we live in awe of God and what He has done for us!

PERFECT: fulfill; accomplish

*holiness is accomplished or manifested in our lives when we live in awe of God.

-the Word cleanses us from the flesh. The Word will keep us from the nature that is of the devil.

Psalms 119:127-128 NIV Because I love Your commands more than gold, more than pure gold, and because I consider all Your precepts right, I hate every wrong path.

*your relationship with the Word will determine what nature dominates you.

*when we see God’s Word as His promises, then we will fall in love with the Word and the Word will be manifested in our lives because we will be filling ourselves with it! We will be walking in the Spirit!

1 John 3:9-10 NIV No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God’s Seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God. This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother.

-the part of us that is born of God is our Spiritual nature. We have two natures – we are born of God (our Spirit) and we are born of the devil (our flesh).

-your Spiritual nature cannot sin and your flesh cannot produce Spiritual fruit – it can do nothing but sin!

Romans 15:18 I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me...

*because anything I do on my own is sin!

-God’s Seed remains in our Spiritual nature and makes it impossible for us to continue in sin. (Remember

Romans 6:12 – GOD FORBIDS our flesh from dominating!)



-we connect or walk in our Spiritual nature through the Word.

Luke 8:11 This is the meaning of the parable: THE SEED IS THE WORD OF GOD.

1 Peter 1:23 For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring Word of God.

*the Word of God is the imperishable, living, and enduring Seed – and Jesus Christ is the Word. We connect with our Spiritual nature by filling ourselves with the Seed of the Word.

*when the Word / Seed REMAINS (stays, dwells, abides) in us, sin cannot remain! We overcome evil with good (Rom. 12:21). We overcome sin through the Word.

-you can tell if you are walking in the Spirit or the flesh by what you are producing! “This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are...”

*this is how we know what is flesh and what is Spirit – not how we determine whether or not we are saved.

*the Spiritual part of you will not sin; it is born of God – it cannot sin.

-“Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother.”

*our flesh is born of the devil – it is evil – our flesh will produce sin. We live in the flesh because we ignore the Word.

1 John 2:1 NIV My dear children, I WRITE THIS TO YOU SO THAT YOU WILL NOT SIN. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

-when we sin we have the help we need! We simply must receive it. We will only remain in sin if we ignore the help of the Word / Jesus Christ. (Psalm 119:9-11)

-sin will never be produced by your Spiritual nature – IF SIN IS PRESENT, THEN YOU ARE IN THE FLESH. YOUR SPIRITUAL NATURE CANNOT SIN!

1 John 5:18 NIV We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the one who was born of God keeps him safe, and the evil one cannot harm him.



*sin CANNOT dominate the Spiritual nature – only the flesh!

*grace keeps us from sin, while viewing the Word as rules and regulations keeps us entrenched in it!
-grace (the Word) protects us! It keeps us from sin.

Psalms 119:149 NIV Hear my voice in accordance with Your love; preserve my life, O LORD, according to Your laws.

PRESERVE / QUICKEN: to live; to revive; to keep alive; quicken. Nourish; preserve; recover; repair; restore. God save. Be whole.

*the Word is life! It keeps us alive – it keeps us in the Spirit!

*it nourishes us – we feed on it. And we can only feed ourselves! NO ONE ELSE CAN EAT FOR US!!

*it preserves us.

PRESERVE: to keep alive. To make lasting. To keep safe from harm or injury; to protect or spare. To keep up or maintain. To keep possession of; to retain. To prepare.

-to KEEP ALIVE; to MAINTAIN; to KEEP POSSESSION OF

Deuteronomy 32:47 They are not just idle words for you—they are your life. By them you will live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to possess."

-to KEEP SAFE

Psalms 119:29 Keep me from deceitful ways; be gracious to me through Your law.

Psalms 32:7 You are my hiding place; You will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah

-to PREPARE

Deuteronomy 17:18-20 When he takes the throne of his kingdom, he is to write for himself on a scroll a copy of this law, taken from that of the priests, who are Levites. It is to be with him, and he is to read it all the days of his life so that he may learn to revere the LORD his God and follow carefully all the words of this law and these decrees and not consider himself better than his brothers and turn from the law to the right or to the left. Then he and his descendants will reign a long time over his kingdom in Israel.

*the Word truly is everything we need for life and godliness!

*and when we get away from the Word and come back to it, it REPAIRS and RESTORES us! God is so good to us!! 😊

Psalms 119:156 Your compassion is great, O LORD; preserve my life according to Your laws.

-preserve – repair, restore!

*fix what my flesh has done!

COMPASSION: by extension the womb – as cherishing the fetus.

Concern and kindness; tender love; great, tender mercy; pity.

GREAT: abundant! Captain. Full; enough; exceeding; plenteous; suffice. Great; master; mighty.



LAWs: verdict; formal decree. Justice. Rights; privileges.

*God saves us through His Word – saves us from Hell, from our flesh, from ourselves!

-the love God has for us is displayed in His gift of the Word but man has turned His Word into a tool against man!

*let God be true and every man a liar!!

-the love of God protects! GOD'S GOODNESS (not yours!!) will keep you from the very thing that is out to destroy you!

Acts 3:26 NIV When God raised up His servant, He sent Him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways.

*God is blessing us by turning us from our flesh– we aren't blessing Him! It is HIS LOVE AND HIS GOODNESS THAT KEEPS US FROM SIN because sin hurts us!

Ephesians 4:22 NIV You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

*the old self is being corrupted by sin – it is being spoiled, ruined, and destroyed.

*God's love for us provides us with everything we need for Spiritual renewal through His Word.

-we can change our destructive mindsets if we will simply abide in the Word! We clothe ourselves with the new man by filling ourselves with the Word!

2 Peter 1:2-4 Grace and peace be yours in abundance THROUGH the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. His divine power has given us EVERYTHING we need for life and godliness THROUGH our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness. THROUGH these He has given us His very great and precious promises, so that THROUGH THEM YOU MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE DIVINE NATURE AND ESCAPE THE CORRUPTION IN THE WORLD CAUSED BY EVIL DESIRES.

*look at what God's love has done for us – His love letter provides us with everything we need! Through His own glory and goodness we have been provided with the Word!

*His great and precious promises provide us with an ABUNDANCE of grace and peace; they give us EVERYTHING we need for life and godliness; and they give us EVERYTHING we need to participate in the Spirit and escape the destruction of the flesh!

Romans 7:4 KJV Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law BY THE BODY OF CHRIST; that ye should BE MARRIED TO ANOTHER, [even] to Him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit *unto* God.

*we are dead to the law when we are living through Christ.

-we are dead to performance and alive to receiving from Christ!

*we must live married to Christ instead of the law if we want to produce Spiritual fruit.



*the word “unto” is not found in the original text. It is simply bringing forth *God fruit* – or Spiritual fruit or living by the new way of the Spirit.

Romans 7:6 But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code.

-when we live through Christ we are released from performance!
We are dead to the law – this means that we are no longer bound to it. We are not depending on it – we are depending on Christ!

*we do not need a list of do’s and don’ts when Christ is our focus. When we are living through Christ, we cannot help but do what is spiritual – we are a slave to righteousness!

-the word “serve” literally means to be a slave or to be in bondage. Again, when we walk in the Spirit we are a slave to the Spirit / righteousness– we CANNOT obey the flesh WHEN we are in the Spirit!

Romans 7:6 KJV But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not [in] the oldness of the letter.

WE ARE DELIVERED: to be rendered entirely idle.

*in the KJV we see that we are rendered idle – apart from Christ we can do nothing.

-we must understand our position – to be idle and let Christ work through us! We do this by planting the Seed of the Word and remaining in the Word.

Isaiah 45:24 AMP Only in the Lord shall one say, I have righteousness (salvation and victory) and strength [to achieve]...

*seeing the Word as rules makes the Word idle in your life. The Word is not at work in you when you are busy trying to do the work.

*this doesn’t mean that the “Law” is bad or you won’t live according to it; it means that you no longer have to try to achieve or live up to it because Christ will accomplish it through you! You are idle; Christ is at work! WOW! He fulfilled the law for us!

John 15:16 KJV 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: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in My name, He may give it you.

*first, let’s address the “choosing” phraseology. We are told that we did not choose Christ. This can make some believe that free-will does not exist. That is not what Jesus is saying to us. The Bible declares that Jesus was the Lamb that was slain from the *foundation* of the world; He chose to die for everyone *before* anyone chose to accept Him; and in doing so, He chose everyone. His sacrifice is available to all. If Jesus Christ would not have chosen us first, we would not have



been able to receive Him. We did not initiate the death of Christ; He did. We do not set ourselves apart like some teach. I am set apart in Christ. He ordained us; He set us apart; He chose us.

*Jesus declares that HE “ordained” us. This word “ordained” comes from a word that means TO PLACE IN A PASSIVE OR HORIZONTAL POSITION. Our flesh must be in a passive or inactive position if we are ever going to accomplish the Spiritual – and He puts our flesh in that position when we yield to our Spiritual nature; it is rendered idle.

*our flesh cannot be active at the same time our Spirit is active. Now, because of what Christ has provided for us, we can ignore the flesh and we can walk in the Spirit. We can connect with Christ and disconnect from the flesh. The work that Christ has done in us is amazing!

*if we want fruit that remains, eternal fruit, then we need to walk in the Spirit and stop trying in our flesh!

*if we desire to bring forth “God fruit,” fruit that remains, we must live by grace alone – we cannot marry ourselves to the law and to grace. We can only bear “God fruit” through Christ / the Word / grace! We cannot live double-minded.

James 1:5-8 If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.

-what must you believe and not doubt?

*that God gives generously without finding fault!

-that God does not give based on our performance!!

-that your sins are as far as the east is from the west!

-that Christ is speaking on your behalf when you sin, and so on!

-when we doubt that God gives generously without finding fault, then we will not receive!

*when we mix grace and works, we end up with nothing of Spiritual value. $1 + 1 = 0$

-when we try to produce Spiritual fruit in our flesh, Jesus refers to it as lukewarm – something that disgusts Him.

Revelation 3:15-16 KJV I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of My mouth.

*hot = Spiritual

cold = carnal



lukewarm = Spiritual appearance with a carnal source

-lukewarm is 1+1; it is me trying to add to Christ's work and in doing this, we end up empty-handed.

-I cannot produce anything of Spiritual value in my flesh – we cannot be reminded of this enough!

Revelation 3:1-2 (Ampl.) ...I know your record and what you are doing; you are supposed to be alive, but [in reality] you are dead. Rouse yourselves and keep awake, and strengthen and invigorate what remains and is on the point of dying; for I have not found a thing that you have done [any work of yours] meeting the requirements of My God or perfect in His sight.

*He knows their "record" – He knows their *works*. The appearance of their works makes them LOOK alive or Spiritual; however, they are works of the flesh and they are dead.

*it is time for Christians to wake up and understand the difference between works of the flesh and Spiritual fruit (God fruit).

*God requires faith – anything that is not of faith is sin – and faith only comes from our consistent intake of the Word (Rom. 14:23; Rom. 10:17).

-we must marry ourselves to the Word / Christ if we want to walk in the Spirit and see the fruit of the Spirit manifested in our lives!

*we must connect with Him - any Spiritual fruit we produce is only because of Him.

Luke 17:7-10 KJV Suppose one of you had a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Would he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, "Come along now and sit down to eat?" Would he not rather say, "Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink?" Would he thank the servant because he did what he was TOLD to do? So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, "We are UNWORTHY servants; we have only done our duty."

*we must understand that we are UNWORTHY or UNPROFITABLE servants. This means that we are USELESS. Now before we get offended, let us look at this further. *WE ARE USELESS ON OUR OWN APART FROM CHRIST!*

*how many of us feel like we should be asked to "come and take our place at the table?" On the other hand, how many of us feel like we should be eating *under* the table? Are you trying to earn your spot or are you under the table feeding on crumbs? Either mindset is wrong.

*we are told that the servant is not granted a spot at the table for his service – he cannot *earn* his spot. Why? He cannot be worthy of a spot at the table because he is only doing what he was "told" or commanded to do.



TOLD / COMMANDED: to *arrange thoroughly, institute, prescribe*, etc.: -appoint, give, (set in) order, ordain.

The CHANNEL of an act – not the origination of the act.

-the servant does not warrant a spot at the table for what he has done because what he did was actually done *through* his master – if it were not for the master, he would not have accomplished what was carried out. Spiritual fruit does not originate with us! We are not the creators of Spiritual fruit; we are the channel of the Spiritual acts. For example, if the master did not have fields there would be no field to harvest. The servant harvests what is owned by the master and he uses what belongs to the master to do so.

1 Corinthians 9:7a KJV Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges?

*we cannot produce Spiritual fruit on our own, nor are we expected to. He provides us with everything we need to produce Spiritual fruit. We do not have what we need in and of ourselves and God knows that; that is why He provides for us.

*we are not responsible for the Spiritual things we do – Christ THOROUGHLY ARRANGED for us to be the channel through which *He* works! HE provided us with everything we need for life and godliness. We must understand that we are unworthy servants apart from Christ.

-when we recognize who we are apart from Him, we will connect with Him! If we are trying to perform for Him, we will fall away from Him.

-the law keeps us entrenched in sin – it continually reminds us of our sinful nature, not our new nature!

Romans 7:9-10 Once I was alive apart from law; but when the commandment came, sin sprang to life and I died. I found that the very commandment that was intended to bring life actually brought death.

-the law reveals man's sinful nature.

-the law was given as a schoolmaster (Gal. 3:24) to lead us to Christ / life, but man got things twisted.

*if your flesh isn't leading you to Christ, then it is being perverted!

Romans 8:20-21 For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.

-we are subjected to the frustration of our flesh –

FRUSTRATION: inutility (uselessness); moral depravity; vanity.

*our flesh is useless!! Anything we do in the flesh is done in vain!



-God made it this way on purpose. He did this so that we would find true freedom – when we realize how useless our flesh is, we can then run to arms of Christ and find true freedom and usefulness in the Spirit!

-we can walk in liberty and freedom when we realize how useless our flesh is!

Psalms 119:45 AMP And I will walk at liberty and at ease, for I have sought and inquired for [and desperately required] Your precepts.

*we walk at liberty – in freedom – and at ease when we abide in the Word!!

*we seek the Word in our lives when we realize our desperate need for it! Once you understand the frustration of your flesh, you will want to live in the Word! That is God's will for your life!

*GOD'S PLAN: to shama and to shamar – this was "intended to bring life" – when we shama and shamar the Word, we will then live the *Zoë* life! (Col. 3:4 – God is my life!)

*MAN'S PLAN: to asah or perform the law – this brought death.

-we can see the Word 1 of 2 ways –

1. as a challenge or list of rules we must live up to.

2. as Jesus Christ, the Seed for the *Zoë* life – the way to live Spiritually.

*HOW WE PERCEIVE THE WORD WILL DETERMINE WHAT KIND OF LIFE WE LIVE – A SPIRITUAL LIFE OR A LIFE LIVED IN THE FLESH.

-seeing the Word as a rulebook will NEVER produce Spiritual fruit.

Romans 8:3 KJV For what the law could not do, in that it was WEAK THROUGH THE FLESH, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh.

-our flesh is weak – we cannot live up to the Word of God! Our flesh can never produce Spiritual fruit – it may be able to produce a cheap imitation, but it will never produce true Spiritual fruit!

-thank God for Jesus! He came so that we could live THROUGH HIM instead of struggle in our flesh!

Romans 7:17 KJV Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

-this is not an excuse – "Oh, I can't help it – it's just the sin in me."

-we have a choice to make – will sin dwell or will the Word dwell in me?

DWELL: occupy; reside; remain.

*does the Word occupy more of you than your sinful nature?

*we will be a slave to whatever "dwells" in us – whatever masters us.

-when sin dwells– occupies; resides; remains – in us we will produce sinful fruit; however, if the Word dwells in us, then we will produce Spiritual fruit. Will sin or the Word DWELL in us? Which one will be at home in our lives?

*remember that you can only defeat sin by the Word!



Romans 7:18 I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.

-our sinful nature CANNOT produce Spiritual fruit!

Romans 8:7 the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.

Romans 8:13 ...BY THE SPIRIT you put to death the misdeeds of the body...

-if we fill ourselves with the Word and walk by faith, then we WILL put to death the sin that wants to make its home in our lives.

-when the Word dwells- occupies; resides; remains - in us, then sin CANNOT have dominion over us!

-we cannot put sin to death on our own - we need Christ / the Word!

*we have a choice to make - we can live 1 of 2 ways:

Romans 8:3-5 For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so He condemned sin in sinful man, in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit. Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.

-do you want to live powerless and weak?

*living by works (seeing the Word as rules and regulations) is weak living because it is based on the flesh - and the flesh is weak!

-do you want to live controlled by your flesh or do you want to live in accordance with the Spirit having "the righteous requirements of the law fully met in you" because of Christ?

-Christ condemned sin.

CONDEMNED: to judge against; sentence; damn.

*my sentence for sin was carried out by Christ - He paid my price!

-only He could pay the price for me to be righteous!

*"the righteous requirements of the law" is simply "the righteousness of the law."

-the righteousness of the law is fully met or fulfilled in us when we live according to the Spiritual nature - only our Spiritual nature can supply us with what we need to accomplish what the Word says. He fulfilled the law for me!

*for example: we can only love another Spiritually when we are receiving God's love for us through our intake of His love letter. Your Spiritual nature is supplied with everything you need to live like the Word - you connect with that nature



when you are feeding on the Word. He will fulfill the Word on love in you through His love for you!

*WE CHOOSE HOW WE LIVE BASED ON HOW WE VIEW THE WORD AND WHAT WE DO WITH THE WORD – THE CHOICE IS UP TO US!

-when we see the Word as the Seed, we will fill ourselves with the Word and our minds will be renewed.

*we cannot renew our minds without the consistent intake of the Word of God.

-the more we take in the Word, the more our mind is SET Spiritually.
Romans 8:6 NIV The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace...

*what is your mind set on? What is your mind controlled by?

-the mind is set and controlled by whatever we fill it with! You are the one who determines what fills your mind!

*when our minds are set on the Word then we experience the *Zoë* life and peace of God.

*when we are focused on the things of the flesh, our minds are full of death.

-we cannot focus on the things of the flesh and expect life and peace – it won't happen.

*only the love of God can protect us from our flesh! Thank You, Jesus!

1 CORINTHIANS 13:7 KJV LOVE... HOPETH ALL THINGS...

*again, "all things" means all; any; whole; completely; daily.

*love is daily hoping!

HOPE: expecting; trusting; confident in.

To anticipate with pleasure.

-love is daily trusting the Word and expecting God's promises to come to pass. When we are abiding in God's love for us, we will be confident in His promises. We will have complete faith. We will be joyfully anticipating the good things God has in store for us – even when we have no physical proof!

Romans 5:2-5 ...And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom He has given us.

-our hope is in the glory of God!

*we will rejoice when our hope is in His glory!

-we rejoice when we expect God's glory to be revealed in our lives!

-when we hope in His glory, we can also have hope during the process that takes us to His glory!

-suffering eventually produces hope (keep the joy set before you!) – it is a process.



PRODUCES / WORKETH (KJV): to *work fully*, that is, *accomplish*, by implication to *finish*, *fashion*: - cause, do (deed), perform, work (out).

*suffering (tribulation, trouble, pressure) “worketh” perseverance. Perseverance “worketh” character (experience). Character (experience) “worketh” hope. Trials will work out our ability to persevere or endure patiently.

2 Corinthians 4:17 NIV For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

-the trial eventually produces hope – an eternal glory that outweighs the trial!

-the trial may be demanding and arduous, but the result is glorious!
Hang in there!!

*SUFFERING WORKETH PERSEVERANCE

-the trial will accomplish patience and perseverance in us IF we are abiding in the Word and “standing firm” (being nursed by God!) in our faith during the storm.

*don’t forget what “standing firm” means. Too many times we try to make these words or phrases, like *stand firm*, about us – but the original Hebrew shows us that it is all about God!

*as we are nursed by God we find the ability to wait growing in us.

James 1:2-4 Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

-the testing of your faith is the trustworthiness of your faith.

*your faith is trustworthy if it is living faith – faith that is the result of the Word. If your faith is alive you can then consider your trial pure joy because you know you possess the ability to wait for the production of something of eternal value in you.

-when we look at the outcome of the trial, then we can consider it pure joy!

-patience is the result of faith that comes from our consistent intake of the Word.

Romans 15:4 NIV For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through ENDURANCE and the encouragement OF THE SCRIPTURES we might have hope.

-the endurance of the Scriptures - the Word will give you the ability to wait!

-hope is found in the Word!

*PERSEVERANCE WORKETH CHARACTER (EXPERIENCE)

-the ability to persevere gives us experience.



EXPERIENCE: *test* (abstractly or concretely); by implication *trustiness*.

Familiarity; know-how. Experiment, proof, trial.

*the longer we persevere, the more experience we have.

-as we learn to wait, we are being provided with experience – and remember what it means to “wait” according to God – it means to be connected with His Word. Experience is invaluable! The more experience you have in the Word, with the Lord, the better!

*CHARACTER (EXPERIENCE) WORKETH HOPE

-finally, hope is performed in us. Experience gives us hope because the Lord will never let us down – the Word will accomplish what it was sent to accomplish! We can depend on the Word!

-during this process of faith (trials) we eventually find ourselves full of hope and on the verge of victory. It is a process! We are being fashioned into our Spiritual identity during the process.

-we will never be disappointed by hope because God loves us so much that every one of His promises are “yes” in Christ (2 Cor. 1:20)! Our hope in God’s loving promises will never lead us to disappointment – faith and patience bring ALL of the promises to pass (Hebrews 6:12)!

Psalms 22:4-5 In You our fathers put their trust; they trusted and You delivered them. They cried to You and were saved; in You they trusted and were not disappointed.

Isaiah 49:23 ...Then you will know that I am the LORD; those who hope in Me will NOT be disappointed.

*Spiritual hope will never lead to disappointment. It is our hope in the flesh that leads to disappointment.

-bear in mind that Spiritual hope is eternal – some of God’s promises may not be seen in this realm...but that is okay – we are eternal! This world is not the end for us! Don’t give up! Continue in the Word!

*as we abide in the love of God, hope will be produced and that hope will lead us to victory! Love is expecting God’s promises daily – even when we see no physical proof!

1 Corinthians 13:7 KJV Love...endureth all things.

*love endures daily; it completely endures.

ENDURES: to stay under (behind), that is, remain; figuratively to undergo, that is, bear (trials), have fortitude, persevere: - abide, endure, (take) patient (-ly), suffer, tarry behind.

-God’s love will enable us to undergo or bear the trials of life.

2 Corinthians 12:9 AMP But He said to me, My grace (My favor and loving-kindness and mercy) is enough for you [sufficient against any danger and enables you to bear the trouble manfully]; for My strength and power are made perfect (fulfilled and completed) and show themselves most effective in [your] weakness. Therefore, I will all the more gladly glory in my weaknesses and infirmities, that the strength and power of Christ (the Messiah) may rest (yes, may pitch a tent over and dwell) upon me!



*as we continue in the Word, God's grace is activated in our lives – GRACE: THE DIVINE INFLUENCE ON THE HEART IN OUR DAILY LIVES.

*this grace provides us with EVERYTHING we need to endure.

*the Word will influence us Spiritually and give us everything we need for life and godliness.

*His grace (the Word, Christ) is enough – it gives me EVERYTHING I need to endure this life!

2Tim 3:16-17 KJV All scripture [*is*] given by inspiration of God, and [*is*] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

-Scripture is given by God – it is His gift to us! It is “Divinely breathed!”

-Scripture makes us perfect or complete because Scripture is our means by which we walk in the Spirit or walk by faith. When we are using the Word as God planned, we are walking in our perfectly complete nature!

-the Word is Spiritually PROFITABLE!

PROFITABLE: helpful or serviceable (practical; useful; sensible). Advantageous.

-the Word is profitable for DOCTRINE or instruction. It teaches us the truth.

-the Word is profitable for REPROOF.

REPROOF: proof; conviction; evidence. To prove again; verification.

*the Word will prove itself over and over again. It is our proof, our evidence that we can go boldly to the throne with.

*the Word will always back itself up! There will be more than one verse for everything.

-if you begin to doubt a promise there will always be another one to back it up! Keep looking! Continue in the Word – it is your proof that God's promises will come to pass!

-the Word is profitable for CORRECTION.

CORRECTION: a straightening up again. Rectification (put right, repair, cure); reformation – restoration.

*wow – what a definition! The Word will straighten us up – *again!* We can repeatedly go to the Word without fear of punishment or condemnation for the help we need. We cannot help ourselves – God made it that way, so He is not going to punish us for needing His help. The Word is the cure for sin! It is the only way to be “put right!” He will do the work that needs done in us and He will do it with love and kindness when we depend on His Word.

Hos 11:4 I led them with cords of human kindness, with ties of love; I lifted the yoke from their neck and bent down to feed them.



-He leads us with kindness and love!
 He lifts the yoke of sin / the flesh from
 our neck! He bends down to feed us –
 He nurses us with His Word! He stoops
 down to make us great (2 Sam 22:36;
 Psalm 18:35)!!

*the Word restores – it takes us back to our original
 intention!

-the Word is profitable for INSTRUCTION.

INSTRUCTION: tutorage; education or training.

Correction; nurture; coaching.

*the Word is our coach; it is our teacher – it is Jesus
 Christ! We will find everything we need to live a
 Spiritual life in the Word!

-the Word thoroughly furnishes us with everything we need
 to produce Spiritual fruit!

2Co 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound to
 you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you
 need, you will abound in every good work.

*His grace abounds! You will never run out of
 Word!

*in all things, at all times, you have all that you
 need in the Word so that you can produce an
 abundance of Spiritual fruit!

Eph 2:10 For we are God's workmanship, created in
 Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared
 in advance for us to do.

PREPARED IN ADVANCE = ORDAINED: ordain before.

ORDAINED: to place in a horizontal, passive
 position!

Joh 15:16 KJV 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: that whatsoever ye shall
 ask of the Father in My name, He may give it
 you.

-we produce Spiritual fruit when we
 put ourselves in a passive position and
 depend on Christ / the Word!

Colossians 1:10-11 KJV That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto
 all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the
 knowledge of God; Strengthened with all might, according to His
 glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness.

MIGHT WALK: to *tread* all *around*, that is, *walk* at large
 (especially as proof of ability); figuratively to *live*,
deport oneself, *follow* (as a companion or votary -
 devotee): - go, be occupied with, walk (about).

WORTHY: after a Godly sort.

PLEASING: compliance - agreement. To be agreeable; to
 please (like; desire; prefer).



-walking worthy is following God as His companion; it is being in agreement with Him (walking by faith – living in the Word).

-when we walk by faith we will live a life that is pleasing, we will bear fruit, we will increase in His knowledge, and we will be strengthened by His glorious power to the point that we are able to wait patiently and joyfully.

*we will have everything we need! He is enough!
His Word is profitable for everything we need for life and godliness!

-the Word gives us everything we need to live as Christ lives. It enables us to completely endure. The Word is His love letter to us – love completely endures!

2Co 7:1 AMP Therefore, since these [*great*] promises are ours, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from everything that contaminates and defiles body and spirit, and bring [*our*] consecration to completeness in the [*reverentia*] fear of God.

-since we have the promises, let's use them! Let's wash ourselves with the Word – let's use the Word to remove the flesh!

-our consecration is bought and paid for by Christ, but when we cover ourselves with the Word it is brought to completeness or it is performed in our lives. It is performed in our lives because we live in awe of God and His Word and we depend on Him not ourselves.

2Ti 2:21 KJV If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, [*and*] prepared unto every good work.

-we can purge ourselves from the flesh – cleanse thoroughly – by filling ourselves with the Word. When we walk in the Spirit we will not fulfill the lusts of the flesh – flesh and Spirit cannot co-exist.

-when we wash ourselves with the Word, we are then walking in our Spiritual nature – a nature that is honorable, sanctified, profitable, and Spiritually fruitful!

HONOR: valuable; precious; esteemed.

SANCTIFIED: consecrated - made holy; set apart. Purified; set free from sin. To make productive and conducive to Spiritual blessing.

MEET: profitable; usable.

PREPARED: made ready. Provided for. Set up; equipped.

*when we ignore the Word we are living a life in the flesh – and the flesh is worthless! It is sinful, it is Spiritually useless!

*we have been sanctified – IN CHRIST we have been made Spiritually productive and conducive to Spiritual blessing.



-we walk in God's blessings because we are walking in the Spirit!

*we are only Spiritually useful IN CHRIST! We are prepared or made ready to produce Spiritual fruit when we wash with the Word – when we cover ourselves with Christ! gratify

The Word ingested = a Spiritual walk!

-the choice is ours – we can “purge” ourselves or we can wallow in the flesh. It is not really a matter of obedience or disobedience as we understand it – it is a matter of walking in the Spirit or walking in the flesh.

*we really cannot “obey” (do as we are told) – just like Paul said -

Rom 7:18 NIV I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.

-apart from Christ we do not have the ability to do anything Spiritual; therefore, we cannot “obey” the Word. When we walk in the Spirit; however, we will live out the Word – it will be manifested in our lives. We must recognize our need for Christ – we are Spiritually poor; we are Spiritually helpless apart from Him.

-don't try to live a life of “obedience” – live a life of dependence! Shama and shamar (p. 9 and 57)!

*His grace is effective in my life when I realize how weak I am apart from Him.

2Co 12:9 AMP ...I will all the more gladly glory in my weaknesses and infirmities, that the strength and power of Christ (the Messiah) may REST (yes, may PITCH A TENT OVER AND DWELL) upon me!

-when we realize that we are weak on our own, that is when Christ's power can REST on us!

Eph 6:10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in HIS mighty power.

*our strength is found in Christ alone!

-when we are trying to find strength in ourselves that is when we are disappointed and defeated – look at Peter, he thought he would die for Christ but really he couldn't even stay awake an hour for Him!

Matthew 26:33-35 NIV Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of You, I never will." "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown Me three times." But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with You, I will never disown You." And all the other disciples said the same.



*did you ever feel like a Spiritual Superman? Did you ever boldly declare your love and devotion for God only to quickly find yourself lacking? Peter did; we all do. Our flesh is full of pride and that pride can even become provoked by a "Spiritual" desire. Peter wanted to remain true to Christ – that seems Spiritual enough – but Peter needed to realize that he did not have the ability to do so on his own; He needed to humble himself and depend on Christ. Like Paul said in Romans 7:18, we want to do good, but we do not have the ability to carry out that desire. We must recognize that we do not have the ability to perform any Spiritual action apart from Christ (John 15:5).

*in the verses following Peter's declaration of undying devotion, we find that he cannot even stay awake and pray for one hour; yet, Peter believed he had the power to die for Christ. Our flesh is deceiving. We are weak apart from Christ and we must recognize this fact. We have no Spiritual power apart from Him. We cannot do *for* Christ; *He* works through us – we live through Him (Acts 17:25; 1 John 4:9-10)! We must depend on Him.

*"I tell you the *truth*." Jesus tells us the truth but many times we have our own version of the truth that we cling to. Jesus Himself told Peter that he would disown Him, but that was not good enough for Peter. Jesus Himself tells us that apart from Him we can do nothing, but many times that is not good enough for us, either. We ignore our need for Christ by ignoring His Word. If we are ever going to see true Spiritual fruit in our lives, we must plant the *only* Spiritual Seed – the Word. We must depend on Him.

Eph 3:16-17 I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, SO THAT CHRIST MAY DWELL IN YOUR HEARTS THROUGH FAITH...

-His strength and power are most effective in the Christian who is humble and receives from Him daily. This Christian is rooted in His love for them – not their love for Him.

-His Word is Spirit and life – His Spirit in our inner being is the Word being stored up inside of us. When we fill ourselves with the Word then Christ is DWELLING in our hearts through faith – through our consistent intake of the Word.

*remember Romans 7:17 – either sin can dwell (occupy, reside, remain) in us or Christ can.

DWELL: to house permanently. To occupy; reside; remain. Inhabit.



-the difference between the two words being used for the translation of dwell is permanence
 – Christ will permanently remain, but sin can only reside temporarily!

Ephesians 3:17 AMP May Christ through your faith [actually] dwell (settle down, abide, make His permanent home) in your hearts! May you be rooted deep in love and founded securely on love...

*“through your faith” – through our intake of the Word – Christ dwells in our hearts. As our heart becomes His dwelling place, we take root in His love.

-without the foundation of love, we will never experience the *Zoë* life that God has planned for us. We will never be able to love God, love ourselves, or others.

-the love of God will protect us from our flesh and all that it produces – keep yourself at the center of His love and enjoy the *Zoë* life Christ died for you to have!

*Christ occupies our lives when we are filling ourselves with the Word – when we ignore the Word, sin occupies! The humble Christian knows they need Christ to overcome sin – they know that they cannot overcome sin without Him!

Act 3:26 When God raised up His servant, He sent Him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways.

-we cannot turn from our wicked ways on our own – we do not turn from sin to bless God; He blesses us by turning us from sin!

2Cor 3:4-5 Such confidence as this is ours through Christ before God. Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God.

-His power cannot be effective in my life if I am depending on my “power.” When I am weak, then I am strong.

*we will never endure without Him! We must recognize our need for Him at all times. We have nothing to offer Him – we must receive from Him!

Isa 10:15 NIV Does the ax raise itself above him who swings it, or the saw boast against him who uses it? As if a rod were to wield him who lifts it up, or a club brandish him who is not wood!

-do we think we are better than God? Of course not – but yet, we take credit for what He does... When



we take credit for the Spiritual fruit in our lives we are raised ourselves above God.

1Co 9:16 NIV Yet when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, for I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!

-Paul knew he couldn't do anything Spiritual apart from Christ. He didn't want "credit" for preaching – he knew he couldn't do it without Christ and the only reason he was doing it was because of Christ.

-he was compelled – the love of Christ compels: it imprisons us; it keeps us in the Spirit. We are a slave to righteousness when we are walking in the Spirit.

1Co 4:7 NIV For who makes you different from anyone else? WHAT DO YOU HAVE THAT YOU DID NOT RECEIVE? AND IF YOU DID RECEIVE IT, WHY DO YOU BOAST AS THOUGH YOU DID NOT?

-we need to know that we are helpless apart from Christ – the sooner we are convinced of this, the better! When we know this we will stop trying to produce our own fruit and move on to the true production of Spiritual fruit in our lives!

Eph 3:17-19 ...And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

-it takes Spiritual power (comprehension) to know the love of God – and knowing this love fills us with Spiritual fulness.

COMPREHEND: to *take eagerly*, that is, *seize, possess*, etc.

(literally or figuratively): - apprehend, attain, come upon, realize, find, obtain, perceive, (over-) take.

FILLED: satisfied. Made replete – complete or supplied with.

To cram a net; level up a hollow. Finish; verify; accomplish; perfect. Preach.

FULLNESS: *repletion* or *completion*, that is, (subjectively) what

fills (as contents, supplement, copiousness, multitude), or (objectively) what is *filled* (as container, performance, period): - which is put in to fill up, piece that filled up, fulfilling.

*faith works by love or is activated by love – God's love for us (Gal. 5:6)! The love of God must be our foundation – it is the only Spiritual foundation! God is love – and He is the Word! We must take hold of the Word – apprehend it; take possession of it in your life!

*the Word will fill you with Spiritual seed! It will supply you with everything you need! We must fill ourselves with the only Spiritual Seed there is if we want to see a Spiritual harvest!

-it is interesting that the definition of filled contains the word "preach" – we should never preach without being full of the Word; actually, we cannot preach



Spiritually without being full of the Word! (And remember that we are all “preaching” in one way or another!) We are just simply babbling when we are not speaking according to the Word – we are speaking words without meaning.

*when we take possession of the Word in our lives, something happens – we begin to walk in our new, Spiritual nature and we begin to leave the flesh behind! We begin to fill ourselves with Christ – and our lives will testify to the abundance of our hearts! The love of Christ is being completed in our lives – we receive His love, then we love ourselves and others, and then our lives display that love.

*the foundation on which we build must be the love of God because love never fails; it is eternal; it is Spiritual.

1Cor 13:8 Love never fails.

FAILS: to *drop away*; specifically *be driven out* of one’s course; figuratively to *lose, become inefficient*: - be cast, fail, fall (away, off), take none effect.

-God’s love for us is permanent! It will never “drop away!” We cannot lose the love of God!

Isa 55:3 NIV Give ear and come to Me; hear Me, that your soul may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, My faithful love promised to David.

*His everlasting covenant with us is His Word (1 Chron. 16:15; Psalm 105:8) and His Word is Christ. His love is faithful; it is eternal!

Jer 31:3 NIV The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying: “I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness.”

*He loves us with an everlasting love – we cannot lose it! We may lose sight of it, but it is always there no matter what!

-the love of God can never become inefficient – it will always be productive; effective; creative; dynamic; efficacious (effectual - powerful; successful; competent)!

Hos 11:4 I led them with cords of human kindness, with ties of love; I lifted the yoke from their neck and bent down to feed them.

*God’s love changes us – it lifts the yoke of the flesh and it feeds us Spiritually.

1Jn 4:12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us.

*God’s love is effective – it produces love for others in us! If we are full of God’s love for us, then we will love others. We lack love for others because we lack God’s love for us!

1Jn 4:7-8 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

-whoever does not love does not know God.

KNOW: be aware of. Understand. Allow. Perceive; be resolved; can speak; be sure.

*God is love – are you aware of this? Do you understand this? Do you allow Him the opportunity to love on you? Are you sure of His love for you? Is



your heart full of His love for you; therefore, it is evident in your speech?

*God's love produces Spiritual fruit in our lives!!

1Jn 3:24 Those who obey His commands live in Him, and He in them. And this is how we know that He lives in us: We know it by the Spirit He gave us.

-“obey” here is *shamar*. When we remain focused on the Word (God's love letter to us) and protect it in our lives, we are living in Christ – we are living in our Spiritual nature. The Word fills us up Spiritually and Spiritual fruit becomes obvious in our lives.

2Jn 1:6 KJV And this is love, that we walk after His commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.

WALK: to *tread* all around, that is, *walk* at large (proof of ability); figuratively to *live, deport oneself, follow* (as a companion or votary): - go, be occupied with, walk (about).

*God's love will keep you in the Word.

COMMANDS: prescription (instruction; direction; treatment; medicine).

1Jn 5:3 KJV For this is the love OF God, that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are not grievous.

-the love OF God enables us to keep (*shamar*) His Word or His prescription for our lives.

-His Word is not grievous – weighty, burdensome. The very next verse tells us that the Word is our victory because the Word produces faith in our lives.

-the NIV makes this verse look a little different.

1Jn 5:3 NIV This is love for God: to obey His commands. And His commands are not burdensome...

*we cannot prove our love for God by “obedience” – this translation takes our focus off of Christ. Look at the original language and see the difference!

*love treads all around the Word – it walks out the Word. God's love will be displayed in your



life when you are occupied with God's love letter to you.

*NIV – this is love that we walk in obedience to His commands.

-this phraseology makes most people feel like the pressure is on them, but looking deeper shows us the truth. God's love keeps us focused on His prescription for our lives – the real life, our Spiritual life.

Jude 20-21 (Msg)

I carefully build myself up on this most holy faith by praying in the Holy Spirit, STAYING RIGHT AT THE CENTER OF GOD'S LOVE, keeping my arms open and outstretched, ready for the mercy of my Master, Jesus Christ.

THIS IS THE UNENDING LIFE, THE REAL LIFE!!



from: GOD



