

Even When the Hope of Living is Lost

[Short Word Meditation (23)]

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We must serve one another with love.

We should not abuse our freedom to satisfy the desires of our own flesh,
but rather serve one another in love
(Galatians 5:13).

Give love

Show love to the representatives of the church
who have great confidence in you
and who are more zealous and display the glory of Christ
(2 Corinthians 8:22-23).

One who practices the law of love?

Christians who practice Christ's law of love
bear one another's burdens
(Galatians 6:2).

A person who opens his heart wide to those he loves ...

A person who has an open heart toward those they love
share his feeling with them openly, transparently, and honestly
(Ref.: 2 Corinthians 6:11).

To you, my dear wife, I say ...

As I struggle and wrestle before the Lord,
I speak to you, my beloved wife, with tears in my eyes
so that you may know my overwhelming love for you.

(After having a heartfelt conversation and embracing my beloved wife,
shedding tears of love, I praised and prayed to God.
Encountering this Bible verse, 2 Corinthians 2:4,
inspired me to write this brief meditation reflecting on the verse.)

For the sake of our beloved children, we must forgive our spouse.

For the sake of our beloved spouse,
we must forgive our children for their mistakes before Christ,
and for the sake of our beloved children,
we must forgive our spouse before Christ (Ref.: 2 Corinthians 2:10).
If a couple does not divorce and endures for the sake of their beloved children,
but truly loves them, they must forgive their spouse before Christ.

A church worker who received a mission

The Lord's servants are church workers who have been given the mission to generously spread the word of God to the believers
(Ref.: Colossians 1:25).

We will not fall into sin by being deceived by Satan.

Those who dwell in faith and truth,
living in faith, love, and holiness through self-control,
do not fall into sin by being deceived by Satan
(Ref.: 1 Timothy 2:7, 14-15).

Even when the hope of living is lost ...

Even when the hope of living is lost so that we felt as if we had been sentenced to death,
the God we rely on has saved us from the great danger of death
and will continue to deliver us in the future
(2 Corinthians 1:8-10).

Christ, the mediator of the new covenant

Christ, the mediator of the new covenant,
died to redeem the sins we have committed
so that we who have been called by God
can receive the promised eternal blessings
(Hebrews 9:15).

It is important to become a new person!

It is not a question of whether to be baptized or not;
what is important is to become a new person
(Ref.: Galatians 6:15).

We must learn to love one another and practice it.

We must learn from God to love one another
and practice this love more diligently with all saints
(1 Thessalonians 4:9-10).

Each side acknowledges the grace God has given to each other and invites each other to shake hands in fellowship ...

As each person carries out his or her own ministry with a sense of mission and the ability God has given him, we must acknowledge the grace God has given us, invite each other to shake hands in fellowship, and go only to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ (Ref.: Galatians 2:8-9).

We must develop the ability to discern between good and evil!

We must examine everything carefully and develop the ability to discern between good and evil. So, with that spiritual discernment, we must carefully examine everything, take what is good, and discard whatever is evil (Ref.: 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22).

Even good deeds must be restrained?

I believe that pastors and elders must be able to control even good deeds. In particular, we must learn to restrain ourselves from trying hard to do good things, mistakenly thinking they are the Lord's will when it is our will (Ref.: 1 Timothy 3:1-2).

We must be rich in good works.

God gives us abundant grace and indescribable gifts.
The purpose of God giving us the abundant gift of grace
is to make up for the shortcomings of the saints
and provide generous relief to the poor.
Therefore, we deeply sympathize with the difficulties of others.
We must be rich in good works because we love to share
(1 Corinthians 9:9, 12, 14-15; 1 Timothy 6:18).

We must be careful to do good.

We must be careful to do good
not only before the Lord but also before others
(2 Corinthians 8:21).

The Bible tells us not to associate with these people.

The Bible tells us not to associate with immoral people,
unclean people, greedy people, or idolaters
(Ephesians 5:3-7).

The Holy Spirit sets us free with the truth of the Lord.

The Lord is Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is freedom (2 Corinthians 3:17).

When we know the truth of the Lord, the truth will set us free (John 8:32).

The Holy Spirit, the Spirit of the Lord who dwells within us,
sets us free with the truth of the Lord.

Christians who live according to the Holy Spirit ...

A Christian who lives according to the Holy Spirit
corrects his brother with a gentle heart when he makes a mistake,
and is careful not to be subjected to the same test himself
(Galatians 6:1).

We must not limit the activities of the Holy Spirit ...

We must not limit the activities of the Holy Spirit.
However, we should not take this to mean
that we should not limit the activities of the Holy Spirit
outside the bounds of truth (or the boundaries of truth)
(1 Thessalonians 5:19).

A person filled with the Holy Spirit ...

Those who are filled with the Holy Spirit
speak to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs,
singing and making melody to the Lord in their hearts,
giving thanks to God the Father at all times
and in everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ
(Ephesians 5:18-21).

A mature Christian?

A mature Christian speaks the truth with love
and imitates Jesus Christ in all things
(Ephesians 4:13, 15).

A woman of faith whom the world cannot handle

A woman who believes in Emmanuel God,
who is with us and does not leave us alone,
with a faith that believes in God, even in trials and tribulations,
boldly fights against oneself, the world, sin, evil, fear of death,
and gains the peace given by God, is someone that the world cannot handle!
(Hebrews 11:38)

We must obey.

We must obey those who dedicate themselves to serving the saints
and those who work and toil with them
(1 Corinthians 16:15-16).

We are appointing someone who enjoys drinking as a deacon.

Even though he is someone who clearly enjoys drinking and is reprehensible,
he is appointed as a deacon (Ref.: 1 Timothy 3:8, 10).

It cannot be hidden.

Just as some people's sins are clearly revealed,
so are some people's good deeds. It cannot be hidden
(1 Timothy 5:24-25).

We must examine ourselves and test ourselves.

We must examine ourselves and test ourselves to see
if we are living by faith with God's strong power revealed in our weakness
(2 Corinthians 13:3-5).

Extremely great power belongs to God and not to us!

Satan, who blinds the minds of those who do not believe,
so they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ,
who is the image of God.
For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"
made his light shine in our hearts
to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.
But we have this treasure in jars of clay
to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us
(2 Corinthians 4:4, 6-7).

We who believe in Christ are also weak ...

We who believe in Christ are also weak,
like Christ who was crucified in weakness,
but we live with Christ by the power of God
(2 Corinthians 13:4).

People like bitter roots

People who are like bitter roots in the church
harass or defile many people
(Hebrews 12:15).

We're just having useless discussions.

The request of the servants of Christ Jesus is
for believers to live with love that comes from a pure heart,
a good conscience, and sincere faith.
However, some people turn away from this kind of life
and only engage in useless discussions
(1 Timothy 1:5-6).

Do not think of yourself as being great or important when you are nothing!

The one who deceives oneself does not realize the fact that they are nothing,
yet speaks and acts as if they were someone important.
"If anyone thinks they are something when they are not,
they deceive themselves"
(Galatians 6:3).

In order not to be deceived by anyone with sweet words ...

In order not to be deceived by anyone with sweet words,
we must understand and grasp with certainty the secret of Christ, who is God's mystery
(Colossians 2:2, 4).

Even if we give thanks and praise well ...

Even if we give thanks and praise well,
it does not benefit others if they do not understand what we say
(1 Corinthians 14:16-17).

No matter how many layers we wrap ourselves in ...

No matter how many layers we wrap ourselves in,
our foolishness will be revealed to everyone
(2 Timothy 3:9).

No matter how much we have to say ...

No matter how much we have to say,
if the listener is dull of understanding,
it will inevitably be difficult to explain
(Ref.: Hebrews 5:11).

Evil people and deceivers will become even more wicked, deceiving and being deceived.

Evil people and deceivers will become worse, deceiving and being deceived.
Therefore, as we seek to live godly lives in Christ Jesus, we will face persecution.
But the Lord will deliver us from all of these troubles
(2 Timothy 3:10-13).

We must enjoy rest.

As we listen to the word of God and move toward heaven, our eternal resting place by faith,
while we live in this world, our homes and churches must become models of that eternal resting place.
We must go to our home and God's house and enjoy rest.

There is still time for God's people to rest.

There are still people left who will enter eternal rest.

There is still time of rest for God's people

(Hebrews 4:6, 9).

Five understandable words

Rather than speaking 10,000 words in a tongue at church,

it is better to speak five understandable words to teach others

(1 Corinthians 14:19).

The God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," ...

Because the god of this world, Satan, has blinded the minds of those who do not believe, they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ.

The God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts

to give the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Jesus Christ

(2 Corinthians 4:3-6).

We should not engage in the fruitless works of darkness ...

We should not engage in the fruitless works of darkness,
but rather rebuke them with our fruitful lives of light
(Ephesians 5:9, 11).

How can we offer a prayer of thanksgiving?

When remembering the wrong done to us by others,
it may seem impossible to offer a prayer of thanksgiving.
However, even in that, when the Holy Spirit brings to mind
the work that the Lord has done in their lives,
we cannot help but offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God
(1 Corinthians 13:5; Ephesians 1:16).

A husband who cannot leave his mother for many reasons?

A husband who cannot leave his mother for many reasons
will not only fail to love his wife as himself but is unable to do so
(Ref.: Ephesians 5:33).

A husband who has not left his mother?

Because of the husband's failure to emotionally, mentally,
or physically separate from his parents (especially his mother)
and become united with his wife,
the two are not becoming one body as they should
(Ref.: Ephesians 5:31).

Forced offering? A blessing offering?

An offering that is regretful or forced is an unreasonable offering,
but an offering that is prepared in advance and offered to God with a joyful heart,
according to what one has decided in his heart, is an offering of blessing
(2 Corinthians 9:5, 7).

We must always be careful to do good deeds.

People who believe in God must always be careful to do good deeds.
This is beautiful and beneficial to people
(Titus 3:1, 8).

**There will come a time
when I will depart from this world in God's timing.**

We who have been offered as sacrifices to God
will one day leave this world in God's time.
As that time approaches, may we, like the Apostle Paul,
be able to say to our beloved brothers and sisters,
“I have fought the good fight, I have finished all, I have kept the faith.
Now all that remains is to receive the crown of righteousness”
(2 Timothy 4:6-8).

Respect people like Epaphroditus.

Like Epaphroditus,
a person who was worried because you learned that he was sick,
who misses all of you, who would be glad to see you again,
who risked his life to help me in your place in Christ's work,
and who almost died doing it.
We should welcome people like him with joy in the Lord,
and we should respect people like him
(Philippians 2:25-30).

Here's a trustworthy saying.

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If we died with the Lord, we will also live with him.

If we persevere, we will reign with Him

(2 Timothy 2:11-12).

I am greatly encouraged ...

I am greatly encouraged by your faith and love remaining steadfast as before,
and by the fact that you always think well of me and long to see me,
just as I long to see you (1 Thessalonians 3:6-7).

You must hear the word of truth, the good news of salvation, and believe in Jesus Christ.

You must believe in Jesus Christ upon hearing the word of truth,
the gospel of salvation (good news).

When you believe, you will receive the Holy Spirit, who is the promised seal.

The Holy Spirit guarantees that you will receive what God has promised,

and he enables God's people to praise his glory through salvation

(Ephesians 1:13-14).

Wouldn't they say you're crazy?

If people who don't know tongues or non-believers see you speaking in tongues, wouldn't they say you're crazy and say strange things they can't understand?
(1 Corinthians 14:21, 23)

**It is nothing more than an attempt to confuse you
and distort the gospel of Christ.**

There can be no other gospel than the gospel of Jesus Christ,
so why do so many people so easily abandon God and follow other gospels?
Those who preach another gospel
are just trying to confuse you and distort the gospel of Christ
(Galatians 1:6-7).

**Through your prayers
and the help of the Holy Spirit of Jesus Christ ...**

I know that when I am trapped in the east, west, south, and north,
I will be saved through your prayers and the help of the Holy Spirit of Jesus Christ
(Philippians 1:13, 19).

I hope you will cut them off.

Those who confuse you by preaching a gospel other than the gospel of Jesus Christ are trying to distort the gospel of Christ, so I hope you will cut them off (Galatians 1:7; 5:10, 12).

I am concerned.

Just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's treacherous lies, I am concerned that believers may easily accept another Jesus, another spirit, or another gospel, so their hearts become corrupted and they abandon the truth and purity of Christ (2 Corinthians 11:3-4).

How many husbands of faith are there who desire to establish a glorious wife?

How many husbands of faith are there who, despite facing marital conflict and challenges, seek to lovingly nurture their wives wisely through God's Word, even through adversity and pain, with the goal of establishing their beloved wives, who are enduring marital conflict, as holy and blameless, a glorious wife? (Ref.: Ephesians 5:25-27)

Eternal comfort and good hope

God our Father has graciously given us eternal comfort and good hope
(2 Thessalonians 2:16).

Jesus, the eternal priest

Jesus Christ became an eternal priest
in the line of Melchizedek with the power of eternal life.
Since Jesus lives forever, his priesthood is also eternal
(Hebrews 7:16-17, 21, 24).

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Take heed that none of you miss the opportunity of entering there
(Hebrews 4:1).

We must remember Jesus Christ.

We must remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead,
descended from David according to the gospel that we have heard.
And because of this gospel, we endure suffering,
even being treated as sinners and being punished,
but we believe that God's word cannot be chained
(2 Timothy 2:8-9).

Jesus can save completely.

Jesus, the eternal priest, can completely save those who come to God through him.
That is because He is always alive and interceding for them
(Hebrews 7:17, 21, 25).

A believer who thinks deeply about Jesus ...

A believer who thinks deeply about Jesus
keep the gospel and words of Jesus Christ deep in his heart
(Hebrews 2:1; 3:1).

Employers who believe in Jesus ...

Employers who believe in Jesus should obey their employees with fear and sincerity as they would Christ, wholeheartedly doing God's will as if they were slaves of Christ, serving their employees with joyful hearts as they would serve the Lord. A believer in Jesus who is an employer should never treat their employees harshly. To do this, an employer who believes in Jesus should understand that their Lord is in heaven and that the Lord does not show favoritism based on outward appearances (Ref.: Ephesians 6:5-9).

Through faith in Jesus ...

We must approach God with boldness and confidence through faith in Jesus and faith in him (Ephesians 3:12).

Employees who believe in Jesus ...

Employees who believe in Jesus should fear and tremble before their employer as they would Christ, obeying with sincerity. They should not use eye-service as flatterers do but wholeheartedly, like servants of Christ, doing the will of God and serving their employer with joy as they would serve the Lord. The reason is that employees who believe in Jesus knows that they will receive their reward from the Lord, whether they do good or evil (Ref.: Ephesians 6:5-7).

Experience the death of Jesus in person

All the suffering, embarrassment, persecution, abandonment, and beatings that we experience for the sake of Jesus Christ and the gospel are to experience the death of Jesus in person, so that the life of Jesus can be revealed in our bodies. “We who live are always in danger of dying for Jesus, so that his life may be revealed in our mortal bodies” (Mark 8:35; 2 Corinthians 4:8-11).

While there is a time called ‘today’

Today, we must listen to God's voice and exhort one another every day while we have the time called 'today', so that no one is stubborn due to the temptation of sin (Hebrews 3:7-8, 13, 15).

Only the blood of Jesus Christ ...

Jesus is our peace. Only the blood of Jesus Christ can reconcile us who were far away from God with God, who was our enemy, and bring us closer to God, and also reconcile us with our neighbors, who were our enemies (Ephesians 2:13-16).

We must work only for the truth!

A pastor should not be able to do anything against the truth,
but should work only for the truth
(2 Corinthians 13:8).

We must only suffer with the gospel according to the power of God.

God has not given us a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power, love, and self-discipline.
Therefore, we must suffer with the gospel only according to the power of God
(2 Timothy 1:7-8).

But according to the will of God and grace given to us in Christ Jesus before time began...

But God has saved us and called us with a holy calling
according to his will and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus from eternity
(2 Timothy 1:9).

The servant of Christ who only seeks God's approval.

The servant of Christ who preaches only the word, only the truth, only the gospel desires only God's approval, not seeking to please people or gain their approval (Galatians 1:10).

Why are we doing everything in this world that will pass away instead of doing God's will?

Christ gave himself on the cross to redeem us from this evil world according to God the Father's will, to ransom us from our sins. Why then do we live pursuing everything in this passing world, including the desires of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and pride in life, without following God's will?
(Galatians 1:4; 1 John 2:16-17)

Infidelity is a sin of idolatry.

I believe that having an affair with another woman/man while leaving one's spouse is a serious sin, just like committing adultery with an idol of Baal and having God as one's husband, like the Israelites did in the time of Hosea.

A mask of greed

We who spread the gospel of Jesus Christ
must not wear a mask of greed and speak flattering words
(1 Thessalonians 2:5).

The reason why we rejoice even while weeping ...

The reason we rejoice even while weeping with those who weep
is because we feel God's love
(Ref.: Romans 12:15; 1 Thessalonians 5:16).

Is it a sin for Christians to eat with homosexuals?

Is it a sin for us as Christians to eat with homosexuals?
Is it wrong for us to share a meal with them out of love for Christ, seeking to save their souls?
If, while dining with a homosexual, we see a pastor or elder from a church
who condemns such actions enter the restaurant,
should we pretend not to have eaten with them and leave the restaurant?
Would that not be hypocrisy, pretending to have faith
while being concerned with people's opinions and appearances?
Who should be reproached in this situation?
(Ref.: Matthew 9:9-13; Galatians 2:11-13)

Pastors ...

Pastors must become good servants of Christ Jesus
and be nurtured with the words of faith and good teachings that we follow
(1 Timothy 4:6).

Pastors and elders must receive good reviews from non-believers outside the church.

Pastors and elders should also receive good reviews from unbelievers outside the church.
To achieve this, we must strive not to be a stumbling block or hindrance to them,
so that our ministry is not criticized.
This way, we will not be condemned by them or fall into the devil's trap
(1 Corinthians 6:3; 1 Timothy 3:7).

Pastors and elders must show themselves to be true servants of God in everything they do.

Pastors and elders must demonstrate themselves as true servants of God in all things.
To do this, we must live with purity, knowledge, patience, kindness,
the influence of the Holy Spirit, sincere love, truthful speech, and God's power,
even amid much suffering, difficulty, and hardship.
Whether we receive glory or shame, insults, or praise,
we must always show ourselves as God's servants
(1 Corinthians 6:4-8).

Pastors and elders must lead good lives among the people of the world.

Pastors and elders must strive not to be a stumbling block to anyone in order to avoid criticism of our ministry, especially among people of the world. We should live a good life among them. Then, when those who criticize us for doing evil see our good deeds, they will glorify God on the day of their repentance (1 Corinthians 6:3; 1 Peter 2:12).

Pastors and elders must always be truthful.

If pastors and elders are true servants of God, they will always be truthful whether they are honored or shamed, reviled or praised by others, and even if they are treated like impostors (2 Corinthians 6:4, 8).

Children of pastors and elders

Pastors and elders must strive not to be a stumbling block to anyone in order to avoid criticism of our ministry, especially ensuring that our children do not receive criticism for being reckless or disobedient. We must teach our children well with the discipline and instruction of the Lord (1 Corinthians 6:3; Ephesians 6:4; Titus 1:6).

We must refine ourselves.

Pastors should purify themselves,
discarding what is to be discarded, and striving for godliness.
The reason is that while physical training has some benefit,
godliness is beneficial in every way, promising not only the life of this world
but also eternal life in the world to come
(1 Timothy 4:7-8).

We must guard ourselves and live a clean life.

Instead of interfering with the sins of others,
we must guard ourselves and live a clean life
(1 Timothy 5:22).

Because the knowledge of Christ Jesus our Lord is of far greater value.

Before we believed in Jesus,
the earthly things we trusted in, boasted about, and found beneficial,
we have now discarded and considered them all as loss,
because knowing our Lord Christ Jesus is far more valuable.
We have lost everything for the sake of Christ.
We consider all these things as garbage in order to gain Christ
and become completely one with Him
(Philippians 3:3-8).

Until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again ...

Until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again,
we must pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness.
We must fight the good fight of faith, firmly holding onto eternal life,
so that we may become blameless and beyond reproach
(1 Timothy 6:11-14).

I want to love our Lord Jesus Christ unconditionally.

There will be grace for all who continue to love our Lord Jesus Christ
(Ephesians 6:24).

When our Lord Jesus appears from heaven in flaming fire ...

When our righteous Lord Jesus appears with His mighty angels in flaming fire,
He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.
They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction,
separated from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His might
(2 Thessalonians 1:7-9).

The severe suffering that we cannot bear on our own

The severe suffering that we cannot bear on our own,
to the point that we even despaired of life itself.
However, this happened so that we would not rely on ourselves
but on God, who raises the dead
(2 Corinthians 1:8-9).

A heart we must be very wary of

The heart we must be very wary of is a stubborn heart,
a heart that is always deceived, and an evil heart that does not believe
(Hebrews 3:8, 10, 12).

The most important gospel we have received.

The most important gospel we have received is
that Christ died for our sins according to the Scripture,
was buried, and rose again on the third day according to the Scripture
(1 Corinthians 15:3-4).

Why we are full of joy despite all kinds of difficulties

The reason why we are filled with joy despite all kinds of difficulties is because we have brothers and sisters in the Lord whom we always think of, who are willing to be with us through life and death, whom we trust greatly, whom we boast about, and whom we receive much comfort from (2 Corinthians 7:3-4).

What we want

What we want is to know Christ, experience the power of His resurrection, participate in His suffering, imitate His death, and somehow be resurrected ourselves (Philippians 3:10-11).

If we really heard about Jesus and were taught according to the truth in Him ...

If indeed you have heard about Jesus and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, then you must put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another (Ephesians 4:21-25).

If we hold fast to the assurance of salvation we had in the beginning until the end ...

If we hold on to the assurance of salvation we had in the beginning until the end,
we will enjoy eternal life and bliss with Christ in the eternal kingdom
(Ref.: Hebrews 3:14).

On the outside we appear to be religious, but ...

We should not be like people
who appear to have faith on the outside but deny (deny) their power,
but in reality, this does not seem to be the case
(2 Timothy 3:5).

On the outside, we look religious and pious inside the church,
but what about outside the church?
What do our children think of us now, especially at home?

Let us not be lazy, but be diligent ...

We must not be lazy
but continue to serve our brothers and sisters diligently and with loving zeal
(Ref.: Hebrews 6:10-12).

We are people who hope for the coming world in Christ.

If this world is all we hope for in Christ,
we are more miserable than anyone else
(1 Corinthians 15:19).

But we are people who hope for the coming world in Christ.

This is because when the Lord comes down from heaven
with a shout, the voice of an archangel, and the sound of God's trumpet,
those who died while believing in Christ will be resurrected first.

After that, we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them
in the clouds and will meet the Lord in the air and be with the Lord of eternity
(1 Thessalonians 4:16-17).

We have been circumcised by Christ.

We have been circumcised by Christ, putting off our carnal body of sin.
Through baptism, we were buried with Christ in the earth,
and we were raised again with Him by believing in the power of God
who raised Christ from the dead
(Colossians 2:11-12).

We pray.

We pray that God will count us worthy of his calling
and fulfill all our good purposes and works of faith by his power
(2 Thessalonians 1:11).

We must do good deeds.

The purpose of God the Creator creating us in Christ Jesus
is for good deeds (Ephesians 2:10).
Although we are not saved by our good works,
we who have received the gift of salvation by believing in Jesus Christ
by the grace of God must do good deeds.

We must be very cautious.

When we are living well in our faith,
false teachers will try to obstruct us and prevent us from obeying the truth.
They will diligently persuade us and lead us to entertain different ideas.
We must be very cautious
(Galatians 4:17; 5:7, 10).

We will definitely enter heaven.

Jesus, who went before us, entered heaven first for us
and became our eternal high priest.

We too are now following Jesus toward eternal refuge.

Because God cannot lie, He can never change the promises and oaths He has made.

We gain great courage from this God.

This hope we have is like an anchor for the soul, strong and firm,
so that we will surely enter heaven

(Ref.: Hebrews 6:18-20).

We must continue to live a life of faith according to this truth that we have learned and are convinced of.

As we have been taught since childhood,
the Bible is able to give us wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.
Therefore, we must continue to live a life of faith
according to this truth that we have learned and are convinced of
(2 Timothy 3:14-15).

We should not grieve like unbelievers.

We should not mourn like unbelievers
over the saints who have fallen asleep in the Lord.
The reason is because we believe that Jesus died and rose again,
and we also believe that God will bring those who died
while believing in Jesus with Jesus
(1 Thessalonians 4:13-14).

We must strive to live as children of light.

Before we believed in Jesus, we lived in darkness.

We lived indulging in all sorts of impurity, greed, and shameful behavior, engaging in foolish talk and crude jokes.

We were immoral, impure, and greedy, worshiping idols.

Because of our disobedience, God's wrath was upon us.

However, since we believed in Jesus,

we have been striving to live as children of light, dwelling in the light.

This means we are diligently putting away things that are not fitting for saints, giving thanks to God and striving to live a life pleasing to Him

(Ref.: Ephesians 5:3-8).

We are people that the world cannot handle.

Those who live by faith are too much for the world to handle

(Hebrews 11:38)

We must not be deceived.

We must not be deceived by people who seem to be very spiritual when they talk, but in reality they exaggerate the visions they have seen,

are excited by vain thoughts, and deliberately pretend to be humble

(Ref.: Colossians 2:18).

We must not be foolish.

We must not be foolish and understand what the Lord's will is.
We should not be drunk, which leads to debauchery,
but should be filled with the Holy Spirit
(Ephesians 5:17-18).

We are free and forgiven in Jesus Christ.

We have been set free and forgiven of our sins
through the shedding of the blood of God's beloved Son, Jesus Christ
(Colossians 1:13-14). Therefore, we are free and forgiven in Jesus Christ.

We must be patient and receive what God has promised.

God, who has already given us endless blessings in Jesus Christ,
will greatly multiply our descendants and give them endless blessings as well.
We must be patient and receive what God has promised
(Hebrews 6:14-15; Ephesians 1:3).

We have placed our hope in the living God.

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The reason is because God is the Savior of all people,
especially those of us who believe

(1 Timothy 4:10).

We must think carefully about these words.

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May the Lord give us the ability to understand everything:

(1) Those who serve in the military cannot be caught up in their private lives
because they must be loyal to the person who elected them.

(2) If an athlete does not play according to the rules, he or she will not receive a prize.

(3) It is natural for a hard-working farmer to have the harvested grain first

(2 Timothy 2:4-7).

We must avoid this.

We must avoid blasphemous, worthless chatter and arguments
that come from false knowledge that lead us away from the faith

(1 Timothy 6:20-21).

We must comfort each other with these words.

When the Lord descends from heaven with a loud command,
with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God,
the dead in Christ will rise first.

After that, we who are still alive and are left
will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.

And so we will be with the Lord forever.

Therefore, encourage one another with these words
(1 Corinthians 15:51; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18).

With good intentions and pure motivation, love...

We must fearlessly and more boldly preach Christ and the Word of God,
trusting in Him, with good intentions and pure motivation, love
(Philippians 1:14, 17).

We are the fragrance of Christ before God.

We thank God, who always leads us triumphantly in Christ
and spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of Him everywhere through us.
We are the fragrance of Christ before God,
both among those who are being saved and those who are perishing.
To the latter, we are a smell of death leading to death;
to the former, a fragrance that brings life.
We are not like those who peddle the word of God for profit.
On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, as those sent from God.
(2 Corinthians 2:14-17).

We are God's family.

By God's grace, we who believe in Jesus Christ
are saints, citizens of heaven, and God's family
(Ephesians 2:8, 19).

We must live as saints who have been called by God.

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We must always be humble, gentle, tolerant of one another with patience and love.
We must also strive to get along well, united by the Holy Spirit
(Ephesians 4:1-3).

**We live with the assurance that we will forever dwell with the Lord
in the eternal home of heaven, wearing our heavenly bodies.**

Because God has given us the Spirit as a guarantee,
we live with the assurance that we will forever
dwell with the Lord in the eternal home of heaven,
wearing our heavenly bodies.

This is because we live not by what we see but by faith.

We are confident, I say,

and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

So whether we are at home in the body or away from it,

our goal is to please Him

(2 Corinthians 5:1-9).

Let us imitate Jesus ...

Let us imitate Jesus and endure the pain of each of our crosses,
regardless of shame, for the joy we will enjoy in the future

(Ref.: Hebrews 12:2).

The one who makes us competent is solely Christ Jesus.

Our Lord Christ Jesus has considered us faithful and entrusted us with the ministry.

We have been entrusted with the glorious gospel of the blessed God,
which He has committed to our care.

The one who makes us competent is solely Christ Jesus

(1 Timothy 1:12).

Because the God who calls us is faithful ...

Because the God who calls us is faithful,

He will sanctify us completely and keep our soul and body blameless and perfect
when our Lord Jesus Christ returns

(1 Thessalonians 5:23-24).

Why He died for us

The purpose of God choosing us and Jesus dying for us
is so that we can be saved and live with the Lord forever

(1 Thessalonians 5:9-10).

In the Lord who gives us strength ...

In the Lord who gives us strength,
we must learn the secret of feeling satisfied with ourselves
no matter what our circumstances are
(Philippians 4:11-13).

We receive God's blessing by producing fruit that is beneficial to us.

If we accept the good word of God when it often falls in the field of our hearts,
we will receive God's blessing by producing fruit that is beneficial to us
(Ref.: Hebrews 6:7).

Our good works

Our good works must be voluntary, not forced
(Philemon 1:14).

We need to show our maturity.

A young servant of the Lord should not take lightly
the gifts God has given him as a gift of grace,
but should give his whole heart to everything he does
so that his maturity can be seen by everyone
(1 Timothy 4:14-15).

Our hope is solid.

Our hope is solid
because the members who have suffered together
will be comforted together
(2 Corinthians 1:7).

Our labor will never be in vain in the Lord!

God, who swallows up death in victory,
gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm.
Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord,
because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain
(1 Corinthians 15:54, 57-58).

It will be of great benefit to our faith.

If we live godly with a contented heart,
knowing that we brought nothing into the world
and can take nothing out of it,
and being satisfied with what we have to eat and wear,
it will be of great benefit to our faith
(1 Timothy 6:6-8).

A person like our heart

A person who was useless to us before
has now become a person like our heart and a person we need
(Philemon 1:11-12).

Does our conscience testify like this?

Can our conscience truly testify
that we have lived with a holy and sincere heart given by God
in our relationships with our members?
(2 Corinthians 1:12)

Jesus sympathizes with our weaknesses.

The Son of God, Jesus, our great High Priest who ascended to heaven, experienced every temptation that we do, yet he was without sin. Therefore, let us approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need (Hebrews 4:15-16).

God the Father disciplines us for our own good ...

Our Heavenly Father, who disciplines us for our own good, wants us to participate in His holiness (Hebrews 12:10).

Our adequacy is from God.

I do not believe that we are qualified to do the Lord's work. Our adequacy is from God (2 Corinthians 3:5).

The temptation of hypocrisy

Am I afraid that when I preach to my beloved friends
and we end up in a bar together, if a church member sees me,
I will be scared and leave the bar?

Am I worried that someone might misunderstand and criticize me
if I have a meal or coffee with a homosexual sister I met through online ministry?

Am I concerned that others might misinterpret if,
during online ministry, a pastor fellowships with a sister in Christ within the Lord?

Am I anxious that others might gossip and point fingers
if I dine with so-called "sinners" among churchgoers?

(Galatians 2:11-13)

A hypocritical wife?

A wife who knows that the head of the church is the Lord and confesses by faith,
but does not acknowledge her husband as the head of the family,
ignores his family authority, and does not respect him is a hypocritical woman
(Ref.: Ephesians 5:23, 33).

Useful suffering or useless suffering?

If we learn obedience through various trials and hardships according to God's word,
then the suffering we endure is beneficial to us.

However, no matter how great and numerous our trials may be,
if we fail to learn obedience to God's word,
then those sufferings will be of no benefit to us

(Hebrews 5:8; See also Psalms 119:67, 71).

It does nothing to stop the lusts of the flesh.

We should not submit to the rules and teachings based on human commands and doctrines. Such regulations may appear wise in promoting self-made religion, false humility, and severe treatment of the body, but they are of no value in restraining indulgence of the flesh (Colossians 2:20-23).

We did not justify ourselves by keeping the law.

We have not become righteous by keeping the law ourselves; rather, we have become righteous through faith in Christ. This righteousness is based on faith in Him, given to us by God. It is never based on our actions (Philippians 3:9).

When gifts are used in a disorderly manner...

When people who cannot control themselves disorderly use the gifts given to them for their own edification, there is a high risk of breaking the peace of the church (1 Corinthians 14:32-33).

I pray that you will bear more fruit of righteousness.

We are farmers. God gives us seed to sow and food to eat.

The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,
and the one who sows generously will also reap generously.

It is God who makes things grow.

May God enable us to produce a greater harvest of righteousness
(2 Corinthians 9:6, 10).

I feel even more honored by this precious position.

By the grace of God, I have become a servant of the Lord Jesus.

I do not have the qualifications to be a pastor on my own,
but it is from God that I have received this calling to serve as a pastor in the Lord's work.

I have become a worker of the new covenant by God's grace.

I am a servant of the Spirit, who gives life and righteousness.

I consider it a glorious privilege to serve in this ministry of life given by the Spirit.

I consider the ministry that brings righteousness even more glorious.

The Spirit of the Lord, who is the Spirit of glory,
transforms us into His likeness from glory to glory,
enabling us to see the glory of the Lord and to dwell in it forever.

Therefore, I regard this precious ministry
that He has entrusted to me with even greater glory

(2 Corinthians 3:5-11, 18).

There is no hope in this world (1)

He who does not have God has no hope in this world
(Ephesians 2:12).

There is no hope in this world (2)

Anyone who has no relationship with Christ
lives without God and has no hope in this world
(Ephesians 2:12).

The rich people in this world ...

Do not put your hope in the uncertain riches of this world,
but in God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.
Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works,
to be generous and ready to share,
storing up for themselves a good foundation for the future,
so that they may take hold of that which is truly life
(1 Timothy 6:17-19).

We must reject the pleasures of sin in this world and choose to suffer with God's people.

We must, like Moses, refuse the fleeting pleasures of sin
and the riches of this world enjoyed by faith,
choosing instead to suffer with God's people.

In order to do this, we must consider the hardships we endure for Christ
as more valuable than all the treasures of this world
and look forward to the reward that is to come
(Ref.: Hebrews 11:24-26).

How should we live in these evil times?

In this evil age, we must carefully consider how to live,
save time like wise people, and live according to the Lord's will
(Ephesians 5:15-17).

For this purpose, God's people have been called.

God's people have been called to pursue righteousness, godliness,
faith, love, endurance, and gentleness, while fighting the good fight of faith
and holding firmly to eternal life,
for which they were called, and they have confessed their faith before many witnesses
(1 Timothy 6:11-12).

You shouldn't do this.

We must not show off, fight against one another, or hate one another
(Galatians 5:26).

We must be careful not to get caught up in these teachings.

We must be careful not to be caught up
in traditional human teachings that are not based on Christ
(Colossians 2:8).

A heart like this cannot enjoy God's rest.

A hard heart and a deceived heart cannot enjoy God's rest
(Ref.: Hebrews 3:8, 10, 11).

I look forward to meeting you like this.

I hope that our meeting in the Lord
will be one that fills in what is lacking in each other's faith
(Ref.: 1 Thessalonians 3:10).

This kind of faith is necessary.

We must have unwavering faith amidst any hardship or persecution
(1 Thessalonians 3:2-3).

This doctrine must be especially emphasized.

We must especially emphasize this doctrine.
Our Savior God, out of His mercy and love for mankind, saved us.
It was not because of our righteous deeds but because of His mercy.
He washed us clean, renewed us by the Holy Spirit, and graciously saved us.
God poured out the Holy Spirit abundantly through our Savior Jesus Christ,
so that we might be justified by His grace and become heirs with the hope of eternal life
(Titus 3:4-8).

This is how we must please God.

We have received the unshakable kingdom of God,
so we must be thankful and please Him
by serving Him with a reverential and fearful heart
(Hebrews 12:28).

Although God's word is incomprehensible to human reason ...

Although God's word is incomprehensible to human reason,
I want to obey it with faith and witness God's glory
(Ref.: Hebrews 11:30).

I hope you can finish it ...

Since you started it before others because you wanted to,
I hope you can finish it with your own strength
(2 Corinthians 8:10-11).

**From now on, let us approach God
with a sincere heart and firm faith.**

Christ offered a single, eternal sacrifice for sins,
and by that sacrifice, He forgave our sins and evil deeds.

Therefore, we can approach the Holy Place with confidence,
because of Jesus' blood.

We have already received the cleansing that comes from a blood sacrifice.

We have already received the water to make our bodies clean.

So, with hearts that are honest and sincere,
and with faith that will not be shaken, let's approach the Lord
(Hebrews 10:12, 18-19, 22).

Let us steadily run toward our goal with patience.

As we all look to Jesus, the source of our faith and the perfecter of our faith,
let us throw away all heavy burdens and the sins that easily entangle us,
and run steadily toward our goal with patience
(Hebrews 12:1-2).

**He has set us free from the fear of death
that had enslaved us throughout our lives.**

Through his death, Jesus, who has flesh and blood,
destroyed the devil who had the power of death
and liberated us from our lifetime of slavery from the fear of death
(Hebrews 2:14-15).

You have to earn your own living expenses so that you can live.

People who are lazy and don't want to work
and just go around doing nothing and causing trouble
should be allowed to work quietly and earn their own living expenses.
The Bible says, "Whoever does not want to work, let him not eat"
(2 Thessalonians 3:10-12).

A husband who loves his wife ...

A husband who loves his wife nurtures and cares for her
(Ephesians 5:29).

A mother who refuses to let her son go in many ways?

A mother who holds on to her son without ever letting him go might claim to love him deeply, but in doing so, she ultimately harms her son's marriage relationship and ends up hating him (Ref.: Ephesians 5:31).

It's about loving yourself.

A husband who loves his wife loves himself (Ephesians 5:28).

Your child's feelings? A connection to your child's emotions?

Our parents should not provoke their children to anger by touching their emotions in the way they raise them according to the Lord's teachings and instructions.

However, it seems like they often don't even understand their children's emotions well and don't know how to connect with them, which often ends up angering their children.

So, even if we try to speak to our angry children with the Lord's teachings and instructions, will proper parenting be achieved?

(Ephesians 6:4)

It is only God who makes it grow.

Dads sow the gospel of Jesus Christ and the word of God to their children,
and mothers shed tears of prayer for their children,
but it is only God who makes them grow
(Ref.: 1 Corinthians 3:6).

A preacher must humble himself and convey it.

A preacher of the gospel must humble himself
in order to elevate the other person and share God's gospel freely with him
(2 Corinthians 11:7).

We must be able to control ourselves.

When we use the gifts God has given us by grace,
we must control ourselves to edify the church
(1 Corinthians 14:26, 32).

We must strive to enter that rest.

Saints who have already entered God's eternal rest
rest from their work just as God rests from his work.

We who are alive must also strive to enter that rest

(Hebrews 4:10-11).

As a gift of grace from God ...

I have become a worker who proclaims
this joyful message of the gospel as a gift of grace from God,
having received salvation and a calling,
working within me by the power of God
(Ref.: Ephesians 3:7).

Please pray for me.

Please pray for me that the Lord will give me the word
so that I can open my mouth and boldly speak
and share the mystery of the gospel of Jesus Christ,
which is what I should say
(Ref.: Ephesians 6:19-20).

My beloved wife who has received God's grace and suffered with me.

It is natural that I always think of my beloved wife,
who has received God's grace and suffered through hardships with me,
even when I am doing home ministry, church ministry, and internet ministry.
How much I miss my wife, whom I love with the heart of Jesus Christ
God is my witness (Ref.: Philippians 1:7-8).

My spouse and I, like the parents of Moses ...

My wife and I want to raise Dillon, Yeri, and Karis in faith
like Moses' parents and send them away
(Ref.: Hebrews 11:23).

Properly and orderly!

Everything must be done properly and orderly
(1 Corinthians 14:40).

We should at least feel ashamed.

There are people among us who still do not know God properly.
And if we still do not come to our senses and commit sins,
we should at least feel ashamed
(1 Corinthians 15:34).

An evangelist must be careful in everything, endure hardships, and complete the duties entrusted to him.

At a time when many people turn away from the truth
and refuse to listen to sound teaching, preferring instead to listen to teachers
who tell them what they want to hear according to their own desires,
preachers who proclaim the truth and sound doctrine must be careful in all things,
endure hardship, and fulfill the duties entrusted to them
(2 Timothy 4:3-5).

People will never escape it.

Just when people in darkness are at ease thinking
that the day of the Lord is a world of peace and safety,
it will suddenly come like a thief in the night.
Then destruction will come upon them, and people will never escape it
(1 Thessalonians 5:2-3).

We desperately need it!

Our hearts and minds need protection.

We need God's amazing peace that we cannot even imagine

(Philippians 4:7).

The young servants of the Lord ...

Young servants of the Lord should not allow anyone to look down on them

because of their youth, but should set an example to believers

through their words, actions, love, faith, and purity

(1 Timothy 4:12).

It is gradually becoming a holy temple.

In Christ Jesus, who is the cornerstone,

all believers are connected to each other

and are gradually becoming a holy temple

(Ephesians 2:21).

Young widows who, unable to overcome their lust, betray Christ

Young widows who, unable to overcome their lust, betray Christ, are always lazy, wandering from house to house, gossiping, meddling in other people's affairs, and saying things they should not say. Therefore, they give our enemies an opportunity to slander (1 Timothy 5:11-14).

Young widows who cannot overcome their lust (1)

Young widows who betray Christ because of their lust should not be listed (1 Timothy 5:11).

Young widows who cannot overcome their lust (2)

Weepy widows who cannot overcome their lusts should remarry, have children, and take care of household chores so as not to give our enemies a chance to criticize them (1 Timothy 5:11, 14).

Because I myself am extremely weak.

I have received the divine calling to serve as a pastor, a glorious duty,
representing the saints of the Victory Presbyterian Church in serving God.
Therefore, as I lead worship, I not only confess my own sins
but also offer prayers of repentance to God on behalf of the saints.
Especially because I am also weak and prone to error,
I can empathize with those who are ignorant and misled
(Ref.: Hebrews 5:1-4).

Even if I hurt your heart with my words and meditations ...

Even if I hurt your heart with my words and meditations, I do not regret it.
I regretted that my meditations on the Word made you worry,
even if only for a moment, but now I am happy.
The reason is not because you were anxious,
but because you repented through my meditations on the Word
(Ref.: 2 Corinthians 7:8-9).

There is no need to be ashamed at all.

We do not need to be ashamed at all when we suffer
because we know the One in whom we believe and are confident
that He will protect what we have entrusted to Him until the day of His return
(2 Timothy 1:12).

Although it may be insufficient ...

Although it may be insufficient, this time, according to God's grace and guidance,
I went to Korea for the Internet Ministry in 2022 and made a little effort to meet many members
because I hoped that they would gain comfort and courage in their hearts
and stand firm in their faith in Christ
(Ref.: Colossians 2:2, 5).

Respect, love, and live in harmony with one another.

Brothers and sisters, do not forget the hard work of those
who guide and teach you in serving the Lord.
Respect and love those who work for you,
and live in harmony with one another
(1 Thessalonians 5:12-13).

It won't be easy to respect you.

It may not be easy to respect older male members in the church
who are not self-controlled and discreet
(Titus 2:2).

Everything that God creates is good.

Everything that God creates is good.
Therefore, if you receive it with a grateful heart,
nothing will be rejected
(1 Timothy 4:4).

The faith of sisters Su-eun Shim, Jong-mi Lee, and Su-jeong Hong who are standing firm in the Lord.

I am receiving great comfort from the faith of sisters
Su-eun Shim, Jong-mi Lee, and Su-jeong Hong
who are standing firm in the Lord.
(Ref.: 1 Thessalonians 3:7-8).

A powerful exhortation from Apostle Paul in the Lord.

This is Apostle Paul's powerful exhortation in the Lord:
'Friends, from now on, do not live a worthless life with vain thoughts like the people of the world.
Do not live in darkness, ignorance, and stubbornness in your hearts, away from the life of God.
Do not let your senses become dull and lead a debauched life without feeling shame,
and do not commit all kinds of unclean acts due to endless greed.
That is not how you learned Christ'
(Ephesians 4:17-20).

I pray with confidence in the Lord.

The Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one.
I am confident in the Lord that you are practicing
and will continue to practice the word of God that I have preached to you.
May the Lord lead you to love God and to have patience as you wait for Christ
(2 Thessalonians 3:3-5).

Lord, please teach us what to do.

How should we discipline people who lead unruly lives?
How can we encourage the weak-hearted?
How should we help those who have no power?
How can we treat everyone with patience?
Lord, teach us what to do
(Judges 13:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:14).

The Lord-centered church

The Lord's church encourages one another in Christ,
comforts one another with the love of Christ, fellowships with the Holy Spirit,
and shows kindness and compassion to one another.
The Lord-centered community has one heart and one mind and the same love.
By becoming one, we fill the joy of the Lord
(Philippians 2:1-2).

In the community of the Lord-centered church ...

In the community of the Lord-centered church,
nothing should be done out of selfish ambition or vanity,
but in humility each should regard others as more important than himself,
each taking care not only of his own interests but also of those of others
(Philippians 2:3-4).

If the Lord had said, 'I will trust in Him' ...

If the Lord had said, 'I will trust in Him,'
how much more should we trust in God
(Hebrews 2:13).

The reason the Lord became like us in every way ...

The reason the Lord became like us in every way
was to be a merciful and loyal high priest in the service of God
so that our sins could be forgiven
(Hebrews 2:17).

When the Lord loves us, He loves Himself.

As I listened to the sermon I preached during today's Sunday service,
I read the second half of Ephesians 5:28, "... He who loves his wife loves himself,"
and I realized that loving my wife means loving myself as a husband.
I used to apply it as such, but the new thought that occurred to me is
that the Lord, the bridegroom, loving our church, the bride, means that the Lord loves Himself.

Just as the Lord loves righteousness and hates lawlessness ...

Just as the Lord loves righteousness and hates lawlessness,
we too must love righteousness and hate lawlessness
(Hebrews 1:9).

Because the Lord Himself was tempted and suffered ...

Because the Lord Himself suffered and was tempted,
He is able to abundantly help us when we are tempted
(Hebrews 2:18).

Before the day of the Lord comes ...

Before the day of the Lord comes,
there will first be a betrayal of God, and the man of sin,
the son of perdition, will appear and exalt himself,
even sitting in the temple of God and claiming to be God
(2 Thessalonians 2:3-4).

We receive the Lord's love.

We who are loved by the Lord have been chosen by God from the beginning,
sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and saved by believing the truth
(2 Thessalonians 2:13).

When the great door to effectively do the Lord's work is wide open ...

At the same time that there are great doors wide open for us to effectively do the Lord's work,
there can also be many who oppose us
(Ref.: 1 Corinthians 16:9).

The Lord's servants ...

The Lord's servants must diligently read the Bible, give advice, and teach, while also setting an example for believers (1 Timothy 4:12-13).

The servant of the Lord strives to the best of his ability through the power of Him who works mightily within him ...

The servant of the Lord must do his best to preach Christ and to exhort and teach everyone with all wisdom, with the power of Him working mightily within him. The purpose is to present them to God as complete people in Christ (Colossians 1:28-29).

The heart of a servant of the Lord

The heart of the Lord's servant who spreads the gospel of Jesus Christ with the help of the saints is to hope that the saints will benefit (Philippians 4:14-17).

Just as the Lord humbled himself and suffered death ...

Just as the Lord humbled himself and suffered death,
if we also humble ourselves and suffer death,
God will crown us with glory and honor in His time
(Hebrews 2:9).

**As the day of the Lord's coming gets closer, let us make every effort
to gather together and encourage one another.**

He who promised is faithful.
Let us hold fast to the hope of our faith
and encourage one another to strive for love and good works.
As the day of the Lord's coming draws closer,
let us make every effort to gather together and encourage one another
(Hebrews 10:23-25).

The Lord does not acknowledge that it is right.

The Lord does not approve of those who praise themselves
by evaluating and comparing themselves
according to the standards they have set
(2 Corinthians 10:12, 18).

Christians who obey until death

Christians who embrace the humble heart of Christ Jesus learn obedience through suffering and obey the Lord's will even to the point of death (Philippians 2:8; Hebrews 5:8).

The seed that dies

The seed that wants to live will die,
but the seed that dies will live and bear much fruit
(1 Corinthians 15:36; Matthew 10:39; John 12:24).

A wall blocked in the middle (A divided wall)

Being an enemy means that there is a blocked wall or a divided wall in the middle.
The only thing that can break down this wall and make the two become one is the blood of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace
(Ephesians 2:13-14; Hebrews 7:2).

Discern what is very good (the best) and be truthful ...

In order for us to discern the very good (the best) and to be truthful until the day Christ comes without fault and to be filled with the fruits of righteousness through Jesus Christ, we must pray for our love to God to gradually abound with knowledge and deep insight. We must pray to God (Philippians 1:9-11).

Some churches are now ...

Some churches are now preaching Christ impurely through strife and conflict (Ref.: Philippians 1:15, 17).

Just as we have lived so far ...

We who have received God's salvation and will live with the Lord forever must live the same lives we have lived thus far, encouraging and helping each other (1 Thessalonians 5:9-11).

A person without wisdom

A person without wisdom praises himself
by evaluating and comparing himself
according to his own standards
(2 Corinthians 10:12).

A wise wife ...

A wise wife not only obeys her husband as she obeys the Lord,
but also helps her husband obey his mother-in-law in the Lord
(Ephesians 5:22; 6:1; Genesis 2:20).

A wise man?

A wise person does not go beyond limits,
neither speak excessively nor act excessively
(Ref.: 2 Corinthians 10:12-14).

A wise man ...

A wise man only hopes to expand his faith further
through his brothers and sisters who are growing within their limits
(2 Corinthians 10:12, 15).

Because the owner at work is a brother who believes in Jesus ...

Just because the owner at work is a brother who believes in Jesus,
we should not take it lightly, but should respect that brother and serve him better.
Only then will God's name and our teachings not be ridiculed,
and the brothers and sisters who benefit from our service are beloved believers
(1 Timothy 6:1-2).

Because they do not believe in the truth and do not love the truth ...

All who love what is evil
because they do not believe the truth or love the truth will be judged
(2 Thessalonians 2:10, 12).

**We must live without hesitation before God and everyone
by clearly preaching the truth.**

We should not be discouraged because, through God's mercy,
we have been given the ministry of life and justification of people by the Holy Spirit.
Rather, we must abandon secret, shameful, and treacherous behavior
and live without hesitation before God and before everyone
by not complicating the word of God, but simply conveying the truth
(2 Corinthians 3:8, 9; 4:1- 2).

We must keep the word of truth.

Pastors and elders must keep the words of truth as they have been taught.
Only then will we be able to encourage others
and rebuke those who oppose us with sound doctrine
(Titus 1:9).

**I hope that true faith will exist
not only for me but also for my children.**

Just as Timothy had the sincere faith that his grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice had,
I hope that the sincere faith that my great-grandmother, grandmother, and father had
is not only for me but also for my children
(2 Timothy 1:5).

True love?

I want to find out how true your love is
(2 Corinthians 8:8).

If we truly know that ‘When I am weak, then I am strong’ ...

If we truly know that ‘When I am weak, then I am strong,’
we would rejoice in being weak, humiliated, poor, persecuted, and suffering for Christ’s sake
(2 Corinthians 12:10).

True church growth?

True church growth is not about having many spiritual children who are caught up in man's deception and cunning temptations and being pushed here and there by the waves of all kinds of teachings, but by becoming one in believing and knowing Jesus Christ, the Son of God, even if it is only a small number, and becoming one in the perfection of Christ. I believe that the number of mature people who reach fullness is gradually increasing (Reference: Ephesians 4:12-14)

We must take good care of real widows.

We must take good care of real widows
who live alone and have no one to rely on,
who put their hope in God
and constantly offer supplication and prayer day and night
(1 Timothy 5:3, 5).

Real widow and fake widow?

A real widow puts her hope in God
and offers ceaseless supplications and prayers day and night,
but a false widow lives in worldly pleasures
and is as good as dead even though she is alive
(1 Timothy 5:5-6).

Deacons, like pastors and elders...

Like pastors and elders,
deacons must be husbands of one wife
and govern their children and their families well
(1 Timothy 3:12).

The deacons

The deacons must not double-tongued, not be addicted to alcohol, not greedy for filthy gain, and have a clear conscience (1 Timothy 3:8-9).

The deacon's wives

Deacons' wives must also be neat, self-controlled, not slandering others, and faithful in all things (1 Timothy 3:11).

There should be no discrimination.

Since we are all one in Christ Jesus, there should be no discrimination (Galatians 3:28).

We must not discriminate.

Just as God does not discriminate based on appearances,
we should not discriminate against people
(Colossians 3:11, 25).

We must persevere and move forward.

By faith, we must endure and persevere
as if we see the invisible God
(Ref.: Hebrews 11:27).

We can see that those have not entered heaven.

We can see that those who left the living God with an evil heart of unbelief
did not enter the promised kingdom of heaven
because they did not believe in the Lord Jesus Christ
(Hebrews 3:12, 19).

The angles

The angels are all serving spirits and are merely workers sent by God to serve us who will be saved in the future (Hebrews 1:14).

We must show thorough patience.

We must show extreme patience because we feel pity for those whom we preach to who commit sins without knowing because they do not believe in Jesus. The reason is that he would later serve as an example to those who would believe in the Lord and receive eternal life (1 Timothy 1:13, 16).

We must move away from elementary teachings and move towards maturity.

We must move away from elementary teachings about Christ and move on to maturity (Hebrews 6:1).

Blessing and Curse?

Those who live by faith are blessed along with Abraham who had faith,
but all who try to be saved by keeping the law are under a curse
(Galatians 3:9-10).

A blessing offering?

You must prepare your offering to God in advance
so that it becomes a blessing and not a forced offering influenced by greed
(2 Corinthians 9:5).

We must be loyal.

We must be faithful to the Lord who sent us into this world.
We must also be faithful to the Lord's church
(Ref.: Hebrews 3:2)

We must become people who are praised ...

We must become people who are praised
in all churches for spreading the gospel
(2 Corinthians 8:18).

I felt great joy and comfort.

I received great joy and comfort
from hearing that the saints were encouraged by your love
(Philemon 1:7).

An amazing spiritual experience that you can be proud of?

We need to stop bragging because amazing spiritual experiences
that can be a source of great pride can cause people to judge us
beyond what they have seen and heard about us
(2 Corinthians 12:5-6).

Be especially careful and do not associate with such a person.

If there is someone among you who does not obey the word of God,
be especially careful and do not associate with such a person.

The purpose of not associating someone you shouldn't associate
is to make that person feel ashamed and give him advice like a brother
(2 Thessalonians 3:14-15).

Abundant grace, abundance of good works!

The purpose of God giving us an abundance of all grace
is so that we can always have abundance in everything
and do many good works (2 Corinthians 9:8).

Abundant grace, abundance of good works!

We must avoid it and stay away from it.

We must avoid foolish arguments, disputes, and strife within the church.

These things are useless and vain.

Anyone who creates divisions should be distanced
from them after one or two warnings

(Titus 3:9-10).

It's such a natural thing in God's eyes.

(Although it is never natural in our eyes)
What is so natural in God's eyes
is that God, who created and preserves all things,
made Jesus, the originator of salvation,
perfect through suffering in order to lead us to glory
(Hebrews 2:10).

A rich man who is beautiful in the eyes of God?

When God has given us abundant grace and made us wealthy, \

we should not be proud or set our hope on perishable riches,
but instead we should put our trust in God
who generously provides everything for us to enjoy.

Therefore, as God has blessed us with rich and overflowing grace,
we should do good deeds, showing kindness to the poor,
sharing with them joyfully, and having deep compassion for others in need.

By doing so, we not only help meet the needs of the saints
but also overflow with thanksgiving to God
(2 Corinthians 9:8-12; 1 Timothy 6:17-18).

Through suffering caused by God the Father's discipline

When we do not repent after committing a sin,
we must realize and feel God the Father's love for us, His children,
through the suffering caused by Heavenly Father's discipline,
so our hearts should melt and repent of our sins
(Ref.: Hebrews 12:6-8).

Those whom God exalts.

Those whom God exalts are Christians
who humble themselves with a humble heart
and regard others as better than themselves
(Philippians 2:3, 8, 9).

The purpose of God's reconciliation with us

God's purpose in reconciling us, through the physical death of Christ,
to us who had left us and were enemies of God in our hearts
because of our evil conduct, was to present us to Himself
as holy, blameless, and blameless
(Colossians 1:21-22).

I pray that God will give you the Holy Spirit of wisdom and revelation.

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,
may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation,
so that you may know him better.

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened
in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you,
the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people,
and his incomparably great power for us who believe. Amen
(Ephesians 1:17-19).

God must allow it ...

Only with God's permission can we continue to grow and reach maturity
(Hebrews 6:1-2).

God has given me the grace to the least among all the saints ...

God has given me the grace to the least among all the saints
and to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ with the power of God working within me.
The purpose of this is to make known to many
the joyful news (gospel) of Christ's abundant blessings,
so that they too may become heirs with us in Christ Jesus,
and partakers with us of the same body,
and recipients together with us of God's promised blessings
(Ref.: Ephesians 3:5-9).

Because God loved us ...

Because God loved us, before he created the world,
he chose us in Christ and predestined us to be children
according to his good pleasure through Jesus Christ.
The purpose is to make us holy and blameless before God.
This is to praise the grace and glory
that God has freely given us in his beloved Son, Jesus Christ
(Ephesians 1:4-6).

God knows our thoughts and intentions of our hearts.

'In-shim-nan-chouk' is said to mean that it's very difficult to know a person's inner thoughts (Internet).
However, the word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart
(Hebrews 4:12).

Because God loved us so much ...

We were dead in our trespasses and sins.
In the past, we followed the evil ways of this world
and obeyed the ruler of the kingdom of the air,
the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.
All of us also lived among them at one time,
gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts.
Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.
But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy,
made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—
it is by grace you have been saved (Ephesians 2:1-5).

In God's time of grace ...

God hears us in the time of grace
and helps us on the day of salvation
(2 Corinthians 6:2).

Those who provoke God

Those who live with unbelieving and evil hearts,
forsaking the living God, refusing to listen to His word with stubbornness,
and persisting in wicked rebellion, constantly falling into the temptation of sin
and committing disobedience, are the ones who provoke God.
God will be angry with them
(Hebrews 3:8, 10, 12, 13, 15-17).

We must be careful not to have anyone leave God.

We must be careful that no one among us harbors an evil heart of unbelief
and turns away from the living God
(Hebrews 3:12).

We must not try and test God.

The Holy Spirit tells us today that if we hear the voice of God,
we should not harden our hearts and test God
(Hebrews 3:7-9).

Men and women who serve God ...

Male believers should not get angry or fight,
but should raise their holy hands and pray wherever they are.

Female believers should not be overly decorated
or adorned with precious metals or expensive clothes,
but should behave modestly and neatly.

Women believers who serve God
must adorn themselves with good deeds
(1 Timothy 2:8-10).

It is abandoning God.

God has called us to live a holy life, not a dirty life.
Therefore, anyone who rejects this teaching is not rejecting people,
but rather rejecting God, who gave us the Holy Spirit
(1 Thessalonians 4:7-8).

God's powerful weapon

Our weapons are God's powerful weapons that can destroy even the devil's stronghold. We must use this weapon to destroy all proud thoughts that oppose the knowledge of God and make people's hearts obey Christ (2 Corinthians 10:4-5).

Saints who are considered worthy of the kingdom of God ...

Saints who are considered worthy of the kingdom of God are growing in faith, so they endure all kinds of persecution and suffering for the kingdom of God and love one another dearly (2 Thessalonians 1:3-5).

Everything is exposed naked before the eyes of God.

We may be able to hide our inner thoughts from people, but we cannot hide anything from God. Everything is exposed naked before the eyes of God. Therefore, we must confess everything to God (Hebrews 4:13).

Saints who please God by living holy lives according to God's will

Saints who please God and live holy lives according to God's will give up sexual immorality and live as married couples with a pure and respectful heart, and never indulge in lust like unbelievers who do not know God (1 Thessalonians 4:1-5).

I pray that God will fill my children with the knowledge of His will.

I pray that God will fill my children with the knowledge of God's will with all spiritual wisdom and understanding (Ref.: Colossians 1:9).

How many believers are in a situation where they have to relearn the basic principles of God's Word?

How many of the saints, who should by now be teachers instructing others in the church about the Bible, are instead in a position where they need to learn the basic principles of God's word all over again? By this time, they should no longer be like infants needing milk, but should be adults who use discernment to continue training, distinguishing between good and evil, and eating solid food (Hebrews 5:12-14).

The man of God ...

God's people avoid the love of money, the greed for money,
and the striving to become rich, and pursue righteousness,
godliness, faith, love, patience, and gentleness
(1 Timothy 6:9-11).

As a son of God and a servant of the Lord, we must be faithful.

As a pastor, I must not only be loyal as the son of God in charge of the Lord's church,
but also as a servant in the Lord's church to testify what God has said
(Ref.: Hebrews 3:5-6).

It is to praise the glory of God.

In accordance with the riches of God's grace,
we have redemption through Christ's blood, the forgiveness of sins.
In Christ, we have become God's people according to His plan,
which He set forth in Christ to be carried out in due time,
fulfilling everything according to His will.
The purpose of this is that we,
who first hoped in Christ, might praise God's glory
(Ephesians 1:7, 11-12).

God's grace?

We must not cheapen God's grace,
but we also must not receive God's grace in vain
(2 Corinthians 6:1).

God's grace ...

God's grace humbles us.
God's grace makes us work harder.
God's grace allows us to confess,
"I did not do it, but the grace of God was with me"
even after doing many things
(1 Corinthians 15:8-10).

A person who has fallen from God's grace.

Christ has liberated us and made us free.
But if you cannot stand firm and return to slavery
and try to be recognized as righteous by keeping the law,
you have already broken off your relationship with Christ
and fallen from God's grace (Gal. 5:1, 4e).

Let us praise God's majesty and eternal power.

Let us praise the glory and eternal power of God,
who is the source of blessings, the only Almighty,
who rules over all kings and lords, who never dies,
who lives in a light that no one can approach,
and who no one has seen or can see
(1 Timothy 6:15-16).

God's true pastors and elders ...

God's true pastors and elders are people who seem to be sad but are always happy.
Although they are poor, they make many rich.
Although they seem to have nothing, they have everything
(2 Corinthians 6:10).

We must receive him like an angel of God or Christ Jesus.

We must not look down on or abandon the servants of the Lord
who spread the gospel of Jesus Christ even in the midst of physical illness,
but welcome them as if they were angels of God or Christ Jesus
(Galatians 3:13-14).

God's great salvation

God's great salvation was first spoken by the Lord,
and those who heard it confirmed it to us.

God also testified to it by signs, wonders, various miracles,
and gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will
(Hebrews 2:3-4).

Just as God forgave us in Christ ...

Just as God forgave us in Christ,
we must also forgive one another
(Ephesians 4:32).

We must grow as God wants us to.

The church, which is the body of the Lord, must be connected to each other
through each joint and tendon through the Lord, who is the head of the church,
receive nourishment, and grow as God wants
(Colossians 2:19).

**Heaven and earth will change, wear out,
and pass away like clothes, but ...**

Heaven and earth will change, wear out, and pass away like clothes,
but the Lord remains the same and will live forever
(Hebrews 1:11-12).

We pray to God, our Abba Father, who is in heaven.

I pray to our Father God who is in heaven.
May the Father of glorious grace strengthen your inner being through the Holy Spirit,
so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.
I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,
may have the power 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's abundant grace
(Ephesians 3:15-18).

We will have a glorious body like Christ who came from heaven.

Although we now have a human body made of dust,
when the Lord returns to this world,
we in heaven will have a glorious body like Christ from heaven
(1 Corinthians 15:48-49; Philippians 3 :21).

Heavenly jerusalem

In the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God,
there is God, the Judge of all, and the spirits of righteous people
who have been made perfect
(Hebrews 12:22-23).

How much more so if God, the Father of our spirits, loves us and disciplines us.

If we respect our physical father even though he disciplines us,
how much more so if God, the Father of our spirit, loves us and disciplines us,
shouldn't we live in obedience to God the Father even more?
(Hebrews 12:9)

How much more must we learn obedience through many different hardships!

If Jesus, the Son of God, learned obedience through many hardships,
how much more must we learn obedience through many hardships!
(Hebrews 5:8)

Through one man, Jesus Christ, the last Adam ...

Just as death came through the sin of one man, Adam, and all people died,
so through one man, Jesus Christ, the last Adam, came the resurrection of the dead,
and in Christ all people will live again
(1 Corinthians 15:21-22).

A fragrant offering

The gift of what is needed to the Lord's servant
is a fragrant offering that God will be pleased to receive
(Philippians 4:16-18).

It's like speaking into the air.

If you speak in a tongue that is not easily understood
but in words that are indistinguishable, who will understand what you are saying?
It will be as if you are speaking into the air
(1 Corinthians 14:9, 11).

Good works of giving and helping the poor

Due to the abundant and overflowing grace that God gives,
the righteous actions of giving offerings to God with a joyful heart
and generously devoting oneself to good works to relieve the poor will remain forever
(2 Corinthians 9:7-9).

Even seemingly impossible situations like the Red Sea

By faith, we must cross seemingly impossible situations,
such as the Red Sea, as if walking on land
(Ref.: Hebrews 11:29).

An opportunity to repent

There does not always seem to be an opportunity to repent
(Ref.: Hebrews 12:17).

To learn to repay parents through filial piety.

It is pleasing to God to have children or grandchildren first learn to repay their parents by being filial at home (1 Timothy 5:4).

The blood of Christ, who offered himself without blemish to God ...

The blood of Christ, who offered himself without blemish to God through the eternal Holy Spirit, purified our conscience from actions that lead to death, allowing us to serve the living God (Hebrews 9:14).

As a flawless child of God, we must shine like stars in the sky by living cleanly and purely.

As children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, we are to shine like stars in the sky by living pure and blameless lives. To achieve this, we must act voluntarily according to the good purpose that God is working within us, without complaining or arguing about anything (Philippians 2:13-15).

Blameless, clean and pure children of God

God's children who are blameless, clean, and pure
shine like stars in the sky by revealing the word of life
(Philippians 2:15-16).