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1 Tim. 5:17-The elders who rule well are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who **work hard** at preaching and teaching.

2 Tim. 2:15-Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a **workman** who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

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John 21:15-17-¹⁵ So when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, *son* of John, do you love Me more than these?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “**Tend My lambs.**” ¹⁶ He said to him again a second time, “Simon, *son* of John, do you love Me?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “**Shepherd My sheep.**” ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, “Simon, *son* of John, do you love Me?” Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “Do you love Me?” And

he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.” Jesus said to him, “**Tend My sheep.**”

Acts 20:28-Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among **which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers**, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

Heb. 13:7-Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith.

Heb. 13:17-**Obey your leaders and submit to them**, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.

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Gal. 5:22-23-²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, **patience**, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

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Rom. 12:19-21-¹⁹ Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath *of God*, for it is written, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord. ²⁰ “But if your enemy is hungry, feed him, and if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Philip. 2:3-4-³ Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; ⁴ do not *merely* look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

Gal. 6:10-So then, while we have opportunity, **let us do good to all people**, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.

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Philip. 4:4-Rejoice in the Lord **always**; again I will say, rejoice!

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1 Thess. 2:9-For you recall, brethren, our labor and hardship, *how* **working night and day** so as not to be a burden to any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.

2 Thess. 3:8-nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with labor and hardship we *kept* **working night and day** so that we would not be a burden to any of you

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1 Thess. 4:3-For this is **the will of God**, your sanctification; *that is*, that you abstain from sexual immorality.

Eph. 5:20-always **giving thanks for all things** in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father.

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Eph. 4:30-**Do not grieve the Holy Spirit** of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

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1 Cor. 14:29-Let two or three prophets speak, and **let the others pass judgment.**

Deut. 13:1-5-¹ If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you and gives you a sign or a wonder, ² and the sign or the wonder comes true, concerning which he spoke to you, saying, 'Let us go

after other gods (whom you have not known) and let us serve them,' ³ you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams; for the Lord your God is testing you to find out if you love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. ⁴ You shall follow the Lord your God and fear Him; and you shall keep His commandments, listen to His voice, serve Him, and cling to Him. ⁵ But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has counseled rebellion against the Lord your God who brought you from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, to seduce you from the way in which the Lord your God commanded you to walk. So you shall purge the evil from among you.

Rev. 2:2-I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot tolerate evil men, and you put to the **test** those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them *to be-false*.

Num. 23:19-“**God is not a man, that He should lie**, Nor a son of man, that He should repent; Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?

Titus 1:2-in the hope of eternal life, which **God, who cannot lie**, promised long ages ago.

Heb. 6:18-so that by two unchangeable things in which it is **impossible for God to lie**, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us.

“This verse does not subject Christians to abstain from every interpretation of evil as given by others. Rather, it is calling believers to abstain from what actually is evil.”

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

John 14:27-Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

Philip. 4:6-7-⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

John 12:27-Now My soul has become troubled; and what shall I say, ‘Father, save Me from this hour’?

John 13:21-When Jesus had said this, He became troubled in spirit, and testified and said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, that one of you will betray Me.”

John 3:3-5-³ Jesus answered and said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴ Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born, can he?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you,

unless one is **born of water and the Spirit** he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Titus 3:5-He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of **regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit**.

1 John 2:28-Now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not **shrink away from Him in shame** at His coming.

1 John 3:2-3-² Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. ³ And everyone who has this hope *fixed* on Him **purifies himself**, just as He is pure.

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Philip. 1:6-*For I am confident* of this very thing, that **He who began a good work in you will perfect it** until the day of Christ Jesus.

Gal. 5:16-But I say, **walk by the Spirit**, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

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Eph. 6:18-¹⁸With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints. ¹⁹and **pray on my behalf**, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel.

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Rom. 16:16-Greet one another with a **holy kiss**. All the churches of Christ greet you.

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Rom. 16:20-The **God of peace** will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

2 Pet. 3:18-but **grow in the grace and knowledge** of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him *be* the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.