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Matt. 28:18-20-¹⁸ And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make **disciples** of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Acts 11:26-and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. And for an entire year they met with the church and taught considerable numbers; and the disciples were first called **Christians** in Antioch.

Deut. 14:29-The Levite, because he has no portion or inheritance among you, and the alien, the orphan and the **widow** who are in your town, shall come and eat and be satisfied, in order that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hand which you do.

Deut. 24:19-When you reap your harvest in your field and have forgotten a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be for the alien, for the orphan, and for the **widow**, in order that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands.

Deut. 26:12-When you have finished paying all the tithe of your increase in the third year, the year of tithing, then you shall give it to the Levite, to the stranger, to the orphan and to the **widow**, that they may eat in your towns and be satisfied.

Mark 12:38-40-³⁸ In His teaching He was saying: “Beware of the scribes who like to walk around in long robes, and *like* respectful greetings in the market places, ³⁹ and chief seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets, ⁴⁰ who devour **widows**’ houses, and

for appearance's sake offer long prayers; these will receive greater condemnation.”

Jas. 1:27-Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of *our* God and Father is this: to visit orphans and **widows** in their distress, *and* to keep oneself unstained by the world.

1 Tim. 5:3-16-³Honor widows who are widows indeed; ⁴but if any **widow** has children or grandchildren, they must first learn to practice piety in regard to their own family and to make some return to their parents; for this is acceptable in the sight of God. ⁵Now she who is a widow indeed and who has been left alone, has fixed her hope on God and continues in entreaties and prayers night and day. ⁶But she who gives herself to wanton pleasure is dead even while she lives. ⁷Prescribe these things as well, so that they may be above reproach. ⁸But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. ⁹A widow is to be put on the list only if she is not less than sixty years old, *having been* the wife of one man, ¹⁰having a reputation for good works; *and* if she has brought up children, if she has shown hospitality to strangers, if she has washed the saints' feet, if she has assisted those in distress, *and* if she has devoted herself to every good work. ¹¹But refuse *to put* younger widows *on the list*, for when they feel sensual desires in disregard of Christ, they want to get married, ¹²*thus* incurring condemnation, because they have set aside their previous pledge. ¹³At the same time they also learn *to be* idle, as they go around from house to house; and not merely idle, but also gossips and busybodies, talking about things not proper *to mention*. ¹⁴Therefore, I want younger *widows* to get married, bear children, keep house, *and* give the enemy no occasion for reproach; ¹⁵for some have already turned aside to follow Satan. ¹⁶If any woman who is a believer has *dependent* widows, she must assist

them and the church must not be burdened, so that it may assist those who are widows indeed.

Acts 2:43-45-⁴³ Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ and they *began* selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have **need**.

Acts 4:32-35-³² And the congregation of those who believed were of one heart and soul; and not one *of them* claimed that anything belonging to him was his own, but all things were common property to them. ³³ And with great power the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and abundant grace was upon them all. ³⁴ For there was not a needy person among them, for all who were owners of land or houses would sell them and bring the proceeds of the sales ³⁵ and lay them at the apostles' feet, and they would be distributed to each as any had **need**.

1 Tim. 5:11-But refuse to *put* younger **widows on the list**, for when they feel sensual desires in disregard of Christ, they want to get married.

Acts 2:42-They were continually devoting themselves to the **apostles' teaching** and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

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Acts 20:17-From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the **elders** of the church.

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.

1 Tim. 4:14-Do not neglect the spiritual gift within you, which was bestowed on you through prophetic utterance with the laying on of hands by the **presbytery**.

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.

Titus 1:5-For this reason I left you in Crete, that you would set in order what remains and appoint **elders** in every city as I directed you.

1 Tim. 5:17-18-¹⁷ The elders who rule well are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at **preaching and teaching**.¹⁸ For the Scripture says, “You shall not muzzle the ox while he is threshing,” and “The laborer is worthy of his wages.”

Ezra 7:10-For Ezra had set his heart to **study the law** of the Lord and to **practice** it, and to **teach** His statutes and ordinances in Israel.

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1 Tim. 3:12-**Deacons** must be husbands of only one wife, and good managers of their children and their own households.

1 Tim. 3:11-**Women** must likewise be dignified, not malicious gossips, but temperate, faithful in all things.

1 Tim. 3:7-And he must have a good **reputation** with those outside the church, so that he will not fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

1 Tim. 3:9-but **holding to the mystery of the faith** with a clear conscience.

Titus 1:5-For this reason I left you in Crete, that you would set in order what remains and appoint **elders** in every city as I directed you.

Titus 1:9-holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, so that he will be able **both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.**

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Exod. 18:13-27-¹³ It came about the next day that Moses sat to judge the people, and the people stood about Moses from the morning until the evening.¹⁴ Now when Moses' father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, "What is this thing that you are doing for the people? Why do you alone sit as judge and all the people stand about you from morning until evening?"¹⁵ Moses said to his father-in-law, "Because the people come to me to inquire of God.¹⁶ When they have a dispute, it comes to me, and I judge between a man and his neighbor and make known the statutes of God and His laws."¹⁷ Moses' father-in-law said to him, "The thing that you are doing is not good.¹⁸ You will surely wear out, both yourself and these people who are with you, for the task is too heavy for you; you cannot do it alone.¹⁹ Now listen to me: I will give you counsel, and God be with you. You be the people's representative before God, and you bring the disputes to God,²⁰ then teach them the statutes and the laws, and make known to them the way in which they are to walk and the work they are to do.²¹ Furthermore, you shall select out of all the people able men who fear God, men of truth, those who hate dishonest gain; and you shall place these over them as leaders of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties and of tens.²² Let them judge the people at all times; and let it be that every major dispute they will

bring to you, but every minor dispute they themselves will judge. So it will be easier for you, and they will bear the burden with you. ²³ If you do this thing and God so commands you, then you will be able to endure, and all these people also will go to their place in peace.” ²⁴ So Moses listened to his father-in-law and did all that he had said. ²⁵ Moses chose able men out of all Israel and made them heads over the people, leaders of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties and of tens. ²⁶ They judged the people at all times; the difficult dispute they would bring to Moses, but every minor dispute they themselves would judge. ²⁷ Then Moses bade his father-in-law farewell, and he went his way into his own land.

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Heb. 11:6-And without **faith** it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must **believe** that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

Acts 5:3-But Peter said, “Ananias, why has **Satan filled your heart** to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back some of the price of the land?

Rev. 2:6-Yet this you do have, that you hate the deeds of the **Nicolaitans**, which I also hate.

Rev. 2:15-So you also have some who in the same way hold the teaching of the **Nicolaitans**.

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Num. 27:22-23-²² Moses did just as the Lord commanded him; and he took Joshua and set him before Eleazar the priest and before all the congregation. ²³ Then he **laid his hands on him** and commissioned him, just as the Lord had spoken through Moses.

1 Tim. 4:14-Do not neglect the spiritual gift within you, which was bestowed on you through prophetic utterance with the **laying on of hands** by the presbytery.

1 Tim. 5:22-Do not **lay hands** upon anyone too hastily and thereby share responsibility for the sins of others; keep yourself free from sin.

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Isa. 55:10-11-¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, And do not return there without watering the earth And making it bear and sprout, And furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater; ¹¹ So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; **It will not return to Me empty**, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.

Jer. 23:29- “Is not My **word like fire?**” declares the Lord, “and like a **hammer** which shatters a rock?”

Heb. 4:12-For the **word** of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

2 Tim. 4:2-preach the **word**; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.

Rom. 10:17-So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the **word** of Christ.

2 Tim. 3:15-and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the **wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.**

1 Pet. 1:23-for you have been **born again** not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring **word** of God.

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Mark 13:11-When they arrest you and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour; for it is not you who speak, but it is the **Holy Spirit**.

Matt. 22:46-No one was able to answer Him a word, nor did anyone dare from that day on to ask Him another question.

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Matt. 26:60-61-⁶⁰ They did not find any, even though many false witnesses came forward. But later on two came forward, ⁶¹ and said, “This man stated, ‘I am able to **destroy the temple** of God and to rebuild it in three days.’”

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Matt. 5:17-Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill.