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Prov. 4:23-Watch over your **heart** with all diligence, for from it *flow* the springs of life.

1 John 4:8-The one who does not love does not know God, for **God is love.**

Eph. 3:16-18-¹⁶ that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your **hearts** through faith; *and* that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is **the breadth and length and height and depth.** ¹⁹ **and to know the love of Christ** which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.

Matt. 28:20-teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, **I am with you always, even to the end of the age.**

Heb. 13:5-6-⁵ *Make sure that* your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, **“I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you,”** ⁶ so that we confidently say, “The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. What will man do to me?”

Heb. 13:8-Jesus Christ *is* the **same** yesterday and today and forever.

Prov. 18:24-A man of too many friends comes to ruin, but there is **a friend who sticks closer than a brother.**

Dan. 3:24-25-²⁴ Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astounded and stood up in haste; he said to his high officials, “Was it not three men we cast bound into the midst of the fire?” They replied to the king, “Certainly, O king.” ²⁵ He said, “Look! I see four men

loosed and walking about in the midst of the fire without harm, and **the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods!**”

Isa. 43:2-When you pass through the waters, **I will be with you**; And through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, nor will the flame burn you.

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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John 14:26-But **the Helper, the Holy Spirit**, whom the Father will send in My name, He will **teach** you all things, and bring to your **remembrance** all that I said to you.

John 16:12-13-¹² **“I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.”** ¹³ But when He, **the Spirit of truth, comes**, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you **what is to come**.

2 Thess. 2:15-So then, brethren, stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught, whether by word *of mouth* or by letter from **us**.

1 Thess. 2:13-For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the **word of God which you heard from us**, you accepted *it* not *as* the word of men, but *for* what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.

1 Cor. 7:10-But to the married I give instructions, **not I, but the Lord**, that the wife should not leave her husband.

1 Cor. 7:12-But to the rest **I say, not the Lord**, that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he must not divorce her.

Rom. 9:3 -For I could wish that I myself were accursed, *separated* from Christ for the sake of my **brethren**, my kinsmen according to the flesh.

1 Thess. 1:9-For they themselves report about us what kind of a reception we had with you, and how **you turned to God from idols** to serve a living and true God.

Acts 4:12- And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other **name** under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.

2 Tim. 3:5-holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; **Avoid such men as these.**

Rom. 16:17 (KJV)-Now I beseech you, brethren, **mark** them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and **avoid** them.

Matt. 18:15-17- ¹⁵“If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen *to you*, take one or two more with you, so that BY THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY FACT MAY BE CONFIRMED. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

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1 Tim. 4:7-16-12 imperatives (4:7-16)

- a) Refuse fables (4:7a)
- b) Discipline yourself in godliness (4:7b-10)
- c) Prescribe these things (4:11a)
- d) Teach these things (4:11b)
- e) Let no man despise your youth (4:12a)
- f) Be an example (4:12b)
- g) Give attendance to public teaching of Scripture (4:13)
- h) Neglect not your gift (4:14)
- i) Meditate on these things (4:15a)
- j) Give yourself wholly to these things (4:15b)
- k) Take heed of yourself (4:16a)
- l) Continue in these things (4:16b)

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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.

Acts 18:3-and because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and they were working, for by trade they were **tent-makers**.

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1 Cor. 9:4-18-⁴Do we not have a right to eat and drink? ⁵Do we not have a right to take along a believing wife, even as the rest of the apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? ⁶Or do only Barnabas and I not have a right to refrain from working? ⁷Who at any time serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a

vineyard and does not eat the fruit of it? Or who tends a flock and does not use the milk of the flock?

⁸ I am not speaking these things according to human judgment, am I? Or does not the Law also say these things? ⁹ For it is written in the Law of Moses, “YOU SHALL NOT MUZZLE THE OX WHILE HE IS THRESHING.” God is not concerned about oxen, is He? ¹⁰ Or is He speaking altogether for our sake? Yes, for our sake it was written, because the plowman ought to plow in hope, and the thresher *to thresh* in hope of sharing *the crops*. ¹¹ If we sowed spiritual things in you, is it too much if we reap material things from you? ¹² If others share the right over you, do we not more? Nevertheless, we did not use this right, but we endure all things so that we will cause no hindrance to the gospel of Christ. ¹³ Do you not know that those who perform sacred services eat the *food* of the temple, *and* those who attend regularly to the altar have their share from the altar? ¹⁴ So also the Lord directed those who proclaim the gospel to get their living from the gospel.

¹⁵ But I have used none of these things. And I am not writing these things so that it will be done so in my case; for it would be better for me to die than have any man make my boast an empty one. ¹⁶ For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for I am under compulsion; **for woe is me if I do not preach the gospel.** ¹⁷ For if I do this voluntarily, I have a reward; but if against my will, I have a stewardship entrusted to me. ¹⁸ What then is my reward? That, when I preach the gospel, I may offer the gospel without charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

Jer. 20:9-But if I say, “I will not remember Him Or speak anymore in His name,” Then in my heart it becomes **like a burning fire Shut up in my bones**; And I am weary of holding it in, And I cannot endure it.

Gal. 6:6-The one who is taught the word is to **share all good things** with the one who teaches *him*.

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.”

Luke 10:7-**Stay in that house, eating and drinking what they give you; for the laborer is worthy of his wages.** Do not keep moving from house to house.

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1 Thess. 4:11-and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life and attend to your own business and work with your hands, just as we commanded you.

1 Tim. 5:8-But 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.

Nathaniel Philbrick: "The fall of 1623 marked the end of Plymouth's debilitating food shortages. For the last two planting seasons, the Pilgrims had grown crops communally—the approach first used at Jamestown and other English settlements. But as the disastrous harvest of the previous fall had shown, something drastic needed to be done to increase the annual yield. In April, Bradford had decided that each household should be assigned its own plot to cultivate, with the understanding that each family kept whatever it grew. The change in attitude was stunning. Families were now willing to work much harder than they had ever worked before. In previous years, the men had tended the fields while the women tended the

children at home. “The women now went willingly into the field,” Bradford wrote, “and took their little ones with them to set corn.” The Pilgrims had stumbled on the power of capitalism. Although the fortunes of the colony still teetered precariously in the years ahead, the inhabitants never again starved." **Nathaniel Philbrick, *Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community, and War* (New York: Penguin Books, 2007, paperback edition), page 165.**

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1 Tim. 5:13-At 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*.

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Matt. 13:55-Is not this the **carpenter's son**? Is not His mother called Mary, and His brothers, James and Joseph and Simon and Judas?

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1 Cor. 5:5-*I have decided* to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of his flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

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Philip. 3:18-For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are enemies* of the cross of Christ

Matt. 13:25-But while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went away

Matt. 13:28-And he said to them, ‘An enemy has done this!’ The slaves said to him, ‘Do you want us, then, to go and gather them up?’

1 Thess. 5:14-We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone.

2 Cor. 2:6-8-⁶ Sufficient for such a one is this punishment which *was inflicted* by the majority, ⁷ so that on the contrary you should rather forgive and comfort *him*, otherwise such a one might be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. ⁸ Wherefore I urge you to reaffirm *your* love for him.