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Acts 9:30-But when the brethren learned *of it*, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him away to **Tarsus**.

Luke 2:44-45-⁴⁴ but supposed Him to be in the caravan, and went a day's journey; and **they began looking for Him** among their relatives and acquaintances. ⁴⁵ When they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem **looking** for Him.

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Matt. 28:19-20-¹⁹ 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 26:28-Agrippa *replied* to Paul, "In a short time you will persuade me to become a **Christian**."

1 Pet. 4:16-but if *anyone suffers* as a **Christian**, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name.

Acts 9:2-and asked for letters from him to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to **the Way**, both men and women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

Acts 19:9-But when some were becoming hardened and disobedient, speaking evil of **the Way** before the people, he withdrew from them and took away the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus.

Acts 19:23-About that time there occurred no small disturbance concerning **the Way**.

Acts 22:4-I persecuted **this Way** to the death, binding and putting both men and women into prisons

Acts 24:14-But this I admit to you, that according to **the Way** which they call a sect I do serve the God of our fathers, believing everything that is in accordance with the Law and that is written in the Prophets

Acts 24:22-But Felix, having a more exact knowledge about **the Way**, put them off, saying, “When Lysias the commander comes down, I will decide your case.”

Isa. 40:3-A voice is calling, “Clear **the way** for the Lord in the wilderness; Make smooth in the desert a highway for our God.”

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Gal. 3:28- There is **neither Jew nor Greek**, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Eph. 2:14- For He Himself is our peace, who made both *groups into* one and **broke down the barrier** of the dividing wall.

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Deut. 13:1-5-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. ⁴You 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. ⁵But 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.

Deut. 18:21-22-²¹ You may say in your heart, ‘How will we know the word which the Lord has not spoken?’ ²² When a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the thing **does not come about or come true**, that is the thing which the Lord has not spoken. The prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.

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.

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2 Cor. 8:14-at this present time your **abundance being a supply for their need**, so that their **abundance also may become a supply for your need**, that there may be equality.

Eph. 4:28-He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, **so that he will have something to share with one who has need.**

Rom. 15:25-27-²⁵ but now, I am going to Jerusalem serving the saints. ²⁶ For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make a contribution for the poor among the saints in Jerusalem. ²⁷ Yes, they were pleased *to do so*, and they are indebted to them. **For if the Gentiles have shared in their spiritual things, they are indebted to minister to them also in material things.**

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1 Tim. 3:8-Deacons likewise *must be* men of dignity, **not** double-tongued, or addicted to much wine or **fond of sordid gain.**

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

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. 4:14 (NKJV)-Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the **eldership.**

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.

1 Tim. 5:19-Do not receive an accusation against an **elder** except on the basis of two or three witnesses.

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 Peter 5:1-4-Therefore, I exhort the **elders** among you, as *your* fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed,² shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to *the will of God*; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness;³ nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock.⁴ And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

Acts 6:1-7-Now at this time while the disciples were increasing *in number*, a complaint arose on the part of the Hellenistic *Jews* against the *native* Hebrews, because their widows were being overlooked in the daily serving of *food*.² So **the twelve** summoned the congregation of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable for us to neglect the word of God in order to serve tables."³ Therefore, brethren, select from among you **seven men** of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this task.⁴ But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."⁵ The statement found approval with the whole congregation; and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch.⁶ And these they brought before **the apostles**; and after praying, they laid

their hands on them. ⁷The word of God kept on spreading; and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were becoming obedient to the faith.