

31 DAY

MARRIAGE DEVOTIONAL

A photograph of a man and a woman sitting on a couch. The man is on the left, wearing a dark suit jacket over a white shirt, and is smiling broadly. The woman is on the right, with long, wavy reddish-brown hair, wearing a black top with a striped pattern, and is also smiling. They are both looking towards the camera.

Daily devotions to bring you closer to
your spouse and closer to God

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NOTE TO READER

THANK YOU for investing time into building your faith and building your marriage. We're honored to be on this journey with you and we're praying for you and cheering you on as you spend the next month completing these daily devotions and applying these principles to your marriage. We hope this resource will enrich your faith and strengthen your relationship with your spouse. If this devotional encourages you, please feel free to share it with others so we can encourage other marriages as well! God bless.

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As you begin this journey, please take a moment to say a prayer for your husband or wife. We encourage you to pray your own version of these prayers daily as part of the *31 Day Marriage Devotional*.

A Prayer for My Husband

Dear Lord,

Thank you for my husband. He is an amazing partner and blessing in my life. He is more than I could ever ask for. I know that neither one of us is perfect, but we are perfectly imperfect together.

Lord, help my husband thrive in his job and to gain great fulfillment in his work. Help him to inspire others with his work ethic and positive attitude.

Lord, let him see the fruits of his labor, and in lean times, help him to remember that You are still in control. Give him a hunger for Your Word, Lord. May he be a light to our family and to others.

Remind him that only You define him; his purpose comes from You...not his work, hobbies, or even me, Lord. Help him to prioritize his life according to Your will...God, family, and then everything else.

Let there be joy in our hearts and our home. Give us a rock-solid marriage built on a firm foundation of faith and forgiveness.

Let our love be a testimony of the tremendous love and grace You have for us.

Help us to work as a team in parenting our children. Let us speak kindly to one another and our children. Help us to teach them Your ways and to see this manifested in our own lives. Lord, we so desire

our marriage to be one that makes our kids want to get married some day.

I pray that we always make time for each other every single day. When my husband feels disconnected, Lord, give him the courage to come to me and share his heart. Let truth and trust flow through our marriage and home.

Help him to flee temptation. Convict his heart when he is wrong, so we can get back on the right path. May my husband only have eyes for me alone, and I only have eyes for him alone. Lord, give us a close, honest, loving, and vibrant intimacy that keeps us tightly intertwined in mind, body, and soul.

May there be nothing between us; no people, lies, or things left unsaid. I thank you for bringing us together, and I pray a special blessing on his life and our life together. Help me to be the very best wife I can be to him, Lord.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

A Prayer for My Wife

Lord,

THANK YOU for sending me such an incredible partner, best friend and wife. Next to your grace, her love is the greatest gift in my life. Please never let me take her for granted. Help me to love, cherish, respect, adore, and protect her the way that she deserves. I know she's not only my wife...She's YOUR daughter, and you've trusted me to be her husband. Please help me to love her the way that you love her; being willing to lay down my life for her the way you have done for us.

Father, we live in a world where your daughters are being objectified and used as images for lust and selfish gratification. Please help me keep my eyes and my heart pure in a world of sin and exploitation. Help me have eyes only for my wife. Give her the confidence to know that she'll never have to compete for my attention against an airbrushed image of another woman. Let her know that I'm now and always captivated by her inner beauty and by her outer beauty as well.

Please keep her away from the "Comparison Trap" that would tempt shatter her confidence and replace it with insecurity. Help her know she doesn't need to compare her life or her accomplishments to anyone else's because your plan for her is masterfully unique. Help me to be her biggest encourager and never her biggest critic. Give me the words to say when she needs

encouragement and give me the wisdom to know when to shut up and be quiet when she just needs me to listen.

Help me to support her dreams and passions to propel her to achieving all you have for her. For all she will achieve, please don't let her fall into the trap of believing her identity is wrapped up in achievements (or failures), but her identity is secured in your love for her. Never let her lose sight of the fact that she's eternally loved by you and let her find strength in my love for her as well.

Fill her heart with joy. Let laughter fill the soundtrack of our life together. Even in the difficult seasons, help us choose joy as we're reminded that our struggles are temporary, but because of you Lord, our joy will be eternal. Help me be strong for her on the days she's feeling weak, and help her be strong for me on the days I'm feeling weak, and Lord, please give us both strength for all that's ahead. Help us to NEVER lose faith in you or give up on each other.

Thank you, Lord, for my amazing wife! She's a priceless gift to be treasured, and I pray that you'd help me to be a gift to her as well. Please give me the wisdom, courage and strength to be the best husband I can be today and everyday.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Day 1

A perfect marriage is just two imperfect people who refuse to give up on each other.

Love is not a feeling; love is a commitment. Our world has redefined love to be nothing more than a fickle feeling that comes and goes. Based on this hollow definition of love, married couples often call it quits simply because they've "fallen out of love" or "don't feel the same way they used to feel." Resist the temptation to base your marriage on your feelings. Build your marriage on a rock-solid commitment and your feelings will usually have a way of catching up.

"Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance."

1 CORINTHIANS 13:7 (NLT)

Question for reflection:

How am I communicating my love and commitment to my spouse every day?

Day 2

Be an encourager; the world has plenty of critics already.

Choose to be your spouse's biggest encourager; not his/her biggest critic. Choose to be the person who wipes away their tears; not the one who causes them. Choose to become a cheerleader for your spouse's strengths instead of always pointing out his/her weaknesses. Encouragement is a simple-but-powerful tool to bring fuel to your marriage and joy to your spouse.

“Worry weighs a person down; an encouraging word cheers a person up.”

PROVERBS 12:25 (NLT)

Question for reflection:

Through both my words and my actions, how can I be a better encourager to my spouse?

Day 3

Secrecy is an enemy of intimacy.

Trust is the foundation of marriage and trust requires honesty and transparency. When God created the first married couple, they were naked and that nakedness isn't just a picture of physical intimacy; it's a picture of total transparency in all aspects of the marriage. Nakedness vividly conveys the message, "I have nothing to hide from you." If you desire total trust and transparency in all aspects of your relationship, confess your secrets and get vulnerable and "naked" in all aspects of your marriage.

"And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed."

GENESIS 2:25 (ESV)

Question for reflection:

In what ways am I not being completely honest, transparent, vulnerable and "naked" with my spouse?

Day 4

Marriage means being there for each other no matter what!

A strong marriage rarely has two strong people at the time. It requires a husband and wife taking turns being strong for each other in those moments when the other feels weak. Your spouse should never have to face any obstacle without your full partnership, encouragement and support. You might not always be able to offer the perfect answer or the perfect solution, but simply by offering yourself and your support you can create a perfect opportunity for growth in your relationship.

“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”

GALATIANS 6:2 (NIV)

Question for reflection:

Does my spouse know that I will be there for him/her no matter what?

Day 5

Don't just be physically monogamous; be mentally monogamous too.

In our world we are constantly bombarded with lust-fueled images that objectify people, cheapen the sacred gift of sex and tempt our minds to wander into dangerous and sinful fantasies. Jesus taught that to look at someone lustfully is to commit an act of infidelity. Resist the urge to let your eyes or your thoughts travel to places that could pull you away from your spouse. Lust views people as objects to be used; love views people as souls to be cherished.

“I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”

MATTHEW 5:28 (NIV)

Question for reflection:

Are my thoughts honoring God and honoring my spouse or are my thoughts harming my marriage?

Day 6

Never stop flirting with your spouse and never start flirting with anyone else!

Flirtation is an act meant to bring a romantic connection between two people. Within marriage, there are daily opportunities to make these connections through touching, talking and a myriad of other ways.

There are also opportunities throughout the day to create these moments with people other than your spouse. Be very careful to keep your flirtation focused on your spouse alone and to always remain captivated by his/her love.

“You have captured my heart, my treasure, my bride. You hold it hostage with one glance of your eyes, with a single jewel of your necklace.”

SONG OF SOLOMON 4:9 (NLT)

Question for reflection:

Do my words to my spouse clearly communicate that I love him/her now more than ever?

Day 7

Your habits will shape your marriage, so keep the right habits and quit unhealthy habits.

Keep being thoughtful. Keep writing love notes. Keep doing the things you did at the beginning of the relationship and adding new marriage- building habits to the old ones. Don't let your marriage get on autopilot, because anything left on autopilot will eventually crash! Remember that consistency is the most powerful force in a marriage. Make sure you are consistently doing the right things.

“So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.”

GALATIANS 6:9 (NLT)

Question for reflection:

Which habits do I need to keep and which ones do I need to quit?

Day 8

Treat your spouse like a priority; not like an interruption.

Never take your spouse for granted. Make sure he/she knows that you value your marriage more than any other part of your schedule. You can show your spouse the place of priority he/she always holds in your heart by simply answering the phone whenever he/she calls, always being thoughtful, and remembering that you're never too busy to be thoughtful and respectful to each other.

“Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.”

ROMANS 12:10 (NIV)

Question for reflection:

Do my words and my actions consistently communicate that my spouse is a top priority?

Day 9

Celebrate together in the good times and lean on each other in the hard times.

Marriage is “for better or for worse.” Your marriage will experience both extremes. When your spouse is happy, you should be the first to share in the celebration. When your spouse is sad or even heartbroken, you should be there for support. In those moments of pain your spouse won’t need you to cheer them up or to offer advice. Simply be there.

Hold each other. Pray together. Cry together. These moments of shared pain will become some of your most intimate shared memories.

“Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep.”

ROMANS 12:15 (NLT)

Question for reflection:

How can I better celebrate with my spouse in good times and better support my spouse in difficult times?

Day 10

The little things in marriage can make a big difference!

Small acts of thoughtfulness done with great consistency can make a massive positive impact in a marriage. Conversely, seemingly-small negative actions or habits can erode intimacy and eventually stifle a marriage altogether. Watch out for those “little foxes” that seem relatively harmless. Don’t let them weasel their way into your home. Protect your marriage from negative thoughts, negative influences, negative habits or negativity in any size or form.

“Catch all the foxes, those little foxes, before they ruin the vineyard of love, for the grapevines are blossoming!”

SONG OF SOLOMON 2:15 (NLT)

Question for reflection:

What are the “little foxes” that are stealthily causing damage in our marriage and how can we get rid of them?

Day 11

The happiest couples are a little “weird,” because they’ve learned that “normal” isn’t working.

What our world calls “normal” when it comes to marriage is actually unhealthy. When we look around at our culture, it’s apparently normal for a couple to be unhappy, disconnected and eventually divorced. If you want your marriage to be healthy and happy, you must be countercultural at times. Be willing to do things others don’t seem willing to do. Base your value system on God’s timeless truths instead of the world’s fickle trends.

“Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.”

ROMANS 12:2A (NLT)

Question for reflection:

What habits to healthy couples embody that stand out as different or maybe even “weird”?

Day 12

Let laughter fill the soundtrack of your marriage!

Even in seasons of struggles and pain, strong couples make it a priority to laugh together. They've learned that while they won't always "feel" happy, they can always have a joy that transcends the circumstances.

Choosing to laugh together isn't being blind towards the difficulties. Rather, it's a faith-filled declaration that, "We will get through this! Nothing can steal our joy. Because of Christ, all our pain is temporary and all our joy will be eternal!"

"Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice!"

PHILIPPIANS 4:4 (NLT)

Question for reflection:

Do we laugh because of temporary circumstances or because of permanent joy?

Day 13

Thoughtfulness is a source of fuel that keeps a marriage going strong.

You don't need a lot of money or any special set of skills to be thoughtful and considerate towards each other. Don't let selfishness or pride distract you from consistently putting the needs of your spouse ahead of your own. When a marriage has both spouses intentionally being considerate and showing thoughtfulness to each other, the marriage will thrive. Make sure your spouse knows that he/she is always on your mind.

“Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do.”

PHILIPPIANS 4:5A (NLT)

Question for reflection:

Am I consistently thoughtful and considerate towards my spouse?

Day 14

A strong marriage requires two people who choose to love each other even on days when they struggle to like each other!

Many modern love stories would have us naively believe that love is little more than a fickle feeling that comes and goes. The truth is that love isn't a feeling; it's an action-oriented commitment. It's a choice to give your best to someone even when they are at their worst. It means serving someone even when they are in no position to repay. It means giving more grace than we feel like giving. That's what Christ did for us and what He calls us to do for each other.

“Let all that you do be done in love.”

1 CORINTHIANS 16:14 (ESV)

Question for reflection:

Am I showing my spouse “love” by God’s definition of love or by the world’s definition?

Day 15

Choose an attitude of gratitude everyday.

It's not happy people who are thankful; it's thankful people who are happy. Choose to say "Thank you" to your spouse for all he/she does and always remember to say "Thank you" to your Savior for all He has done. Let gratitude replace grumbling in your marriage. The next time you feel like complaining about your boss, stop and give thanks that you have a job. The next time you feel like complaining about a messy house, pause and give thanks that you have a family instead of a clean-but-empty house. Give thanks for everything.

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

1 THESSALONIANS 5:18 (NIV)

Question for reflection:

How would my marriage look differently if I spent less time complaining and more time giving thanks?

Day 16

God's timing is almost always different than our own timing, but His plans always prove to be perfect.

We all have our own ideas and agendas, and we tend to get frustrated when our plans don't work out the ways we want. In those moments when doors don't seem to be opening fast enough or when you and your spouse feel frustrated that your plans aren't happening like you thought they would, remember that God is with you and His plans for your life and your marriage are better than your own. Trust Him and praise Him even in moments of disappointment. He knows what He's doing.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

JEREMIAH 29:11 (NIV)

Question for reflection:

Are we trusting in God's timing or are we trying to force our own agenda?

Day 17

Pride is the soil where all other sin takes root.

Pride, on the surface, seems like a “harmless” sin. In fact, we often don’t even think of it as a sin, but it is dangerous indeed. Pride is the primary cause of divorce. Pride is the whisper in our ear that seduces us into believing that our way is always the best way and being “right” is more important than being loving. Pride is the enemy of love. Choose humility instead. Humility doesn’t mean you lack confidence or courage; it simply means you’re led by love instead of selfishness.

“Pride goes before destruction, and haughtiness before a fall.”

PROVERBS 16:18 (NLT)

Question for reflection:

Would my spouse consider me to be filled with pride or filled with humility?

Day 18

Celebrate your spouse's strengths instead of pointing out weaknesses.

When we focus on something, it starts to seem bigger. If you choose to focus on your spouse's strengths, they'll seem even bigger, but if you focus only on weaknesses and flaws, you'll see them even when they aren't really there. If you must focus on flaws, always start with your own flaws. You are the only part of the marriage that you truly have the power to change. Always be willing to build up your spouse instead of looking for ways to tear him/her down.

“And why worry about a speck in your friend's eye when you have a log in your own?”

MATTHEW 7:3 (NLT)

Question for reflection:

Am I better at celebrating my spouse's strengths or at pointing out his/her weaknesses?

Day 19

Treat your spouse the way you want to be treated.

We learn the “Golden Rule” as small children, but too often, we don’t apply this timeless truth in the one relationship that should matter most. Always treat your spouse with thoughtfulness, respect, kindness and encouragement. Treat him/her the way you want to be treated. This doesn’t mean that you should assume your spouse’s needs and desires are the same as yours. Be more focused on his/her needs than you are on your own needs.

“So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.”

MATTHEW 7:12 (NIV)

Question for reflection:

Do I consistently treat my spouse the way I want to be treated?

Day 20

Strive to be a peacemaker; not a pot-stirrer!

Unity in marriage doesn't mean uniformity. You won't always agree, but should always be agreeable towards each other. Even in moments of disagreement, don't look for ways to stir up conflict or belittle each other's opinions. Instead, work together with mutual respect to bring peace to every conflict. Be quick to apologize when you've hurt your spouse's feelings. Work together to create an oasis of peace in your home. Make your relationship a place you want to escape to and not a place you want to escape from.

“If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.”

ROMANS 12:18 (NIV)

Question for reflection:

Am I creating peace or creating conflict in my marriage?

Day 21

Worry occupies the part of your heart where faith should live.

All of us are prone to worrying sometimes, but worries can unravel the peace of your home and the unity of your marriage. Worrying gives us the illusion of control over situations that feel out-of-control, but God never called us to control our circumstances. He calls us to trust Him with our circumstances. The next time you and your spouse are tempted to worry, try praying together instead. God sometime uses our prayers to change our circumstances, but He always uses our prayers to change our perspective.

“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.”

PHILIPPIANS 4:6 (NLT)

Question for reflection:

How would our marriage improve if we worried less and prayed more?

Day 22

Don't treat your spouse the way your spouse treats you. Treat your spouse the way God treats you.

There's a natural tendency to want to "keep score" in marriage. We want credit for all our good deeds and we want payback for any wrongs our spouse might have committed towards. The problem with keeping score in marriage is that both spouse's always lose. God gave us His best while we were at our worst, and He calls us to love each other in His perfect example of love. Give your best even when your spouse is at his/her worst. People need love most when they deserve it least.

"Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone."

ROMANS 12:17 (NIV)

Question for reflection:

Do I freely give my spouse the love and grace that God has freely given me?

Day 23

The best spouses are good communicators and the best communicators are good listeners.

Listening is the most effective form of communication. Most of us listen only to form our response instead of listening to fully understand what the other is saying. When your spouse is talking, put down the distractions and give your undivided attention. Taking the time to listen with undivided focus and wholehearted compassion communicates much more than your words ever could.

“My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.”

JAMES 1:19 (NIV)

Question for reflection:

Would my spouse consider me to be a good listener?

Day 24

The tone of your words will shape the tone of your marriage.

Think about the tone of your words when you are talking to your spouse. Are you rushed and annoyed or are you tender and thoughtful in your replies? One of the most powerful (and tragically underused) pieces of marriage advice is to simply be nice to each other. There's never a good excuse to be unkind to your spouse. Kindness is contagious; but unfortunately, so is rudeness. Make sure you're spreading the right one.

“Kind words are like honey—sweet to the soul and healthy for the body.”

PROVERBS 16:24 (NLT)

Question for reflection:

Am I creating a climate of kindness or of rudeness in my marriage?

Day 25

Your mistakes don't define your character. It's what you choose to do after you've made the mistake that makes all the difference.

If we make a poor choice once, it's a "mistake." If we make the same poor choice again, it's a deliberate and destructive decision. Are there choices you are consistently making that are harming your marriage? Are there habits that need to stop? Are there words that need to cease? Don't get stuck on autopilot and continue to make decisions that need to stop. Anything left on autopilot will eventually crash. Examine your choices and stop repeating the bad ones.

"As a dog returns to its vomit, so a fool repeats his foolishness."

PROVERBS 26:11 (NLT)

Question for reflection:

Am I repeating any negative behaviors that need to stop once and for all?

Day 26

Your family can do with less of almost everything if it means having more of you.

The Bible clearly calls us to hard work and to a sacred duty of providing for our families, but in our culture the sin of laziness doesn't seem to be nearly as common as the sin of overworking. If you are too busy to consistently spend quality time with your family, then you need to immediately re-examine your priorities. On your deathbed, your faith and your family will be all that matters to you, so please don't wait until then to make them a bigger priority than your work.

“Don't wear yourself out trying to get rich. Be wise enough to know when to quit.”

PROVERBS 23:4 (NLT)

Question for reflection:

Am I consistently showing my spouse and family that I love and value them above my pursuits and possessions?

Day 27

Choices made in anger lead to regrets.

Anger is a natural human emotion. We all feel it, so the Bible never says that anger itself is a sin. Anger, however, can easily lead us into sin. We tend to make our worst choices when we're responding in anger. If you are quick to anger, you should pray and ask God to reveal the root causes that are robbing you of joy. You should also be very careful not to allow your anger to control you, because it could also sabotage your marriage.

“Fools vent their anger, but the wise quietly hold it back.”

PROVERBS 29:11 (NLT)

Question for reflection:

Do I make my choices in anger or do I make my choices with wisdom?

Day 28

Storms are inevitable, but destruction is optional. The right foundation makes all the difference.

The strongest homes and the strongest marriages all have one thing in common: A strong foundation. Storms will come in your marriage.

Circumstances that are out of your control will rock you and threaten to destroy you, but if you have the right foundation, you will weather any storm. Every marriage needs a foundation of faith in God, commitment to one another and resolve to face every obstacle hand-in-hand and side-by-side.

“Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock.”

MATTHEW 7:24 (NLT)

Question for reflection:

What is the foundation of our marriage?

Day 29

It's not our job to fix people; it's our job to love them even while they are broken.

There will be times you are tempted to “fix” your spouse or change something about your spouse, but resist that temptation. When one spouse tries to change the other, neither of them are changed but both of them end up frustrated! Instead of fixing or changing or coercing, just love each other. Love is what God uses to change us all. Love is the very tool God will use to fix us and change us into all that we were intended to be.

“Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.”

1 PETER 4:8 (NIV)

Day 30

Your marriage won't be defined by the size of your struggles but by the size of your commitment to overcome the struggles together.

Couples who make it work “til death do us part” aren't the ones who never had a reason to get divorced. They're simply the ones whose love and perseverance were always stronger than their reasons for quitting. Those two ingredients (love and perseverance) might be the two most powerful forces in a marriage. If you remain steadfast in your love for each other and unshakeable in your commitment to each other, your marriage will never fail!

“May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance.”

2 THESSALONIANS 3:5 (NIV)

Question for reflection:

Are both love and perseverance at the heart of our marriage?

Day 31

A husband and wife must function like two wings on the same bird. They must work together in harmony or the marriage will never get off the ground.

Marriage is a partnership. It's not just a partnership in a business sense, but it's the most sacred type of partnership. It's two people committing their lives to God and to each other. It's a promise to be there for each other through every season. It's a vow to bring out the best in each other and to always have each other's back. It's a selfless act of placing the needs of your spouse ahead of your own need. When both spouses will consistently do this for the other, the marriage will soar!

“Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.”

EPHESIANS 5:21 (NIV)

Question for reflection:

In what areas of our marriage do we need to develop a stronger partnership?

The 31-Day Devotional has ended, but your daily commitment to growing closer to your spouse should continue. Keep building your marriage on a foundation of God's Word. Here are some additional Scriptures that will encourage you and guide you in the days to come...

“Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust him, and he will help you.”

PSALM 37:5 (NLT)

“He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”

MICAH 6:8 (NIV)

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.”

MATTHEW 7:7 (NIV)

“If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.”

MATTHEW 6:14-15 (NLT)

“And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.”

COLOSSIANS 3:15 (NLT)

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, [a] whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.”

JAMES 1:2-3 (NIV)

“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”

JAMES 1:22 (NIV)

“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.”

JAMES 1:27 (NIV)

“May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.”

PSALM 19:14 (NIV)

“This God—his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.”

2 SAMUEL 22:31 (ESV)

“A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.”

PROVERBS 15:1 (NIV)

“All a person’s ways seem pure to them, but motives are weighed by the Lord.”

PROVERBS 16:2 (NIV)

“Pride goes before destruction, and haughtiness before a fall.”

PROVERBS 16:18 (NLT)

“Kind words are like honey—sweet to the soul and healthy for the body.”

PROVERBS 16:24 (NLT)

“Better to be patient than powerful; better to have self-control than to conquer a city.”

PROVERBS 16:32 (NLT)

“Better a dry crust eaten in peace than a house filled with feasting—and conflict.”

PROVERBS 17:1 (NLT)

“Starting a quarrel is like breaching a dam; so drop the matter before a dispute breaks out.”

PROVERBS 17:14 (NIV)

“Even fools are thought wise if they keep silent, and discerning if they hold their tongues.”

PROVERBS 17:28 (NIV)

“Fools find no pleasure in understanding but delight in airing their own opinions.”

PROVERBS 18:2 (NIV)

“To answer before listening—that is folly and shame.”

PROVERBS 18:13 (NIV)

“The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.”

PROVERBS 18:21 (NIV)

“He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the Lord.”

PROVERBS 18:22 (NIV)

“The one who gets wisdom loves life; the one who cherishes understanding will soon prosper.”

PROVERBS 19:8 (NIV)

“Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done.”

PROVERBS 19:17 (NIV)

“Discipline your children, for in that there is hope; do not be a willing party to their death.”

PROVERBS 19:18 (NIV)

“Many are the plans in a person’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails.”

PROVERBS 19:21 (NIV)

“Wine is a mocker and beer a brawler; whoever is led astray by them is not wise.”

PROVERBS 20:1 (NIV)

“It’s better to live alone in the desert than with a quarrelsome, complaining wife.”

PROVERBS 21:19 (NLT)

“Those who love pleasure become poor; those who love wine and luxury will never be rich.”

PROVERBS 21:17 (NLT)

“Whoever pursues righteousness and unfailing love will find life, righteousness, and honor.”

PROVERBS 21:21 (NLT)

“Despite their desires, the lazy will come to ruin, for their hands refuse to work.”

PROVERBS 21:25 (NLT)

“Choose a good reputation over great riches; being held in high esteem is better than silver or gold.”

PROVERBS 22:22 (NLT)

“Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it.”

PROVERBS 22:6 (NLT)

“The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is slave to the lender.”

PROVERBS 22:7 (NIV)

“A prostitute is a dangerous trap; a promiscuous woman is as dangerous as falling into a narrow well.”

PROVERBS 23:27 (NLT)

“A house is built by wisdom and becomes strong through good sense.”

PROVERBS 24:3 (NLT)

“To one who listens, valid criticism is like a gold earring or other gold jewelry.”

PROVERBS 25:12 (NLT)

“Remove the impurities from silver, and the sterling will be ready for the silversmith.”

PROVERBS 25:4 (NLT)

“Singing cheerful songs to a person with a heavy heart is like taking someone’s coat in cold weather or pouring vinegar in a wound.”

PROVERBS 25:20 (NLT)

“A person without self-control is like a city with broken-down walls.”

PROVERBS 25:28 (NLT)

“An open rebuke is better than hidden love!”

PROVERBS 27:5 (NLT)

“Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.”

PROVERBS 27:6 (NIV)

“Like a bird that flees its nest is anyone who flees from home.”

PROVERBS 27:8 (NIV)

“The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and pay the penalty.”

PROVERBS 27:12 (NIV)

“As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.”

PROVERBS 27:17 (NIV)

“Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds.”

PROVERBS 27:23 (NIV)

“Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.”

PROVERBS 28:13 (NIV)

“Charm is deceptive, and beauty does not last; but a woman who fears the Lord will be greatly praised.”

PROVERBS 31:30 (NLT)

“Reward her for all she has done. Let her deeds publicly declare her praise.”

PROVERBS 31:30-31 (NLT)

“For the upright will inhabit the land, and those with integrity will remain in it.”

PROVERBS 2:21 (ESV)

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.”

PROVERBS 3:5-6 (ESV)

“Blessed is the one who finds wisdom, and the one who gets understanding, for the gain from her is better than gain from silver and her profit better than gold.”

PROVERBS 3:13-14 (ESV)

“Do not swerve to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil.”

PROVERBS 4:27 (ESV)

“Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.”

PROVERBS 4:23 (NLT)

“For the lips of an immoral woman are as sweet as honey, and her mouth is smoother than oil. But in the end she is as bitter as poison, as dangerous as a double-edged sword.”

PROVERBS 5:3-4 (NLT)

“Let your wife be a fountain of blessing for you. Rejoice in the wife of your youth. She is a loving deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts satisfy you always. May you always be captivated by her love.”

PROVERBS 5:18- 19 (NLT)

“Why spill the water of your springs in the streets, having sex with just anyone?[c] You should reserve it for yourselves. Never share it with strangers.”

PROVERBS 5:16-17 (NLT)

“But a man who commits adultery has no sense; whoever does so destroys himself.”

PROVERBS 6:32 (NIV)

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”

PROVERBS 9:10 (NIV)

“Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out.”

PROVERBS 10:9 (NIV)

“When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with the humble is wisdom.”

PROVERBS 11:2 (ESV)

“A man who is kind benefits himself, but a cruel man hurts himself.”

PROVERBS 11:17 (ESV)

“Like a gold ring in a pig’s snout is a beautiful woman without discretion.”

PROVERBS 11:22 (ESV)

“The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in people who are trustworthy.”

PROVERBS 12:22 (NIV)

“Anxiety weighs down the heart, but a kind word cheers it up.”

PROVERBS 12:25 (NIV)

“The righteous choose their friends carefully, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.”

PROVERBS 12:26 (NIV)

“Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a dream fulfilled is a tree of life.”

PROVERBS 13:12 (NLT)

“Wise people think before they act; fools don’t—and even brag about their foolishness.”

PROVERBS 13:16 (NLT)

“People who despise advice are asking for trouble; those who respect a command will succeed.”

PROVERBS 13:13 (NLT)

“If you ignore criticism, you will end in poverty and disgrace; if you accept correction, you will be honored.”

PROVERBS 13:18 (NLT)

“Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble.”

PROVERBS 13:20 (NLT)

“Good people leave an inheritance to their grandchildren, but the sinner’s wealth passes to the godly.”

PROVERBS 13:22 (NLT)

“A wise woman builds her home, but a foolish woman tears it down with her own hands.”

PROVERBS 14:1 (NLT)

“Without oxen a stable stays clean, but you need a strong ox for a large harvest.”

PROVERBS 14:4 (NLT)

“Fools make fun of guilt, but the godly acknowledge it and seek reconciliation.”

PROVERBS 14:9 (NLT)

“The wise are cautious[a] and avoid danger; fools plunge ahead with reckless confidence.”

PROVERBS 14:16 (NLT)

“Work brings profit, but mere talk leads to poverty!”

PROVERBS 14:23 (NLT)

“People with understanding control their anger; a hot temper shows great foolishness.”

PROVERBS 14:29 (NLT)

“A peaceful heart leads to a healthy body; jealousy is like cancer in the bones.”

PROVERBS 14:30 (NLT)

“A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.”

PROVERBS 15:1 (ESV)

“Wisdom’s instruction is to fear the Lord, and humility comes before honor.”

PROVERBS 15:33 (NIV)

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.”

ECCLESIASTES 3:1 (NIV)

“Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.”

ECCLESIASTES 4:12 (NIV)

“Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind.”

ECCLESIASTES 12:13 (NIV)

“Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers.”

PSALM 1:1 (NLT)

“In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, O Lord, will keep me safe.”

PSALM 4:8 (NLT)

“I will thank the Lord because he is just; I will sing praise to the name of the Lord Most High.”

PSALM 7:17 (NLT)

“I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all the marvelous things you have done.”

PSALM 9:1 (NLT)

“But I trust in your unfailing love. I will rejoice because you have rescued me. I will sing to the Lord because he is good to me.”

PSALM 13:5-6 (NLT)

“The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my savior; my God is my rock, in whom I find protection. He is my shield, the power that saves me, and my place of safety.”

PSALM 18:2 (NLT)

“Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord.”

PSALM 31:24 (NIV)

“God’s way is perfect. All the Lord’s promises prove true. He is a shield for all who look to him for protection.”

PSALM 18:30 (NLT)

“May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.”

PSALM 19:14 (NIV)

“The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need.”

PSALM 23:1 (NLT)

“Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord forever.”

PSALM 23:6 (NLT)

“The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him.”

PSALM 24:1 (NLT)

“Show me the right path, O Lord; point out the road for me to follow.”

PSALM 25:4 (NLT)

“The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?”

PSALM 27:1 (NIV)

“Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.”

PSALM 27:14 (NIV)

“Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.”

PSALM 34:8 (NIV)

“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.”

PSALM 34:18 (NIV)

“Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you your heart’s desires.”

PSALM 37:4 (NLT)

“Once I was young, and now I am old. Yet I have never seen the godly abandoned or their children begging for bread.”

PSALM 37:25 (NLT)

“Lord, remind me how brief my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered—how fleeting my life is.”

PSALM 39:4 (NLT)

“God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.”

PSALM 46:1 (NLT)

“People who boast of their wealth don’t understand; they will die, just like animals.”

PSALM 49:20 (NLT)

“Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.”

PSALM 51:10 (NIV)

“For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.”

PSALM 100:5 (NIV)

“I will conduct the affairs of my house with a blameless heart.”

PSALM 101:2B (NIV)

“As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.”

PSALM 103:13 (NIV)

“I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.”

PSALM 119:11 (NLT)

“But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles.”

ISAIAH 40:31A (NLT)

“Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God’s people.”

EPHESIANS 5:3 (NLT)

“So again I say, each man must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.”

EPHESIANS 5:33 (NLT)

“Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.”

EPHESIANS 5:2 (NLT)

“Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other’s faults because of your love.”

EPHESIANS 4:2 (NLT)

“Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.”

EPHESIANS 5:3 (NLT)

“Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior.”

EPHESIANS 5:31 (NLT)

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”

EPHESIANS 4:32 (NIV)

“Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice!”

PHILIPPIANS 4:4 (NLT)

“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.”

PHILIPPIANS 4:6 (NLT)

“For I can do everything through Christ,] who gives me strength.”

PHILIPPIANS 4:13 (NLT)

“Greet one another with a holy kiss.”

2 CORINTHIANS 13:12 (NIV)

“Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.”

2 CORINTHIANS 13:11 (NIV)

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

2 CORINTHIANS 9:7 (NIV)

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:[a] The old has gone, the new is here!”

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 (NIV)

“So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”

2 CORINTHIANS 4:18 (NIV)

“And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.”

2 CORINTHIANS 5:19B (NIV)

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

1 JOHN 1:9 (NIV)

“If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.”

1 JOHN 1:10 (NIV)

“The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.”

1 JOHN 2:17 (NIV)

“See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!”

1 JOHN 3:1A (NIV)

“This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.”

1 JOHN 3:16 (NIV)

“And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.”

1 JOHN 4:16 (NIV)

“There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.”

1 JOHN 4:18 (NIV)

“See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces[a] of this world rather than on Christ.”

COLOSSIANS 2:8 (NIV)

“So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires.”

COLOSSIANS 3:5 (NLT)

“Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting for those who belong to the Lord.”

COLOSSIANS 3:18 (NLT)

“Husbands, love your wives and never treat them harshly.”

COLOSSIANS 3:19 (NLT)

“Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart.”

COLOSSIANS 4:2 (NLT)

“God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy.”

MATTHEW 5:7 (NLT)

“But I say, anyone who even looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”

MATTHEW 5:28 (NLT)

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

MATTHEW 6:21 (NIV)

“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

MATTHEW 6:33 (NIV)

“Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”

MATTHEW 6:34 (NIV)

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”

MATTHEW 11:28 (NIV)

“Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” MATTHEW

18:3 (NIV)

“So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

MATTHEW 19:6 (NIV)

“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” MATTHEW

19:5 (NIV)

“Jesus replied, “Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning.”

MATTHEW 19:8 (NIV)

“I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery.”

MATTHEW 19:9 (NIV)

“Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

MATTHEW 19:26 (NIV)

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

MATTHEW 20:28 (NLT)

“Jesus replied, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’^[e] This is the first and greatest commandment.”

MATTHEW 22:37-38 (NLT)

“The master was full of praise. ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’”

MATTHEW 25:21 (NLT)

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

ROMAN 8:28 (NIV)

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

JOHN 3:16 (NIV)

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”

GALATIANS 5:22-23 (NIV)

“I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

JOHN 10:10B (NIV)

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

ROMANS 3:23 (NIV)

“Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

JOHN 14:6 (NIV)

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

ROMANS 5:8 (NIV)

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”

JOSHUA 1:9 (NIV)

“But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.”

1 PETER 3:15 (NIV)

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.”

2 TIMOTHY 3:16 (NIV)

“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

HEBREWS 12:2 (NIV)

“Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.”

1 PETER 5:7 (NIV)

“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

EPHESIANS 2:10 (NIV)

“God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.”

1 CORINTHIANS 10:13 (NIV)

“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.”

HEBREWS 11:1 (NIV)

“Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”

HEBREWS 13:5 (NIV)

“But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.”

2 CORINTHIANS 12:9 (NIV)

“That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

ROMANS 10:9 (NIV)

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

ISAIAH 41:10 (NIV)

“Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

MATTHEW 11:29 (NIV)

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

JOHN 16:33 (NIV)

“For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.”

2 TIMOTHY 1:7 (NIV)

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

ROMANS 15:13

“Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies.”

JOHN 11:25 (NIV)

“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.”

HEBREWS 11:6 (NIV)

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.”

EPHESIANS 3:20 (NIV)

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.”

GENESIS 1:27 (NIV)

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.”

HEBREWS 12:1 (NIV)

“Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.”

JAMES 5:16 (NIV)

“And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.”

PHILIPPIANS 4:19 (NIV)

“Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own.”

1 CORINTHIANS 6:19 (NIV)

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

JOHN 14:27 (NIV)

“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

HEBREWS 10:25 (NIV)

“Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.”

2 PETER 1:4 (NIV)

“Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

PHILIPPIANS 1:6 (NIV)

“Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

HEBREWS 4:16 (NIV)

“For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”

JOHN 3:17 (NIV)

“You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you.”

ISAIAH 26:3 (NIV)

“He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.”

1 PETER 2:24 (NIV)

“Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.”

JOSHUA 1:8 (NIV)

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.”

COLOSSIANS 3:23 (NIV)

“‘For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,’ declares the LORD.”

ISAIAH 55:8 (NIV)

“By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

JOHN 13:35 (NIV)

“Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.”

1 PETER 4:8 (NIV)

“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.”

JOHN 15:12 (NIV)

“But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God.17 Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you.”

RUTH 1:16-17 (NIV)

“But I have this complaint against you. You don’t love me or each other as you did at first!”

REVELATION 2:4 (NLT)

“And may the Lord make your love for one another and for all people grow and overflow, just as our love for you overflows.”

1 THESSALONIANS 3:12 (NLT)

“God’s will is for you to be holy, so stay away from all sexual sin.”

1 THESSALONIANS 4:3 (NLT)

*“Make it your goal to live a quiet life, minding your own business and working with your hands, just as we instructed you before.
12 Then people who are not believers will respect the way you live, and you will not need to depend on others.”*

1 THESSALONIANS 4:11-12 (NLT)

“See that no one pays back evil for evil, but always try to do good to each other and to all people.”

1 THESSALONIANS 5:15 (NLT)

“Always be joyful.”

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16 (NLT)

“And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.”

2 THESSALONIANS 3:13 (NIV)

“For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.”

1 TIMOTHY 4:8 (NIV)

“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.”

1 TIMOTHY 6:10 (NIV)

“Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.”

1 TIMOTHY 6:17 (NIV)

“Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor’s crown except by competing according to the rules.”

2 TIMOTHY 2:5 (NIV)

“Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.”

2 TIMOTHY 2:22 (NIV)

“Don’t have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels.”

2 TIMOTHY 2:23 (NIV)

“Do everything with love.”

1 CORINTHIANS 16:14 (NIV)



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