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Apostle Andrew

ZEALOUS TO WITNESS:
Be zealous to witness—but with humility.

Apostle Andrew—zealous to witness—shared Christ immediately with his older brother Peter. “He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ” (**John 1:41**). Of a practical but believing mind, Andrew introduced the boy with five loaves and two fishes to Jesus (**John 6:1-14**). Although Andrew introduced Jesus as Messiah, he humbly took a back seat and was soon eclipsed by his brother and other Apostles.

Apostle Thomas

BOLDNESS TO FOLLOW JESUS:
Be willing to follow Jesus even if it costs our lives.

He is most often remembered as “doubting Thomas” (because he asked for more evidence of the risen Christ, since he had not seen what the others saw). But when Jesus proposed to go to Judea because of Lazarus—and the other Apostles objected that they would be stoned—Apostle Thomas boldly said, “Let us also go, that we may die with him!” (**John 11:14-16**)

Apostle Philip

GOOD STUDENT:
Be a good student of the Scriptures and assist those who seek the Lord.

As a thorough student of the Scriptures with a searching heart, Apostle Philip was able to confidently say, “We have found him, of whom Moses and the Law and the Prophets did write, Jesus of Nazareth!” (**John 1:43,44**). Although apparently not aggressive, he was a helper and implementer as when two Greeks inquired of him about Jesus. He then told Andrew and they both informed Jesus of this turning point in Jesus’ ministry (**John 12:20-23**).

Apostle Nathanael (Bartholomew)

FIRST TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE DAY OF VISITATION:
Keep yourself pure and without guile proclaiming Jesus as the returned King.

Although at first asked, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth? — he was called an “Israelite Indeed in whom is no guile” by Jesus. He was the first to proclaim Jesus King of Israel! “You are the Son of God, the King of Israel!” (**John 1:45-50**)

Admonitions by Example Only (No Recorded Writings)	Apostle Simon Zelotes (the Canaanite)	
	ZEALOUS: Be consumed by the zeal of the LORD in following in the footsteps of Jesus.	EXAMPLE: Except for his name, not a word is recorded of Simon Zelotes, the “Zealot” (Luke 6:15; Acts 1:13) a.k.a. Simon the Canaanite (Matt 10:4; Mark 3:18) which may mean he had been a member of a fanatical, Jewish, nationalistic, political sect, a Cananean, a Zealot, a revolutionary. Evidently Simon left his more extremist (or radical) calling to follow Jesus with a zeal according to knowledge and accept Christ’s method and timing to setting up the Kingdom. <small>*Kananaïos (kan-an-ahee'-os); originating from the Hebrew [St. #7065]; a member of a fanatical, Jewish, nationalistic, political sect: a Cananean, a Zealot, a revolutionary.</small>
	Apostle James, son of Zebedee (<i>Bonargees</i>—“Son of Thunder”)	
	FIRST APOSTLE MARTYRED: Seek to be close to Jesus, willing and able to drink of the cup and be baptized with the baptism into Christ’s death.	EXAMPLE: Together with Peter and John, Apostle James was on the Mount of Transfiguration and also went with Jesus deeper into the Garden of Gethsemane. James responded to Jesus’ question, “Are ye able...?” with “We are able!” Matt. 20:22
PRAYER OF FAITH AND UTMOST CONFIDENCE IN GOD: Be willing to speak boldly, even about the “kings” of earth.	After Peter and John were released from prison, Apostle James may have been the one who led the disciples in prayer: “Thou art God, which made heaven and earth...the kings of earth stood up and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord and against his Christ...behold their threatenings...grant unto thy servants that with all boldness they may speak thy word...” (Acts 4:24-31). Apostle James himself was the first of the Apostles to be martyred because of his boldness to speak .	
Admonitions by Example & Possibly Two N.T. Epistles	Apostle Jude Thaddeus	
	ASK GOOD QUESTION: Fear not to ask questions.	Example: Of the Apostle Jude Thaddeus (Mark 3:18; Matt. 10:3), only a question he spoke is recorded for certain: “Judas (not Iscariot) said to him Lord, HOW is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?” (John 14:22)
	CONTEND FOR THE FAITH: Contend for the faith gently and with patience. HAVE COMPASSION: Help those deceived by scoffers and deceivers.	Epistle of Jude. (R3044:2) Part I—Opening Vss. 1-4 “...Contend earnest for faith once delivered to saints. . .” (with gentleness, patience, not with backbiting, R3858, R5056) Part II—Vss. 5-16 Justice of God; examples of punitive judgments, fallen angels, Sodom and Gomorrah Part III—Vss. 17-25 There will be scoffers and deceivers for which we have compassion trying to “pull out of the fire.” But God is able to keep us from falling.

Admonitions by Example & Possibly Two N.T. Epistles	Apostle James the Less	
	James the Less, the son of Alphaeus (Mark 15:40), is suggested to have written Book of James (R3003:2). His Epistle was written to the 12 Tribes scattered abroad.	
	FAITH AND WORKS: Show our faith by works—otherwise, our faith is dead.	James 2:17-18 “Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.” Taught a perfect complement to “Faith without WORKS is dead...” (2:20).
	TONGUE FOR EVIL OR GOOD: Keep thoughts pure and tongues will follow.	James 3:1- 13 The tongue is the most powerful member of the body—for either evil or for blessing. Be not many teachers [“tongues”] in the body because liable to greater condemnation.
	PATIENCE ESPECIALLY WITH PRESENT CONDITIONS: Be patient in trial and with conditions of injustice in the world, while waiting for Jesus to judge righteously	James 1:2-4 “My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.” James 5:7 “Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord.”
	TOMORROW: Always think and say, If the LORD wills, we will do this or that.	Since we do not know what tomorrow will hold, we should think and say, If the Lord wills, we will do this or that.” (James 4:14, 15)
SPIRITUALLY SICK: Let the spiritually sick call for elders/mature in the ecclesia to pray with them.	Let the spiritually “sick” call for older and more mature in the ecclesia to pray with and for them. (James 5:14-20)	
Admonitions by Example & N.T. Books	Apostle Matthew (Levi)	
	UNLIKELY BACKGROUND: Use talents and resources to serve the LORD—no matter what our background.	EXAMPLE: Not a fisherman, Apostle Matthew was called as a publican, collecting taxes from his brethren on behalf of the Roman government (R4587). But when called, he responded quickly and was not afraid to witness to his fellow publicans and arranged a great feast in his home inviting Jesus (Luke 5:29; Matt. 10:3).
	SERVING MAMMON: Serving God and mammon together is not possible.	Only Matthew—whose background was focused on money—quoted Jesus who said, “Ye cannot serve God and mammon.” Matt. 6:24

Apostle Peter

Admonitions by Example & N.T. Books

<p>WHEN IN DANGER: Learn to trust in the Lord to achieve perfect peace and rest.</p>	<p>EXAMPLE: “And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison.” Acts 12:6</p>
<p>TRIAL OF FAITH LIKE FIRE: Press on with sobriety and obedience (not returning to our former worldly lusts) for our imperishable inheritance—but expect fiery trials.</p>	<p>1 Peter 1:3-7, 13-14 “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you... Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire... Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance.”</p>
<p>DEVELOP THE FRUITS FOR AN ABUNDANT ENTRANCE: Be diligent to develop fruits-of-the-spirit character in order to attain to the abundant entrance—birth to the divine nature.</p>	<p>2 Peter 1:4-11 “Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ”</p>
<p>HASTENING THE DAY: Looking to the new order, be diligent and holy in view of the present order soon to be destroyed.</p>	<p>2 Peter 3:7, 11-14 “But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men... Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved [are being dissolved <i>Diaglott</i>], what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hastening... the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.”</p>

Apostle Paul (Saul of Tarsus)

STONED, LEFT FOR DEAD:
(If alive—) Get up and keep going in the strength of the Lord.

EXAMPLE: When Apostle Paul arrived at Antioch of Pisidia, his sermon was reminiscent of Stephen’s. Shortly thereafter, Jews from that city with others from Iconium stoned him at Lystra and left him for dead. But determined, he arose in the strength of the Lord, as a “**valiant warrior**” of the cross, to resume his warfare for Christ’s name’s sake. Paul wrote 12 epistles!

Romans

SIN:
Our bodies should be controlled by the righteousness which brings life—not sin which brings death.

Rom 6:12-13; 8:6 “Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body that you should obey its lusts, and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.” NAS **Rom 8:6** “For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace...” NAS

SUFFERING:
Consider nothing we suffer now measures up to the reward we will receive.

Rom 8:18 “For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.”
(See also **2 Tim 2:12** “If we suffer, we shall also reign with him...”)

SACRIFICE
Live a “Living Sacrifice” daily.

Rom 12:1-21 “...Present your bodies a living sacrifice...be transformed...be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. [whole chapter]

DO NOT ABUSE LIBERTY:
Sacrifice liberties if they would stumble our weaker brethren.

Rom 14:21-22 “It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak. Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God. **Rom 15:1** “...bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.”
(See also **1 Cor. 8:13; 7:29-32 & Gal. 5:13**)

I Corinthians

PURGE LEAVEN
Remove old (Adamic) leaven as well as leaven of personal maliciousness and wickedness.

1 Cor 5:7-8 “Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.”

CLEANSING SELVES
Abstain from sexual immorality (as God’s will for us), but marriage is quite appropriate.

1 Cor 6:18-20; 7:2 “Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s. . . .Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.

Cleanse ourselves from the filth of body and mind.

2 Cor 7:1 “Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”

I Corinthians	SACRIFICE, SELF CONTROL Use everything we have to please the Lord—because the time is short.	1 Cor 7:29-32 “But this I say, brethren, the time is short: it remaineth, that both they that have wives be as though they had none; And they that weep, as though they wept not; and they that rejoice, as though they rejoiced not; and they that buy, as though they possessed not; And they that use this world, as not abusing it. . .”
	SELF ASSURANCE DANGER: Be care not to fall when you think you are standing firm.	1 Cor 10:12 “So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! No temptation has seized you except what is common to man.” (NIV)
	TRANSPARENCY: Do not let the flesh obstruct our being an example of Christ.	1 Cor 11:1 “Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.” NIV (1 Cor 1:17 “For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.”)
	UNITY OF THE BODY: Care for each other because the Body of Christ is not to be divided.	1 Cor 12:25 “That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.”
	SERVICE MOTIVE: Labor for the Lord with the motivation of love because it is never in vain.	1 Cor 15:58 “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.” 1 Cor 16:13-14 “Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. Do everything in love.” NIV
II Corinthians	EQUALLY YOKED: Marry only with those who have a mutual degree of commitment to the Lord.	2 Cor 6:14; 7:39 “Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? . . .only in the Lord”
	BENEDICTION: Be of one mind—and live in peace.	2Cor 13:11 “Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.”
Galatians	HUMBLY ASSIST OTHERS: Assist others in fault with meekness—but remember our own frailty to be tempted.	Gal 6:1 “Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.”
	SOWING & REAPING: Sow to the Spirit—not to the flesh—as consequences will be reaped.	Gal 6:7-9 “Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.
	OPPORTUNITIES: Do good to all but brethren should have a priority.	Gal 6:10 “As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.” (See also: Heb. 13:16)
Ephesians	VOCATION: Walk worthily with meekness and longsuffering. .	Eph 4:1-2 “I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;
	UNITY OF THE SPIRIT: Keep the unity of the Spirit by putting off corruption and putting on holiness.	Eph 4:3, 22-24 “Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” “That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.”

Ephesians	TRUTHFULNESS: Do not lie but speak the Truth because we are one. .	Eph 4:25 “Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another.”
	ANGER: Be angry, but sin not and resolve it today—without any unwholesome talk.	Eph 4:26-29 “In your anger do not sin: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. . . .Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths.” (NIV)
	HOLY SPIRIT: Do not grieve the holy Spirit.	Eph 4:30-31 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:
	COMMUNICATION: Put away evil speaking, coarse jesting, but be kind to each other.	Eph 4:32; 5:4 “And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. . . .“Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.”
	TIME: Rescue time before it is lost and grow in the Spirit—avoiding intoxicants—because the days are evil.	Eph 5:15-16, 18 “See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. . . .and be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit....”
	FAMILY: Children, obey parents; parents, do not provoke children but instruct in the Lord.	Eph 6:1-4 “Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. “Honor thy father and mother; And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.”
	SUBMISSION & SACRIFICE IN MARRIAGE: Wives subject selves to own husbands; husbands sacrifice your lives for wives!	Eph 5:24-25 “. . .As the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it....”
	CHRISTIAN ARMOR: Put on entire armor and stand especially in the evil day—because our enemies are not only human but spiritual.	Eph 6:11-18 “Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God”
PRAYER: Persevere in prayer, but also watch for answers.	Eph 6:18 “Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints....”	

Philippians	FELLOWSHIP: Do not have an attitude of conceit, but lowliness, for the encouragement and comfort of fellowship.	Phil 2:1-4 “If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, Fulfill ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.”
	ANXIETY: Pray instead of being anxious to obtain God’s peace.	Phil 4:5-7 “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”
	PROFITABLE THOUGHTS: Think about not only what is true and just—but also virtuous, lovely and praiseworthy.	Phil 4:8 “Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.”
Colossians	PROPER AFFECTIONS: Set affections on this above—then we will also appear with him in glory.	Col 3:1-4 “If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. . .When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.”
	WARNINGS: Do not be taken captive to philosophy or traditions of men or judged regarding food or drink.	Col 2:8; 2:16, 17 “See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men. . .Therefore let no one act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day. . .” (NAS)
	MORTIFY EVERY ASPECT OF FLESH: Keep self dead, putting off immorality, impurities, greed, lying, filthy communication—putting on a new self renewed in the image of God.	Col 3:5, 7-10 “Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry. . . .But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him...”
1 Thessalonians	SANCTIFICATION, PURITY IS GOD’S WILL FOR US: In order to be used in holy service, we need to abstain from immorality and defrauding our brethren.	1 Thessalonians 4:3-7 “For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God; and that no man transgress and defraud his brother in the matter because the Lord is the avenger in all these things, just as we also told you before and solemnly warned you. For God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in sanctification.” NAS
	COMFORT ONE ANOTHER WITH RESURRECTION: Take comfort in the resurrection of Jesus—because his resurrection and return assures our resurrection.	1 Thessalonians 4:13, 14, 18 “But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. . . .Wherefore comfort one another with these words.”

1 & 2 Thessalonians	MAINTAIN ECCLESIA ORDER: Warn the unruly; comfort the feeble-minded; support the weak—have no company with the disobedient.	1 Thessalonians 5:14-22 “Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feeble-minded, support the weak, be patient toward all men. See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men. Rejoice evermore. 2 Thessalonians 3:11, 13-15 “For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies. But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing. And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed. Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.”
	CONTINUOUS PRAYER COMMUNION: Always pray about everything.	1 Thessalonians 5:17, 18 “Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”
	DO NOT STIFLE HOLY SPIRIT: Do not stifle zealous thoughts, words or acts in self or others.	1 Thessalonians 5:19 “Quench not the Spirit.”
	STUDY TO VERIFY TRUTH: Prove all things; hold to the good.	1 Thessalonians 5:20, 21 “Despise not prophesyings. . . . Prove all things; hold fast the good.”
	FORMS OR APPEARANCE OF EVIL: Avoid all forms and appearances of evil.	1 Thessalonians 5: 22 “Abstain from all appearance [and form] of evil.”
2 Thessalonians	DISORDERLY: Withdraw from the disorderly.	2 Thessalonians 3:6 “...withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly...”
	DOING GOOD: Do not get tired doing well.	2 Thessalonians 3:13 “...be not weary in well doing.”
1 Timothy	WOMEN’S ADORNMENT AND BEHAVIOR: Sisters should adorn themselves modestly, but also be quiet as far as teaching in the church is concerned.	1 Timothy 2:9 “Likewise, I want women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments; but rather by means of good works, as befits women making a claim to godliness. Let a woman quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness. But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet...” NAS
	ELECTING ELDERS & DEACONS: Select servants who are sober, given to hospitality, apt to teach, etc.	1 Timothy 3:1-13 “This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach. . . . “Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. . . . Even so must their wives be grave. . . .”
	RESPONSIBILITY TO FAMILY: We must provide for our own.	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.

<p>2 Timothy</p>	<p>DO NOT DENY WITNESS OF JESUS: Do not be ashamed to witness, but be willing to suffer when witnessing in and out of our comfort zones and even to endure hardship.</p>	<p>2 Timothy 1:8 “Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, or of me His prisoner; but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God.</p> <p>2 Timothy 4: 2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. . . .But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. . . .”</p>
<p>Titus</p>	<p>CHOOSING ELDERS: Refute those who oppose sound doctrine—while being blameless, not overbearing, self controlled.</p>	<p>Titus 1:6-9 An elder must be blameless... not overbearing, not quick-tempered... Rather he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. 9 He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it. (NIV)</p>
<p>Philemon</p>	<p>PRESS ON TO MATURITY: Grow past repentance and basics to maturity.</p>	<p>Philemon 6:1 “Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God.”</p>
<p>Hebrews</p>	<p>LABOR TO ENTER REST: Enter into His rest by obeying God.</p>	<p>Hebrews 3:15; 4:7, 11 "Today if you hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts, as when they provoked Me... Do not harden your hearts... Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall through following the same example of disobedience.”</p>
<p>DRAW NEAR TO GOD: Draw near to God with full assurance of faith that we are cleansed—holding fast the Truth—since we have our high priest Jesus.</p>	<p>Hebrews 10:19-23 “Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.” (NIV)</p>	
<p>ASSEMBLE WITH SAINTS: Assemble to encourage one another all the more as the end comes closer.</p>	<p>Hebrews 10:24, 25 “Let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near.” (NAS)</p>	
<p>REMOVE ENCUMBRANCES: Throw off everything that hinders and entangles us and run—in view of the example of the Ancient Worthies.</p>	<p>Hebrews 12:1 Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us</p>	
<p>EXTRACT BITTERNESS; Remove bitterness at the cause (root) which will defile many—and seek peace</p>	<p>Hebrews 12:14 “Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled.”</p>	
<p>BE HOSPITABLE: Show love to the brethren—even those you do not know—by hospitality.</p>	<p>Hebrews 13:1, 2 “Let love of the brethren continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.”</p>	

	BE CONTENT: Do not love money, but be content.	Hebrews 13:5 “Let your character be 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,"
	STRANGE TEACHINGS; Do not be fascinated & led astray by new and different teachings.	Hebrews 13: 9 “Do not be carried away by varied and strange teachings. . .”
	SIN OFFERING: Be willing to follow Jesus outside the line of honor and respectability in this world.	Hebrews 13:13 “Hence, let us go out to Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we do not have a lasting city, but we are seeking the city which is to come.
	THANKFULNESS: Offer praise continually to God for everything.	Hebrews 13:15 “Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name.
	DOING GOOD, A SACRIFICE: Do good and share what you have with others because it is a pleasing sacrifice to God.	Hebrews 13:16 “And do not neglect doing good and sharing; for with such sacrifices God is pleased.” (See also Gal. 6:10)
	PROPER SUBMISSION: Follow proper leadership who must give account for us.	Hebrews 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.” [[however, beware of warnings of the spirit of Nicolaitans Rev 2:6, 15]]
John, Son of Zebedee (<i>Bonargees</i>—“Son of Thunder”)		
	AVOID COMPARISONS: Jesus’ Admonition to Peter recorded by John for us, “What is that to thee?”	Gospel Account of John John 21:22 “Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he [John] tarry till I come. . . .”
	ANGEL WITH MESSAGE ON LORD’S DAY: Although we have profound love and appreciation for the angel, we must not worship him.	The Revelation of Jesus Christ Rev 1:10 “I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet.” Rev 22:8-9 (19:10) “And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things. Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellow servant,. . . worship God.”
	LOVE AS A TEST: Love of the brethren is the test of our standing with the Lord.	The Epistles of John 1 John 2:10-11 “He that loveth his brother abideth in the light. . . But he that hateth his brother is in darkness. . .”

<p>LOVE IN ACTION: Love not just in word, but with action.</p>	<p>1 John 3:11, 14, 16, 18, 23 “We should love one another . . . We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. . . and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. . . and we My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. . . love one another, as he gave us commandment.”</p>
<p>PERFECT LOVE: Love without fear—because God loved us first.</p>	<p>1 John 4:16, 18, 19 “God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. . . here is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. We love him, because he first loved us.”</p>
<p>LOVING GOD: Loving God means keeping His commandments.</p>	<p>1 John 5:3 “For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.”</p>
<p>ADVOCATE FOR SIN: Do not sin, but when we do we have an Advocate, Jesus.</p>	<p>1 John 2:1 “My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.”</p>
<p>SIN IS OF THE DEVIL: Practice righteousness and love our brother—because sin is of the devil</p>	<p>1 John 3:8, 10 “He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. . . By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother.” (NAS)</p>
<p>BROTHER’S SIN: Pray for our brethren when they sin—but not the sin unto death.</p>	<p>1 John 5:16 “If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it.”</p>
<p>SPIRIT OF ANTICHRIST: Test the spirits because there are many deceivers with the spirit of antichrist.</p>	<p>1 John 4:1-3 (2:18, 22; 4:3) “ Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. . . . And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world”</p>
<p>DECEIVER ANTICHRIST: Watch yourselves regarding antichrist so as not to lose what you have accomplished—to receive a full reward.</p>	<p>2 John 6-8 “And this is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, that you should walk in it. For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist. Watch yourselves, that you might not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward.” (NAS)</p>
<p>TEACH THE TRUTH: Teach the truth to our spiritual and natural children—if we expect them to walk in the Truth.</p>	<p>3 John 4 “I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.”</p>

“Be thou faithful unto death” —Jesus, “The Apostle and High Priest of our Profession”

Andrew Thank you for leading the way witnessing and your humble example

Thomas Thank you for urging us to go with and die with Jesus

Philip Thank you for showing us to be good students

Nathanael Thank you for showing us the importance of being guileless

Simon Zelotes Thank you for showing us how to turn zeal to Christ

James son of Zebedee Thank you for showing us how to want to be at Jesus side

Jude Thaddeus Thank you for showing us the importance of good questions

James the Less Thank you for admonishing us to guide our tongues

Matthew Thank you for showing us that we must give up all to follow Jesus

Peter Thank you for your admonitions to grow in grace and never fall

Paul Thank you for showing us how we must share in the sin-offering

John Thank you for showing us the love of Christ and the Truth!!

