What on Earth have we done with the Teachings of Jesus?

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A Pocket Guide to His Words

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A yearning that no matter what the cost, will seek it until they find it. This book is dedicated to you, wherever you are.

Blessed is he who is not offended because of Me

Mt 11:6



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Preface

Who is this Jesus?

Jesus Christ was born more than 2,000 years ago in a town called Bethlehem in Judea (now called Israel). An event which had been foretold 700 years prior in the Book of Micah (An Old Testament Prophet) *But you, Bethlehem... though you are little ... Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be ruler in Israel. Whose goings forth have been from of old, From everlasting, Mc 5:2.*

Herod, who was the King of Israel at that time, had been warned that a new King was coming and that a sign would be seen in the sky. He was so terrified of losing his throne that he ordered all babies under two years old to be killed. Mary and Joseph, Jesus' parents, were warned of this forthcoming massacre in a dream and told to escape to Egypt where they stayed until the threat was over. This too had been foretold by an Old Testament Prophet named Hosea around 750 years in advance -... out of Egypt I called My Son, Hs 11:1. Dr A T Pierson affirmed that there are more than 300 prophecies given concerning Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection – all of which were fulfilled. 'The literal fulfilment of a prophecy is the seal of its Divine origin. Prophecies of centuries concerning the final sufferings of Christ were fulfilled during the twenty-four hours leading up to His crucifixion. According to the law of compound probabilities, the chance that they all happen together by accident is 1 in 537 million.' ⁱ

Jesus was raised in Nazareth. When the time came, He moved to Galilee where He began His work of proclaiming the Kingdom of God to whosoever. For three years He went around this region healing the sick, driving out demons, raising the dead and teaching the people. He challenged the hypocrisy that He saw in the religious leaders of the day. He confronted them about how they would profess to being keepers of the law and yet they refused to walk in mercy toward the people instead heaping heavy burdens upon them. To the religious leaders, Jesus said - You search the scriptures for in them you think you have eternal life, and these are they that testify of Me, Jn 5:39.

So they retaliated and sought ways to trick Him and have Him arrested and ultimately killed. But little did they know that even in so doing they were fulfilling prophecy. It had all been written beforehand even in their own scriptures that they professed to study.

Isaiah 53, again written almost 750 years prior to Christ, foretold that He would be despised and rejected; that He would be wounded for our transgressions and that by His stripes (the Roman lashings) we would be healed. It went on to foretell that they would make His grave among the wicked (he hung on a cross with a thief on each side); and that He would bear the sin of many. It was all part of the Father's great plan to restore humankind to Himself and make an atonement for the sin and guilt of us all. Although Jesus spent only three years ministering up to the time of His death and travelled no more than two hundred miles from where He was born, yet more than 2,000 years later He is the linchpin of the human race. No one with all their wealth and power has ever impacted the world as powerfully as Him.

According to The International Bulletin for Missionary Research (IBMR) there were 559,900,000 Christians around the world in 2015. And if current trends continue, Christianity will remain the world's largest religion by year 2050.ⁱⁱ The Bible has consistently outstripped all other books as being the Number One best-selling book worldwide. So, what makes this Jesus so special? What did He say? This is the subject of this guide.

For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, that all should honour the Son, just as they honour the Father. He who does not honour the Son, does not honour the Father who sent Him,

Jn 5:22.

Introduction

What is a Christian?

I have been seriously asking myself this question of late. In the past I would've said I had been a Christian since being baptised in the Catholic Church at six weeks old. But there came a day in my late teens when it truly dawned on me that God was real, that Jesus died personally for me (as He did for each of us). I felt truly alive for the first time in my life. I felt the physical relief of a heavy weight being lifted off me. And so, my journey of faith began.

Over the years I have belonged to a variety of churches. I have witnessed many structures, sizes and cultures within the church world. I have committed to church attendance and served on teams. And yet? I've been left with a niggling feeling that something's missing.

When first I came to believe in God at the age of 19, I had dreams of being a missionary, of serving God full time and following in the footsteps of missionary legends I had read about. I longed to reach out to the lost and needy and for my life to have true meaning and purpose.

Over time my life followed the usual pattern: marriage, mortgage, children, job. I identified myself as a Christian but felt something was awry. So, I get back to the question of what is a Christian?

The term Christian can mean many things to many people. The Harper Collins Bible Dictionary states that, 'Christian is the term that was increasingly applied to Jesus' followers in the late first and early second centuries.'ⁱⁱⁱ So, one may assume it's someone who follows the teachings of Christ.

So, if it is how many of us can list the things Jesus taught us to do? I was ashamed at my own recall. And so, I felt challenged to exclusively focus on the words and teachings of Jesus. In so doing I would allow God to search out my heart to truly assess whether I am a Christian or not. For a Christian will do what his Lord asks of him. by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever <u>keeps His Word</u>, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him

1 Jn 2:3-5

That Significant Day

I can remember that most significant day like it was yesterday. It was the 7th October 1990. I had been listening to the life story of a man called Jim Sweet who had served in the Parachute Regiment in the last World War. One day having jumped out of the aircraft his parachute would not open. It had what was termed 'Roman Candle', where the jumper is wrapped inside the canopy making it look like a fiery ball plummeting toward earth. As Jim was falling, he cried out to God to save him. He then heard an audible voice telling him to pull out the two outer ropes. As he did, seconds later his feet safely touched the ground. It was from there that he dedicated his life to following the One who had saved him from certain death.

At the end of his message he asked if there was anyone in the room who wanted to know Christ. I tentatively put my hand up along with a friend who was with me. At that moment, as the few that were gathered began to pray for us, I felt the sensation of a huge heavy burden being lifted off me. This was then replaced with a euphoric feeling which had me in tears of joy for the next four hours. It was as though I'd finally found what I was looking for.

I had been born in Rochdale, England, the result of a teenage pregnancy. My parents hastily married under the stern direction of my Catholic Paternal Grandmother. The marriage was short-lived. My mother went on to marry her childhood school friend when I was nine years of age. From there we

began military family life, first moving to Plymouth then to Germany. At the age of 12 I was sent to St. Mary's Gate boarding school in Bournemouth, England. Church attendance was obligatory (a choice between Church of England or Catholic) so I attended the nearest Catholic church on Sundays in full school uniform complete with white gloves and boater hat (also obligatory).

It was then that I started the questioning. I could not reconcile the relevance of the traditional church in today's society.

By the time I was 17 years of age, I had been confined to a strict environment within an old Victorian house for most of my teenage years. As soon as I was released (it had indeed felt like prison), I decided it was time to experience all the world had to offer. After two years of it, I was left feeling even more disillusioned and started asking the deeper questions of life, 'why are we here?', 'what is it all about?' – which is how I found myself in that small Baptist church listening to Jim Sweet. I would have said at that moment I raised my hand to 'know' Christ that I became a 'Christian'. Some may say that 'Christian' is the box they tick when they fill out forms because they were baptised in a church. Like me, you may have been a believer for many years, or this may be the first time you have seriously considered God in your life. Wherever you are in your journey, I believe as you take these words of Jesus to heart – they will radically change your life.

What does it really mean to be a Christian?

I began to dig. The word 'Christian' means 'those of Christ'. In Greek and Latin, the suffix –ianus is a substitute for the possessive genitive. A Christian is therefore a person belonging to Christ. We call Him 'our Lord'. If we obey our earthly employers and leaders how much more ought we to obey Christ, 'our Lord'? And yet outside of the Ten Commandments, how many of us can list even five things that Jesus told us to do? (*try it*) I, myself, was ashamed that I could not, even though I professed to being a Christian for most of my life. When I studied the Words of Jesus, I found He gave more than 216 directives in 56 different categories throughout the gospels (the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) with a further 98 warnings in 37 different categories. I was astounded. How could I observe what He said if I didn't hold close to my heart what He spoke?

To be a true believer is to be a true follower, and in being a follower we become true disciples. Jesus said to them - why do you call me Lord, Lord and not do the things which I say? Lk 6:46. And - He who does not love me, does not keep My Words, Jn 14:24. If we do not do what He says, are we not like the man in the parable that builds his house on the earth without a foundation? The ruin of that house will be very great.

I implore you to lay aside all your preconceived ideas about Jesus and come and sit afresh before the Great Teacher Himself. If you ever been in a church, you may find that the teachings of Jesus sometimes conflict with what we have heard taught by leaders and clergy. But the Word of God is our only true source of authority. We are warned against relying on anything or anyone else. The Apostle John declared - *you do not need that anyone teach you, 1 Jn 2:27.* We need to come back to the source, our ultimate Leader and Teacher. Jesus Christ.

Truth Seeker

I have always been a truth seeker. Even before my supernatural experience in 1990, I have been longing for truth – the real deal. I cannot settle for work-buy-consume-die, that the vast majority in the Western World are enslaved by. I know deep inside we are supposed to live for so much more.

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, <u>the truth</u>, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me"

Jn 14:6

The truth is in Him and He came to give us an abundant life with true purpose and meaning.

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come <u>that they may have life</u>, and that they may have it more abundantly

Jn 10:10

It wasn't until I got serious about the Words of Jesus that I started to see the error of my ways. I had been ignorant of the Words of Jesus and apathetic about how they applied to me. I had made many poor errors of judgment over the years. I realise now that if I had undertaken a serious study sooner, I would've made better choices.

Now as a result of studying Jesus' Words I find myself reminded of what He said in given situations. Jesus, Himself said - the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things *that I said to you, Jn 14:26.* His Word is changing me, the way I think, the way I feel, the way I act.

For many of us the Bible can seem overwhelming. We don't know where to start. Which parts are relevant? How should we interpret them?

The sixty-six books of the Bible were not assembled until around 400 years after Christ by a Saint Jerome. Yet by AD310 it was thought there were 20 million Christians in the world.^{iv} The early church grew significantly without the complete Bible as we know it today.

Shortly after the early church was established people, such as the Apostle Luke, started writing historical records of Jesus' life and ministry. The testimony from these was the main source of material for the people to understand who Jesus was and what He came to do.

I believe the whole Bible has been preserved down the centuries for our ultimate good. Though written by man and in certain points can seem fallible, it has been inspired by God as spoken of in the book of 2 Timothy - All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work, 2 Tm 3:15-17.

Jesus is the thread running through the whole of scripture. But Jesus, as the Son of God, spoke directly from the heart of the Father in heaven.

There is a name given for Jesus which is in the last book of the Bible. His name is called - *The Word of God*, *Rv* 19:13. The Apostle John said of Jesus that He was the Word itself – the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth, *Jn* 1:14. Yet Jesus professed that He only spoke what the Father told Him to speak. So how much ought we to heed His words?

Jesus went onto say - *if you abide in my Word, you are my disciples indeed, Jn 8:31.*

If I look back over the years, I admit that I have glossed over some of Jesus' Words. They sometimes have seemed too difficult or too, dare I say, irrelevant.

I found a Bible, among my collection, which has Jesus' Words in red and I started to write out every direct command of Jesus. As I started to write them down, it was like I was reading the Bible for the first time. Like I'd found the truth for the first time, much like the man in the parable - *the Kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field, Mt 13:44.*

Jesus also said – these things I speak in the world that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves, Jn 17:13. It's true - by studying the spoken Word of Jesus, joy filled me, and I pray dear reader, that this be so for you too. I found they are as relevant today as they always have been. Some of what He said you will find challenging. Some, you will find quite shocking. You will find yourself asking, as I did, 'Did Jesus really say that?'

If the Bible is a familiar book to you, I pray it will inspire you to read it anew with fresh eyes. I pray also you will be inspired to dig deeper and do your own study. It is for each of us to seek out the truth and follow the convictions of our hearts.

Following Jesus' teachings is not for the faint hearted. But as we step into the way we are to walk, we are promised a life of fruitful abundance and life everlasting. This world and its pressures and pleasures will all too soon pass away.

If you were told you only had a few months to live (as I write a very real scenario for a close family member of mine) and you decided to open the Bible what would be the most important words to read? The words direct from the mouth of the Son of God or words from another?

But what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

Mt 16:26

How might we avoid losing our own souls for eternity? By returning to the Word Himself. By seriously studying His teachings and seeking how we may observe them in our lives, whatever the cost. For the day is fast approaching when all our earthly treasures will count for nothing. Our reputation among others will count for nothing. *All that will matter is how closely we followed the teachings of Jesus.*

There's a line in a song that says, 'I didn't know I was lost, I didn't know I was lost, I didn't know I was lost'. I believe this speaks for many of us, though if we're truly honest most of us have a sense that there must be more to life. I have come to see that though I have professed to being a Christian for many years, Jesus has been missing from my life. He stands at the door and knocks. He's knocking at the door of our hearts and asking to be let in.

Will we open up and let Him in?

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and <u>opens the door</u>, I will come into him and dine with him, and he with Me

Rv 3:20

The I AM's of Jesus

I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst Jn 6:35

I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever Jn 6:51

Before Abraham was, I AM Jn 8:58

I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture Jn 10:9

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep Jn 10:11

I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live Jn 11:25

I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me Jn 14:6

I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser Jn 15:1

The Words of Jesus

The Words of Jesus are life itself – It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life Jn 6:63

They cleanse us – 'You are already clean because of the Word which I have spoken to you' Jn 15:3

Bring us joy – 'These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full' Jn 15:11

Sanctifies us – 'Sanctify them by Your truth. Your Word is truth' Jn 17:17

Are taught by the Father – 'When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things' Jn 8:28

Will never pass away – 'Heaven and earth will pass away, but My Words will by no means pass away' Mt 24:35

What did Jesus come to do?

To bestow a Kingdom

I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me Lk 22:29

To bring freedom

If the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed In 8:36

And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free Jn 8:32

To bring the Gentiles in

Other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd Jn 10:16

To bring us the Word

For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak just as the Father told Me, so I speak In 12:49

For I have given to them the Words which You have given Me; and they have received them Jn 17:8

To bring revelation

There is nothing covered that will not be revealedand hidden that will not be knownMt 10:26

there is nothing hidden which will not be revealed, nor has anything been kept secret but that it should come to light *Mk* 4:22

To call sinners to repentance

Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance Mk 2:17

I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance Lk 5:32

To do the will of Him who sent Him

Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him *Mt* 11:27

My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work Jn 4:34

I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me

Jn 5:30

He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him Jn 8:29

To give his life as a ransom

Even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many Mk 10:45

As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep

Jn 10:15

Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain Jn 12:24

God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved Jn 3:17

To give life

As the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will Jn 5:21

For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world Jn 6:33

I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly Jn 10:10

You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him Jn 17:2

To give peace

Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you Jn 14:27

To give recovery of sight to the blind

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To heal the broken-hearted

He has sent Me to heal the broken-hearted

Lk 4:18

To make known the Father

The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works Jn 14:10

The word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me Jn 14:24

I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you Jn 15:15

To pray for our protection

I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one Jn 17:15

To preach the gospel to the poor

The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor

Lk 4:18

To prepare a place for us

In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also Jn 14:2

To proclaim liberty to the captives

To proclaim	liberty to the captives	Lk 4:18
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To set at liberty those who are oppressed Lk 4:18

To save that which was lost

The Son of Man has come to save that which was lost

Mt 18:11

The Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them Lk 9:56 For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost Lk 19:10

To seek the glory of the Father

He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him Jn 7:18

To send the Promise of the Father

I send the Promise of My Father upon you Lk 24:49

To serve

The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many Mt 20:28

Who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves Lk 22:27

The Statements of Jesus

The Holy Spirit's Purpose

When we believe, Jesus promised that we would be filled with the Holy Spirit if we ask. Jesus said that He must leave so the Holy Spirit must come -*Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you, Jn 16:7.* His power enables us to understand the scriptures and guide us into all truth.

To dwell within us

The Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you In 14:17

I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you

Jn 14:18

A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also Jn 14:19

To bring to our remembrance His words

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

To testify of Jesus

when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me Jn 15:26

To guide us into all Truth

When He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come Jn 16:13

All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore, I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you

Jn 16:15

The Father

The Father longs for us to know Him and experience His goodness toward us. *This is eternal life, that they* may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ Christ whom You have sent Jn 17:3

He knows all that we need

For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things *Mt 6:32*

He knows how many hairs are on our head

The very hairs of your head are all numbered

Mt 10:30

He promises to feed us

Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? *Mt 6:26*

Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; and God

feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds?

He promises to clothe us

If then God so clothes the grass, which today is in the field and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will He clothe you Lk 12:28

He promises to protect us

Not a hair of your head shall be lost Lk 21:18

He gives us the true bread

My Father gives you the true bread from heaven

Jn 6:32

The Father draws us

No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day

Jn 6:44

The Father will teach us

They shall all be taught by God. Therefore, everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me Jn 6:45

THE COMMANDS

A Word About Commands

Since time began, man has largely chosen, to his detriment, independence from God. The stubbornness and pride that besets us has meant that we have all wanted to be our own little demigods.

This has caused a separation between us and our Divine Creator. As a result, at the time of Moses, the only way man could hope to be reconciled to God was to have an external rule book to guide them into the right way of living.

Alone we are apt to become a lawless race. This is seen today. A century ago Christianity was embedded in our society. It was the church who founded our school system by providing a means of education for the poor. It was the church who founded our medical system now the National Health System. It was the church that provided a moral framework with which to guide men into the right way of living. As our nation have drifted away from its Christian roots and the church has become less influential in national issues, we have witnessed a correlating moral decline. Lawlessness is on the rise.

The Ten Commandments and the additional laws were given to the Israelites for them to understand: the character of God; how to worship; how to be set apart as a people group; and how to be in health.

The rulebook was written ultimately to prove that as humans we cannot ever keep the whole law - For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all, Jm 2:10. We need God. Yet still some believe that by observing certain rituals and sacraments they qualify for heaven.

'This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds,' Hb 10:16.

This meant that instead of an external written law, He would imprint His laws into our hearts and minds. Internal laws. Guided by an inner consciousness through the Holy Spirit dwelling within us. Not by external routines and rituals. However, there are more commands and laws in the New Testament, 1,050, than the Old Testament, 613. How can we ever hope to keep them? By abiding in Him, 'Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me,' Jn 15:4.

We have to come to the absolute conclusion that we cannot ever be 'good enough' in our own strength. But only by our total surrender to God and our commitment to abide in Christ in our daily lives. Then He lives through us and equips us to live righteously. His grace, His unmerited favour is enough.

Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him"

Jn 14:23

Abide in Him		
Abide in Me, and I in you	Jn 15:4	
As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide		
in My love	Jn 15:9	
Be in faith		
Have faith in God	Mk 11:22	
Whatever things you ask when you pray, bel	ieve that	
you receive them, and you will have them	Mk 11:24	
Be in peace		
Have peace with one another	Mk 9:50	
Be merciful		
Be merciful, just as your Father also is merc	iful	
	Lk 6:36	
Be of good cheer		
Do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to		
you, but rather rejoice because your name	mes are	
written in heaven	Lk 10:20	

In Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world Jn 16:33

Be ready!

You also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect Mt 24:44

Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning *lk 12:35*

you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect *Lk 12:40*

Be reborn

Unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God Jn 3:3

Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God Jn 3:5

Do not marvel that I said to you, You must be born again Jn 3:7

Be reconciled to brothers and sisters

If you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift *Mt 5:23*

Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison *Mt 5:25*

If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established *Mt 18:15*

When you go with your adversary to the magistrate make every effort along the way to settle with him, lest he drag you to the judge, the judge delivers you to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison Lk 12:58

Be ruthless with sin

If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell *Mt 5:29*

If your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell *Mt 5:30*

If your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you Mt 18:8

If your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire *Mt 18:9*

If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off	Mk 9:43
If your foot causes you to sin, cut it off	Mk 9:45
If your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out	Mk 9:47

Become as children (innocent, trusting)

unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven *Mt 18:3*

Believe in Jesus

This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent In 6:29 you believe in God, believe also in Me In 14:1 Beware of Deceivers Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves Mt 7:15 Beware of men Mt 10:17 For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many Mt 24:5 If anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it Mt 24:23

False christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect *Mt* 24:24

If they say to you, 'Look He is in the desert!' do not go out; or 'Look, He is in the inner rooms!' do not believe it *Mt 24:26*

Take heed that no one deceives youMk 13:5Many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He,' andwill deceive manyMk 13:6

If anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or, 'Look, He is there!' do not believe it Mk 13:21

For false christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect *Mk* 13:22

Take heed that you not be deceived. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He,' and, 'The time has drawn near.' Therefore, do not go after them Lk 21:8

Beware of religious people

Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees Mt 16:6

Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Phariseesand the leaven of HerodMk 8:15

Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy Lk 12:1

Choose the narrow path

Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it *Mt 7:13*

Narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it *Mt 7:14*

Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able

Lk 13:24

Deny yourself

If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me

Mt 16:24

Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it Mk 8:34

If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me

Lk 9:23

Do good deeds secretly

Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven *Mt 6:1*

When you do a charitable deed, do not sound the trumpet before you as the hypocrites do *Mt 6:2*

Do not be afraid, do not worry

Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? *Mt 6:25*

Do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek *Mt 6:31*

Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble *Mt 6:34*

When they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak *Mt 10:19*

Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul Mt 10:28

Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid Mt 14:27

You will hear of wars and rumours of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet *Mt 24:6*

Do not be afraid Mt 28:10

Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid Mk 6:50

When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be troubled Mk 13:7

When they arrest you and deliver you up, do not worry beforehand, or premeditate what you will speak. But whatever is given you in that hour, speak that; for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit *Mk* 13:11 Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men *Lk* 5:10 Do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do *Lk* 12:4

When they bring you to the synagogues and magistrates and authorities, do not worry about how or what you should answer, or what you should say *Lk 12:11*

Do not worry about your life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put on Lk 12:22

Do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind Lk 12:29

When you hear of wars and commotions, do not be terrified; for these things must come to pass first, but the end will not come immediately Lk 21:9

Take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly Lk 21:34

Let not your heart be troubled Jn 14:1

Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid Jn 14:27

Do not name call

But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire Mt 5:22

Do not covet

Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses Lk 12:15

The soldiers asked him, saying, "And what shall we do?" So he said to them, "Do not intimidate anyone or accuse falsely, and be content with your wages" Lk 3:14

Do not fear rejection

Whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet *Mt 10:14* Whoever will not receive you nor hear you, when you depart from there, shake off the dust under your feet as a testimony against them Mk 6:11

Whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart. And whoever will not receive you, when you go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet as a testimony against them Lk 9:4

Do not get angry with a brother

But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment *Mt 5:22*

Do not judge, do not condemn

Judge not, that you be not judged	Mt 7:1
Judge not, and you shall not be judged.	Condemn
not, and you shall not be condemned	Lk 6:37
Do not judge according to appearance	Jn 7:24

Do not make merchandise of His house

Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise! Jn 2:16

My House shall be called a house of prayer, but you have made it a den of thieves Mt 21:13

Do not swear

Do not swear at all: neither by heaven, for it is God's throne Mt 5:34

Let your 'Yes' be 'Yes', and your 'No', 'No'. For whatever is more than these is from the evil one

Mt 5:37

Do not tempt God

It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God ' Mt 4:7

Do the will of God

Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven Mt 7:21

Whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock *Mt 7:24* Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls *Mt* 11:29

Whoever does the will of God is My brother and My sister and mother Mk 3:35

My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it Lk 8:21

For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more Lk 12:48

When you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do '

Do to others what you want them to do to you

Whatever you want men to do to you, do also to
themMt 7:12

Just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise Lk 6:31

Fast

When you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly *Mt 6*:17

But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days Mk 2:20

This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting Mk 9:29

The days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them; then they will fast in those days Lk 5:35

Fear God

Fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell *Mt* 10:28

Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to castinto hell; yes, I say to you, fear HimLk 12:5

Find your rest

Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while Mk 6:31

Follow Him

Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men Mt 4:19 Follow Me, and let the dead bury their own dead Mt 8:22 Follow Me Mt 9:9 Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men Mk 1:17 Follow Me Lk 5:27 Follow Me Jn 1:43 If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me Jn 12:26 Follow Me Jn 21:19

Forgive

[How often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?] I do not say to

you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven *Mt* 18:21

Whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses *Mk* 11:25

Forgive, and you will be forgiven Lk 6:37

If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him Lk 17:3

Forsake all

If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple Lk 14:26

Whoever of you *does not forsake all that he has* cannot be My disciple *Lk 14:33* There is no one who has left house or parents or brothers or wife or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, who shall not receive many times more in this present time, and in the age to come eternal life *Lk* 18:29

Freely give

Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away Mt 5:42

Give to everyone who asks of you. And from him who takes away your goods do not ask them back Lk 6:30

Go and Preach

As you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand ' Mt 10:7

Whatever city or town you enter, inquire who in it is worthy, and stay there till you go out Mt 10:11

I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves *Mt* 10:16 Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops Mt 10:27 For by your words you will be justified Mt 12:37 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit Mt 28:19 Tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you Mk 5:19 Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature Mk 16:15 Tell what great things God has done for you Lk 8:39 Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God Lk 9:60 Heal the sick there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you ' 1k 10:9 Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled *Lk* 14:23

That repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem Lk 24:47

Lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! Jn 4:35

I sent you to reap that for which you have not laboured Jn 4:38

As the Father has sent Me, I also send you Jn 20:21

Labour for God

No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon Mt 6:24

No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon Lk 16:13 Do not labour for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you Jn 6:27

Let the children come to Him

Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven Mt 19:14

Whoever receives one of these little children in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me *Mk 9:37*

Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God Mk 10:14

Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God Lk 18:16

Let your light shine

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven Mt 5:16

Live by the Word

It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God' Mt 4:4

If you want to enter into life, keep the commandments Mt 19:17

Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God *Lk 4:4*

Why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?

Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings *and does them*, I will show you whom he is like: He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock *Lk 6:47*

If you love Me, keep My commandments Jn 14:15

He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me Jn 14:21

If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word Jn 14:23

Love God

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind Mt 22:37

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength Mk 12:30

Love Others

You shall love your neighbour as yourself Mt 22:39

You shall love your neighbour as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these Mk 12:31

Go and do likewise [As did the good Samaritan]

Lk 10:37

I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren *Lk 22:32*

Love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another Jn 13:34

By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another Jn 13:35

This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you Jn 15:12

Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends Jn 15:13

These things I command you, that you love one another Jn 15:17

Love your Enemies

Love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you Mt 5:44

Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you

Lk 6:27

But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return *Lk 6:35*

Pray

When you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly *Mt* 6:6

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When you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words *Mt 6:7*

In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your Kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen Mt 6:9

Pray the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest *Mt 9:38*

Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation

Mt 26:41

Watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is *Mk* 13:33

Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation Mk 14:38 The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few; therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest Lk 10:2

When you *pray*, say: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your Kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, For we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And do not lead us into temptation but deliver us from the evil one *Lk* 11:2

Watch therefore, and *pray always* that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man

Lk 21:36

Pray that you may not enter into temptation Lk 22:40

Refuse titles

But you, do not be called 'Rabbi'; for One is your Teacher, the Christ, and you are all brethren *Mt* 23:8

Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven Mt 23:9

Rejoice in persecution

Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you Mt 5:11

Blessed are you poor, For yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, For you shall be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, For you shall laugh. Blessed are you when men hate you, And when they exclude you, And revile you, and cast out your name as evil, For the Son of Man's sake. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven, For in like manner their fathers did to the prophets *Lk 6:20*

Remember His Sacrifice

Take, eat; this is My body Mt 26:26

[And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying], 'This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me '

Lk 22:19

Render to Government and God what is due

Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's

Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's *Mk* 12:17

Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's

Lk 20:25

Mt 22:21

Repent

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand Mt 4:17

Repent, and believe in the gospel Mk 1:15

Seek first the Kingdom

But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you Mt 6:33

But seek the Kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you Lk 12:31

Sell up and give to the poor

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal

Mt 6:19

If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me *Mt 19:21*

One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me Mk 10:21

You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me Lk 18:22

Serve others

You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you Mt 20:25 Whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant Mt 20:26 Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me Mt 25:40 If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all Mk 9:35 whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant Mk 10:43 You give them something to eat 1k 9:13 He who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves 1k 22:26 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet In 13:14

Turn the other cheek

I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also Jn 13:14

Bless those who curse you and pray for those who spitefully use you Lk 6:28

To him who strikes you on the one cheek, offer the other also. And from him who takes away your cloak, do not withhold your tunic either Lk 6:29

Use good judgment

Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces *Mt 7:6*

Watch!

Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming Mt 24:42

Learn this parable from the fig tree; When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near Mt 24:32

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Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming Mt 25:13

Watch!

You yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately Lk 12:36

When these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near Lk 21:28

Worship Him only

It is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve ' Mt 4:10

You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve Lk 4:8

God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth Jn 4:24

Mk 13:37

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THE WARNINGS

A Word About the Warnings

Jesus gave us many warnings, 97 in total contained within the gospels in 38 different categories. They exist to protect us and guide us onto the straight and narrow path. We do well to heed them.

Do not be against Him

He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad Mt 12:30

He who is not with Me is against Me Lk 11:23

Do not be angry with your brother

Whoever is angry with his brother without a causeshall be in danger of the judgmentMt 5:22

Do not be unfaithful

If you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own?

Do not be unrepentant

Unless you repent you will all likewise perish Lk 13:3

Do not blaspheme the Spirit

Blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men Mt 12:31

whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come *Mt* 12:32

He who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is subject to eternal condemnation

Mk 3:29

To him who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven Lk 12:10

Do not break the commandments

Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven Mt 5:19

Do not cause others to sin

whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea *Mt 18:6*

Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes! *Mt 18:7*

Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea Mk 9:42

It is impossible that no offenses should come, but woe to him through whom they do come! *Lk* 17:1

Do not cease to abide in Him

As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me Jn 15:6

If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned Jn 15:6

Do not commit adultery

Whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery *Mt 5:32*

Whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery *Mt 19:9*

Whoever divorces his wife and marries anothercommits adultery against herMk 10:11

Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced from her husband commits adultery *Lk* 16:18

Do not criticise others

why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye? First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye Mt 7:3

why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the plank in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the plank that is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck that is in your brother's eye Lk 6:41

Do not deny Jesus before men

Whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny
before My Father who is in heavenMt 10:33Whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this
adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of
Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the
glory of His Father with the holy angelsMk 8:38

Whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels *Lk 9:26*

He who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God *Lk 12:9*

Do not dishonour the Son or the Father

He who does not honour the Son, does not honour the Father who sent Him Jn 5:23

How can you believe, who receive honour from one another, and do not seek the honour that comes from the only God? Jn 5:44

Do not exalt yourself

Whoever exalts himself will be humbledMt 23:12For whoever exalts himself will be humbledLk 14:11Everyone who exalts himself will be humbledLk 18:14Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as alittle child will by no means enter it

Do not fall into temptation

The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no

root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away Lk 8:13

Do not follow blind leaders

They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch Mt 15:14

Do not judge

With what judgment you judge, you will be judged and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you *Mt 7:2*

With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you Mk 4:24

Do not lose your flavour

You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavour, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men *Mt 5:13*

Salt is good; but if the salt has lost its flavour, how shall it be seasoned? Lk 14:34

Do not lust

Whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart Mt 5:28

Do not love others more than Jesus

He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me *Mt 10:37*

Do not neglect brothers and sisters in Christ

Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' And these will go away into everlasting punishment *Mt 25:44*

Do not practice lawlessness

As the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth Mt 13:40

For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within and defile a man

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Mk 7:21
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this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed Jn 3:18

for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation Jn 5:28

If one walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him Jn 11:10

Do not refuse His Word

Everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand Mt 7:26

He who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great Lk 6:49

That servant who knew his master's will and did not prepare himself or do according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes *Lk 12:47*

He who does not love Me does not keep My words Jn 14:24

Do not reject the Lord

Whoever falls on this stone [Jesus the Cornerstone] will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder Mt 21:43

He who does not believe will be condemned Mk 16:16

The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. Whoever falls on that stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder *Lk 20:17*

Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you Jn 6:53

He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him – the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day Jn 12:48

If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me Jn 13:8

Do not seek after a sign

An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign Mt 12:39 A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign Mt 16:4

Do not seek popularity with men

Woe to you when all men speak well of you, For so did their fathers to the false prophets Lk 6:26

Do not seek to justify yourself

You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God *Lk* 16:15

Do not seek to save your own life

he who does not take his cross and follow after Me	
is not worthy of Me	Mt 10:38
For whoever desires to save his life will lose it	
	Mt 16:25
whoever does not bear his cross and come a	after Me
cannot be My disciple	Lk 14:27
Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it	Lk 17:33
He who loves his life will lose it	Jn 12:25

Do not seek your own glory

He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory Jn 7:18

Do not serve money

No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon *Lk 16:13*

Do not sin

See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you Jn 5:14 Neither do I condemn you, go and sin no more Jn 8:11 whoever commits sin is a slave of sin Jn 8:34

Do not slide back

If that evil servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming, and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of, and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth *Mt 24:48*

Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming - in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the

morning – lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping Mk 13:35

If that servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,' and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and be drunk, the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the unbelievers *Lk* 12:45

Do not speak defilement

By your words you will be condemned Mt 12:37

Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man Mt 15:11

Those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies

Mt 15:18

There is nothing that enters a man from outside which can defile him; but the things which come out of him, those are the things that defile a man *Mk* 7:15

A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks *Lk 6:45*

Do not speak idle words

For every idle word men may speak, they will giveaccount of it in the day of judgmentMt 12:36

Whatever you have spoken in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have spoken in the ear in inner rooms will be proclaimed on the housetops Lk 12:3

Do not store up wealth in this world

It is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God Mt 19:23

What will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Mk 8:36

How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! *Mk 10:23*

How hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God! *Mk 10:24* It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God *Mk 10:25*

But woe to you who are rich, For you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full, For you shall hunger. Woe to you who laugh now, For you shall mourn and weep Lk 6:24

The ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity Lk 8:14

For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost? *Lk 9:25*

I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich towardGodLk 12:19How hard it is for those who have riches to enter thekingdom of God!Lk 18:24

Do not use weapons

Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword *Mt 26:52*

Do not walk in unforgiveness

If you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses Mt 6:15

And his master was angry and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. So, My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses *Mt 18:34*

If you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses Mk 11:26

Do not walk in unbelief

He who does not believe will be condemned Mk 16:16

He who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God Jn 3:18

You do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe Jn 5:38

Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

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THE PROMISES

A Word About Works

Salvation is by faith alone, there is nothing we can do to earn it, it is a work of God. Many argue that we can do nothing to further 'sanctify' ourselves (make ourselves Holy). This too is a work of God through the Holy Spirit. However we are fully expected to live a life of good works and in fact our lives will be judged by our deeds. For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead, Jm 2:26.

And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, Rv 20:12. It's not enough to just say we believe, our lives must demonstrate it. As believers we are expected to be God's representatives on earth to live right before a watching world. Jesus said - be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect, Mt 5:48.

How? We cannot do this in our own strength, we have to acknowledge our need of God and we will be given help from the Holy Spirit when we ask.

In the losing of your life

Whoever loses his life for My sake will find itMt 16:25Whoever loses his life will preserve itLk 17:33He who hates his life in this world will keep it for
eternal lifeJn 12:25

In the taking of your authority

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven *Mt 16:19*

Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven *Mt 18:18*

I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you Lk 10:19

In your abiding in Him

He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him Jn 6:56

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He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing Jn 15:5

If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you Jn 15:7

In your agreeing

I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them *Mt 18:19*

In your asking

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you Mt 7:7

For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened *Mt 7:8*

If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him! *Mt 7:11*

Whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive Mt 21:22

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you Lk 11:9

Everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened Lk 11:10

If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!

Whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that theFather may be glorified in the SonJn 14:13

Whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you Jn 16:23

Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full Jn 16:24

In your being in the light

If then your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, the whole body will be full of light, as when the bright shining of a lamp gives you light *Lk 11:36* If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world Jn 11:9

In your believing

Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you Mt 8:13

According to your faith let it be to you Mt 9:29

Then Jesus answered and said to her, O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire. And her daughter was healed from that very hour

Mt 15:28

If you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you

Mt 17:20

For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance Mt 13:12

For whoever has, to him more will be given Mk 4:25

Your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction Mk 5:34

If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes Mk 9:23

Go your way; your faith has made you well Mk 10:52

Whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea', and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says *Mk* 11:23

He who believes and is baptized will be saved

Mk 16:16

Your faith has saved you. Go in peace Lk 7:50

Be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace Lk 8:48

If you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you *Lk 17:6*

Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well Lk 17:19

Receive your sight; your faith has made you well Lk 18:42 As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life Jn 3:14

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life Jn 3:16

He who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life Jn 5:24

He who believes in Me shall never thirst Jn 6:35

Everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day Jn 6:40

He who believes in Me has everlasting life Jn 6:47

I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live Jn 11:25

If you would believe you would see the glory of God In 11:40

I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness Jn 12:46 He who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father Jn 14:12

The Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God Jn 16:27

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed Jn 20:29

In your coming to Him

Come to Me, all you who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest *Mt* 11:28

He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst Jn 6:35

All that the Father gives Me will *come to Me*, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out Jn 6:37

Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day

Jn 6:54

If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink

Jn 7:37

In your concern for the brethren

Whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward *Mt* 10:42

The King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me' *Mt* 25:34

And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me' *Mt 25:40*

Whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in My name, because you belong to Christ, assuredly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward Mk 9:41

In your confessing

Whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven Mt 10:32

In your crying out to Him

Shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them?

Lk 18:7

In your doing of the will of God

Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven *Mt 7:21*

For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works *Mt 16:25*

He who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God Jn 3:21

If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honour

Jn 12:26

If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them Jn 13:17 You are My friends if you do whatever I command you Jn 15:14

In your enduring

You will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he	
who endures to the end will be saved	Mt 10:22
He who endures to the end shall be saved	Mt 24:13
He who endures to the end shall be saved	Mk 13:13
By your patience possess your souls	Lk 21:19

In your faithfulness

For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance Mt 13:12

Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing

Mt 24:45

His lord said to him, Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord *Mt* 25:21

For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance Mt 25:29

Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his master will make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes Lk 12:42

In your forgiving

If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you Mt 6:14

In your fasting

When you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you *Mt 6:18*

In your following Him

I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life Jn 8:12

In your fruit-bearing

Every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit Jn 15:2

By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples Jn 15:8

You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you In 15:16

In your giving

But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you *Mt 6:4*

In your going into all the world

Everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life *Mt* 19:29

He said to them, 'When I sent you without money bag, knapsack, and sandals, did you lack anything?' [So they said, 'Nothing '] Lk 22:35

And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together Jn 4:36

I sent you to reap that for which you have not laboured; others have laboured, and you have entered into their labours Jn 4:38

In your hearing of the Word

But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear *Mt 13:16* Take heed what you hear. With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you; and to you who hear, more will be given Mk4:24

But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience Lk 8:15

Take heed how you hear. For whoever has, tohim more will be givenLk 8:18

He who is of God hears God's words Jn 8:47

The sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice Jn 10:3

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand Jn 10:27 Now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves Jn 17:13

In your hospitality toward the poor

When you give a dinner or a supper, do not ask your friends, your brothers, your relatives, nor rich neighbours, lest they also invite you back, and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just *Lk* 14:12

In your humbling of self

I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than Jn the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he *Mt 11:11* Whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven *Mt 18:4* He who humbles himself will be exalted *Mt 23:12* Among those born of women there is not a greater
prophet than Jn the Baptist; but he who is least in
the kingdom of God is greater than heLk 7:28He who is least among you all will be greatLk 9:48He who humbles himself will be exaltedLk 14:11He who humbles himself will be exaltedLk 18:14

In your identity

Mt 17:26

In your keeping of the Word

Whoever does and teaches them [one of the least of these commandments], he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven Mt 5:19

[Whoever does His sayings] He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock *Lk 6:48* If anyone keeps My Word he shall never see death

Jn 8:51

If anyone keeps My Word he shall never taste death

Jn 8:52

If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love Jn 15:10

In your loving of Him

Her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much Lk 7:47

He who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him Jn 14:21

If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him Jn 14:23

In your receiving of Him

Blessed is he who is not offended because of Me Mt 11:6 Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life Jn 4:14

He who eats this bread will live forever Jn 6:58

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly Jn 10:10

In your receiving of others

He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward *Mt* 10:41

Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me Mt 18:5

Whoever receives this little child in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me Lk 9:48

he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me Jn 13:20

In your righteousness

The righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father Mt 13:43

In your selling

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field Mt 13:44

the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it *Mt* 13:45

Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys Lk 12:33

In your taking of His Yoke

For My yoke is easy and My burden is light Mt 11:30

In your watching for Him

Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down to eat and will come and serve them Lk 12:37

Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life

Jn 6:68

In Believing

Be a Labourer

The harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few Mt 9:37

The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few *lk* 10:2

Be Faithful

He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much Lk 16:10

Fast

The days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days Mk 2:20

Be forgiving toward others

If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained *Jn* 20:23

Be keepers of the Word

I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours,

You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word Jn 17:6

Kingdom of God is within you

The kingdom of God does not come with observation; nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you

Life is more than food and clothing

Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? Mt 6:27

Life is more than food, and the body is more than clothing Lk 12:23

Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?

Love even those who hate you

If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them

Lk 6:32

Repentance brings joy

There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance Lk 15:7 There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents *Lk* 15:10

Single-hearted for Christ

The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage. But those who are counted worthy to attain that age, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage Lk 20:34

There are eunuchs who were born thus from their mother's womb, and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He who is able to accept it, let him accept it *Mt* 19:12

You are light

You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden Mt 5:14

Your heart follows your treasure

Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also Mt 6:21

You will be tested and preserved

Everyone will be seasoned with fire, and every sacrifice will be seasoned with salt *Mk 9:49*

For evildoers shall be cut off; But those who wait on the Lord, They shall inherit the earth

Ps 37:9

End of the Age

This world is reaching a climax. Given the current world population of 7.7 billion, the remarkable rate at which it's increasing in size and the rate of consumption of natural resources, we cannot expect things to go on as they are forever.

Just as the worldwide flood (of which there is copious proof that this occurred)^v, took everyone by surprise. There will be another event that will catch most people off guard.

Lockyer says, 'One third of the Bible is taken up with prophecy. As prophecy is history written in advance, we are up-to-date in the trend of international events today if we have a knowledge of the unfolding plan of God which prophecy provides.' ^{vi}

There were 333 prophecies concerning the first coming of Jesus – all of which were fulfilled. There are thought to be over 1,500 biblical prophecies concerning His forthcoming return. This means for

every prophecy speaking of His first coming there are another eight concerning His second return. The vast majority of these have been fulfilled. Although Jesus said no one can know the day or the hour of His return. He told us we will be able to identify the season. I believe we are very much in that final season.

Jesus mentions two things people were doing before the flood came and took them all away. He says they were eating and drinking and marrying and giving in marriage. It compares that time with the one to come. Life will be carrying on as normal. So also will the coming of the Son of Man be. Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming Mt 24:39.

The Books of Daniel, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Joel, Zechariah and Revelation are among others offer much prophetical insight into the latter days. These are the statements Jesus made regarding them.

The coming of the Son of Man

Jesus says there will be signs to watch out for

There will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring Lk 21:25

There will be wars and an increase in earthquakes

Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven Lk 21:10

There will be a time of great distress

Men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken Lk 21:26

After the tribulation

The sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light Mk 13:24

His coming will be like lightening

As the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be Mt 24:27

The sign of the Son of Man

Will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory *Mt 24:29*

We cannot predict when it will be

But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only Mt 24:36

But we can discern the season

Learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender, and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. So you also, when you see these things happening, know that it is near – at the door *Mk* 13:28 It will come unexpectedly for those not watching But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be Mt 24:37

As in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be Mt 24:38

He will come to judge

When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats *Mt 25:31*

But the end will not come until the gospel has been preached to the whole world

This gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come Mt 24:14

Trials

Those who are serious about following the teachings of Jesus will face trials. With the move toward the tightening of free speech in the western world, it's only a matter of time before similar trials are experienced here that are already being experienced in other parts of the world.

But as Jesus promised - blessed are you when they revile and persecute you and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, Mt 5:11.

A servant is not greater than his master. If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also

Jn 15:20

Betrayal of one another

Brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death *Mt* 10:21

And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another Mt 24:7

You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death Lk 21:16

Division

Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword *Mt* 10:34

Do you suppose that I came to give peace on earth? I tell you, not at all, but rather division. For from now on five in one house will be divided: three against two, and two against three. Father will be divided against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-inlaw against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law

Hated by all

You will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved Mt 10:22

You will be hated by all nations for My name's sake Mt 24:7

He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me *Lk* 10:16

you will be hated by all for My name's sake Lk 21:17

If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you Jn 15:18

If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you Jn 15:19

I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world Jn 17:14

Lose your life

They will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you Mt 24:7

The time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service Jn 16:2

Love of many will grow cold

And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold Mt 24:12

No honour among your own people

A prophet is not without honour except in his own country and in his own house Mt 13:57

A prophet is not without honour except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house Mk 6:4

No prophet is accepted in his own country Lk 4:24

Persecutions

Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great *is* your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you *Mt 5:12*

If they have called the Master of the house Beelzebub, how much more will they call those of his household *Mt 10:25*

They will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons. You will be brought before kings and rulers for My name's sake. But it will turn out for you as an occasion for testimony. Therefore, settle it in your hearts not to meditate beforehand on what you will answer; for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist Lk 21:10

> Blessed are those <u>who</u> <u>do</u> His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city

> > Rv 22:14

Key Topics

Although every word Jesus spoke has imperative value. I found that there were 83 different topics.

I amalgamated all the themes of the commands, the warnings and the promises to determine the most prominent topics and listed the number of times they were mentioned.

These are the top 10:

- 1. Believe in Him (35 times)
- 2. Pray and ask (23 times)
- 3. Deal with sin (22 times)
- 4. Do not store up wealth on earth (21 times)
- 5. Go and preach the Gospel / Do not worry (both 20 times equally)
- 6. Love others (19 times)
- 7. Live by the Word (17 times)
- 8. Beware of deceivers (15 times)
- 9. Do the will of God (13 times)
- 10. Forgive others / Be humble (12 times equally)

Clearly believing in Jesus is our starting point. We must choose to believe that He is God's Son who came to earth to fulfil a Divine plan for the redemption of mankind. Secondly, is to involve Him in our lives, to pray and ask of Him is to increase our reliance on Him and allow our faith to grow as we see Him move in our lives. Of almost equal significance is to deal with the sin in our lives. To repent and turn away from our old patterns of behaviour. Fourthly, not to store up treasures on earth. Jesus knew that material wealth would bring its distractions. He said that by sacrificing treasures on earth we would store up treasures in heaven. The fifth most stated command is to go and preach the gospel, joint equally with do not worry.

Comparing this to a section in the book of Revelation, chapter 21 which describes the time when a new earth will be established and which types of people will be done away with – *the cowardly, the unbelieving and the sinful* – which equate with the top key topics Jesus spoke on.

The Apostle John had a vision from Heaven which resulted in the writing of the book of Revelation. within it Jesus states - I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.'

We need to take the Words of Jesus seriously, eternity is at stake.

If anyone <u>keeps My Word</u>, he shall never see death

Jn 8:51

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To Conclude

With a burden on my heart, I have set out to explain who Jesus is and the reasons why we need to get back to His teachings. He came to call us to repentance and give us an abundant life.

Like sheep drifting from the shepherd, we have all drifted from the real Words of Christ, our true Shepherd. But by returning to His Words we can be guided into all truth and remain true to Him. This is ever more important as deception is increasing and the world is spiralling more and more out of control.

For you were like sheep going astray, but <u>have now returned</u> to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls

1 Pt 2:25

I have provided the key topics that Jesus taught on and furthermore I have provided a pocket reference guide to what He said. My hope is that this guide will impact you. If it has, then I encourage you to open your heart and mind to the Father in heaven. He loves you and is calling you home.

If anyone loves Me, <u>he will keep My word</u>; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him

Jn 14:23

I, and many, many others can testify that His Word is true and since I opened my heart to Him, He has been a constant Guide, Protector, Provider and Comforter. He has never failed me once, though I have failed Him often. Yet His hand has been upon me, changing me into what I have been placed here to be and equipping me for all I have been placed here to do. I pray you open your heart too.

God looks down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there are any who understand, who seek God

Ps 53:2

Disclaimer

I am no acclaimed biblical scholar, I have simply sought to understand Jesus' Words as they were delivered and at times referred to the Hebrew and Greek where I have been uncertain.

There are warnings today against taking words out of context, of this I am acutely aware. However, I believe that there is great value in isolating a verse and contemplating it for it can be lost in the whole text and in our over-familiarity with a section.

I have at times not started a sentence in the traditional sense where there is the start of a text number, (this numbering task was carried out by Robert Estinne in 1551) as I believe this too can breed an over-familiarity with a verse.

I have placed Jesus words into sections: the commands, the promises and the warnings. I have not extracted all of Jesus' words in their entirety. Some were for that very specific situation that He

was in. Some may argue that even some quotes that I have included were for specific situations. That is for each to decide for themselves before the Father above. I believe most of what Jesus spoke can be considered beyond of the realms of time.

I have not included the Parables for these are a whole topic in themselves. Nor have I been able to accurately categorise every word because there are occasions where they overlap. But where possible this has been achieved.

There are a few references to Jesus' specific words in other parts of the Bible, but for the purposes of this guide I have kept the categorisation exclusively to the four gospels. However, I have referenced quotes in other sections in the Bible where appropriate. I have kept the frequency of when quotes were repeated in other gospel accounts as I believe this offers valuable insight to the matters Jesus wanted to emphasise as seen in the Key Topics section. I have categorised headings in alphabetical order and then the scriptural references in the order in which they appear in the Bible.

There is much debate over which translations of the Bible to read. I have come to understand that newer versions, whilst trying to make the Bible more contemporary, can at times alter the intention of a verse and at other times have completely removed certain verses (such as Matthew 17:21 *This kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting* has been eliminated in newer versions). So, I personally prefer to use the New King James Version and have quoted from this version throughout the guide.

This guide is in no way to replace your own individual study of the Bible, but instead my prayer is that it would steer you towards reading it and studying it, in particular the four gospels, for yourself. The word 'Gospel' means 'good news'. Jesus came to deliver the good news – to give each of us the roadmap to eternal life. I pray you reach the destination.

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