

Below are quotes from scriptures without any commentary. (Grouped by topic.)

Try to see what those verses tell you without any outside influence.

If you are a Jehovah's Witness it will be difficult because you have been conditioned to think a certain way when you read a verse. So try and see what the verses are actually saying without the Governing Body's little voice in your head defining the verse for you.

I have put (Gr) next to words where you may wish to look at the original Greek to see the definition of the original word to get the correct meaning of the verse. A good website to see the original text and word definitions is: <https://biblehub.com>

(For a more in-depth way to research a Greek or Hebrew word by letting the Bible itself define the words, see my article "Share Your Thoughts and Research + advice")

I recommend asking for accurate knowledge in prayer before you read the verses.

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(Philippians 1:9, 10) And this is what I continue praying, that your love may abound still more and more with accurate knowledge and full discernment; ¹⁰ that **you** may **make sure** of the more important things, so that you may be flawless and not stumbling others up to the day of Christ;

(Colossians 1:9, 10) That is also why from the day we heard of it, we have never stopped praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the accurate knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual comprehension, ¹⁰ **so as to walk worthily** of Jehovah in order to please him fully as you go on bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the accurate knowledge of God;

(1 Timothy 2:3, 4) This is fine and acceptable in the sight of our Savior, God, ⁴ whose will is that all sorts of people should be saved and come to an accurate knowledge of truth.

(Acts 17:11) Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thes-sa-lo-ni'ca, for they accepted the word with the greatest eagerness of mind, **carefully** examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.

(Romans 12:2) stop being molded by this system of things, but be transformed by making your mind over, so that you may **prove** to yourselves the good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

(1 Timothy 4:15) Ponder over these things; be absorbed in them, so that your advancement may be plainly seen by all people.

(1 Corinthians 2:15) However, the spiritual man examines all things, but he himself is not examined by any man.

(1 Corinthians 3:1, 2) So, brothers, I was not able to speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to fleshly men, as to infants in Christ. ² I fed you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet strong enough. In fact, neither are you strong enough now,

(Hebrews 5:14-6:1) But solid food belongs to mature people, to those who through use have their powers of discernment trained to distinguish both right and wrong. Therefore, now that we have moved beyond the primary doctrine about the Christ, let us press on to maturity

(John 21:22, 23) Jesus said to him: "If it is my will for him to remain until I come, of what concern is that to you? You continue following me." ²³ So the saying went out among the brothers that this disciple would not die. However, Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but he said: "If it is my will for him to remain until I come, of what concern is that to you?"

=== (the following verses are from my article "Love Covers") ===

(1 Peter 4:8) Above all things, have intense love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.

(Luke 7:47) Because of this, I tell you, her sins, many though they are, are forgiven, because she loved much.

(Matthew 5:43-46) "You heard that it was said: 'You must love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'
⁴⁴ However, I say to you: Continue to love your enemies and to pray for those who persecute you,
⁴⁵ so that you may prove yourselves sons of your Father who is in the heavens, since he makes his sun rise on both the wicked and the good and makes it rain on both the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ For if you love those loving you, what reward do you have? Are not also the tax collectors doing the same thing?

(Matthew 24:12, 13) and because of the increasing of lawlessness, the love of the greater number will grow cold. ¹³ But the one who has endured to the end will be saved.

(Luke 6:35) On the contrary, continue to love your enemies and to do good and to lend without hoping for anything back; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind toward the unthankful and wicked.

(1 Corinthians 13:1-3) If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels but do not have love, I have become a clanging gong or a clashing cymbal. ² And if I have the gift of prophecy and understand all the sacred secrets and all knowledge, and if I have all the faith so as to move mountains, but do not

have love, I am nothing. ³ And if I give all my belongings to feed others, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I do not benefit at all.

(1 John 2:10) The one who loves his brother remains in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling.

=== (see my article "Are You Worshiping Jehovah Acceptably? - Expanded") ===

(1 Timothy 2:5) For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, a man, Christ Jesus,

(Matthew 23:10) Neither be called leaders, for your Leader is one, the Christ.

(John 14:6) Jesus said to him: "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

(Matthew 23:8) But you, do not you be called Rabbi, for one is your Teacher, and all of you are brothers.

(2 Corinthians 1:24) Not that we are the masters over your faith, but we are fellow workers for your joy, for it is by your faith that you are standing.

(Matthew 7:15) "Be on the watch for the false prophets who come to you in sheep's covering, but inside they are ravenous wolves.

(Luke 21:8) He said: "Look out that you are not misled, for many will come on the basis of my name, saying, 'I am he,' and, 'The due time is near.' Do not go after them.

(Matthew 20:25-28) But Jesus called them to him and said: "You know that the rulers of the nations lord it over them and the great men wield authority over(Gr) them. ²⁶ **This must not be the way among you**; but whoever wants to become great among you must be your minister, ²⁷ and whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave. ²⁸ Just as the Son of man came, not to be ministered to, but to minister and to give his life as a ransom in exchange for many."

(1 Peter 5:2, 3) Shepherd the flock of God under your care, serving as overseers, not under compulsion, but willingly before God; not for love of dishonest gain, but eagerly; ³ not lording it over those who are God's inheritance, but becoming **examples** to the flock.

(Luke 22:25-27) But he said to them: "The kings of the nations lord it over them, and those having authority over them are called Benefactors. ²⁶ You, though, are not to be that way. But let the one who is the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the one taking the lead as the one ministering. ²⁷ For which one is greater, the one dining or the one serving? Is it not the one dining?

But I am among you as the one serving.

(Ephesians 5:6) Let no man deceive you with empty words, for because of such things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience.

(2 Peter 2:3) Also, they will greedily exploit you with counterfeit words. But their judgment, decided long ago, is not moving slowly, and their destruction is not sleeping.

(Isaiah 2:22) For your own sakes, quit trusting in mere man, Who is only the breath in his nostrils. Why should he be taken into account?

(Psalm 146:3, 4) Do not put your trust in princes Nor in a son of man, who cannot bring salvation.
⁴ His spirit goes out, he returns to the ground; On that very day his thoughts perish.

(Colossians 3:23) Whatever you are doing, work at it whole-souled as for Jehovah, and not for men,

(Jeremiah 17:5a) This is what Jehovah says: "Cursed is the man who puts his trust in mere humans,

(Matthew 24:23-25) "Then if anyone says to you, 'Look! Here is the Christ,' or, 'There!' do not believe it.²⁴ For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will perform great signs and wonders so as to mislead, if possible, even the chosen ones.²⁵ Look! I have forewarned you.

(Mark 13:21-23) "Then, too, if anyone says to you, 'See! Here is the Christ,' or, 'See! There he is,' do not believe it.²² For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will perform signs and wonders to lead astray, if possible, the chosen ones.²³ You, then, watch out. I have told you all things beforehand.

(Luke 17:23) And people will say to you, 'See there!' or, 'See here!' **Do not go out or chase after them**.

(Matthew 7:22, 23) Many will say to me in that day: 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and expel demons in your name, and perform many powerful works in your name?'²³ And then I will declare to them: '**I never knew you!** Get away from me, you workers of lawlessness!'

(2 Peter 2:1-3) However, there also came to be false prophets among the people, as there will also be false teachers among you. These will quietly bring in destructive sects, and they will even disown the owner who bought them, bringing speedy destruction upon themselves.² Furthermore, many will follow their brazen conduct, and **because of them the way of the truth will be spoken of abusively**.³ Also, they will greedily exploit you with counterfeit words. But their judgment, decided long ago, is not moving slowly, and their destruction is not sleeping.

(2 Thessalonians 2:11, 12) That is why God lets a deluding influence mislead them so that they may come to believe the lie, ¹² in order that they all may be judged because they did not believe the truth but took pleasure in unrighteousness.

(2 Timothy 3:8, 9) these also go on opposing the truth. Such men are completely corrupted in mind, disapproved as regards the faith. ⁹ Nevertheless, they will make no further progress, for their folly will be very plain to all, as it was with those two men.

(2 Timothy 4:4) They will turn away from listening to the truth and give attention to false stories.

(Deuteronomy 18:20-22) “If any prophet presumptuously speaks a word in my name that I did not command him to speak or speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet must die. ²¹ However, you may say in your heart: “How will we know that Jehovah has not spoken the word?” ²² When the prophet speaks in the name of Jehovah and the word is not fulfilled or does not come true, then Jehovah did not speak that word. The prophet spoke it presumptuously. You should not fear him.’

(Hebrews 13:7-9) Remember those who are taking the lead among you, who have spoken the word of God to you, and as you contemplate how their conduct turns out, imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, and forever. ⁹ Do not be led astray by various and strange teachings, for it is better for the heart to be strengthened by undeserved kindness than by foods, which do not benefit those occupied with them.

(Acts 20:28-30) Pay attention to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the holy spirit has appointed you overseers, to shepherd the congregation of God, which he purchased with the blood of his own Son. ²⁹ I know that after my going away oppressive wolves will enter in among you and will not treat the flock with tenderness, ³⁰ and from among you yourselves men will rise and speak twisted things to draw away the disciples after themselves.

(Galatians 1:8) However, even if we or an angel out of heaven were to declare to you as good news something beyond the good news we declared to you, let him be accursed.

(2 Timothy 3:16, 17) All Scripture is inspired of God and beneficial for teaching, for reproving, for setting things straight, for disciplining in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be fully competent, completely equipped for every good work.

(Hebrews 10:24, 25) And let us consider one another so as to incite to love and fine works, ²⁵ not forsaking our meeting together, as some have the custom, but encouraging one another, and all the more so as you see the day drawing near.

(Acts 2:42) And they continued devoting themselves to the teaching of the apostles, to associating together, to the taking of meals, and to prayers.

(Romans 1:12) or, rather, that we may have an interchange of encouragement by one another's faith, both yours and mine.

(John 8:31, 32) Then Jesus went on to say to the Jews who had believed him: "If you remain in my word, you are really my disciples,³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

(Romans 2:8) however, for those who are contentious and who disobey the truth but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and anger.

(Luke 4:28) Now all those hearing these things in the synagogue became filled with anger,

(Galatians 4:16) So, then, have I become your enemy because I tell you the truth?

(John 8:45) Because I, on the other hand, tell you the truth, you do not believe me.

(Ephesians 4:15) But speaking the truth, let us by love grow up in all things into him who is the head, Christ.

=== (see my article "Anointed") ===

(Acts 1:8a) But you will receive power when the holy spirit comes upon you,

(Acts 2:4) and they all became filled with holy spirit and started to speak in different languages, just as the spirit enabled them to speak.

(Acts 10:44-46) While Peter was still speaking about these matters, the holy spirit came upon all those hearing the word.⁴⁵ And the circumcised believers who had come with Peter were amazed, because the free gift of the holy spirit was being poured out also on people of the nations.⁴⁶ For they heard them speaking in foreign languages and magnifying God.

(Acts 19:6) And when Paul laid his hands on them, the holy spirit came upon them, and they began speaking in foreign languages and prophesying.

(2 Corinthians 1:22) He has also put his seal on us and has given us the token of what is to come, that is, the spirit, in our hearts.

(Ephesians 1:13) But you also hoped in him after you heard the word of truth, the good news about your salvation. After you believed, you were sealed by means of him with the promised holy spirit,

(Ephesians 4:30) Also, do not be grieving God's holy spirit, with which you have been sealed for a

day of releasing by ransom.

(Revelation 7:3, 4) saying: "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until after we have sealed the slaves of our God in their foreheads." ⁴ And I heard the number of those who were sealed, 144,000, sealed out of every tribe of the sons of Israel:

(Matthew 24:31) And he will send out his angels with a great trumpet sound, and they will gather his chosen ones together from the four winds, from one extremity of the heavens to their other extremity.

(Matthew 24:24) For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will perform great signs and wonders so as to mislead, if possible, even the chosen ones.

(Mark 13:22) For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will perform signs and wonders to lead astray, if possible, the chosen ones.

(Mark 13:27) And then he will send out the angels and will gather his chosen ones together from the four winds, from earth's extremity to heaven's extremity.

(Luke 18:7) Certainly, then, will not God cause justice to be done for his chosen ones who cry out to him day and night, while he is patient toward them?

(2 Timothy 2:10) For this reason I go on enduring all things for the sake of the chosen ones, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is through Christ Jesus, along with everlasting glory.

(Matthew 2:4) On gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ(Gr) was to be born.

(Acts 4:26, 27) The kings of the earth took their stand and the rulers gathered together as one against Jehovah and against his anointed one.²⁷ For truly both Herod and Pontius Pilate with men of the nations and with peoples of Israel were gathered together in this city against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed,

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=== (see my article "Disfellowshipping in the Early Congregations") ===

(Matthew 18:15-17) "Moreover, if your brother commits a sin, go and reveal his fault between you

and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶ But if he does not listen, take along with you one or two more, so that on the testimony of two or three witnesses every matter may be established. ¹⁷ If he does not listen to them, speak to the congregation (Gr). If he does not listen even to the congregation, let him be to you just as a man of the nations and as a tax collector.

(James 5:19, 20) My brothers, if anyone among you is led astray from the truth and another turns him back, ²⁰ know that whoever turns a sinner back from the error of his way will save him from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

(Matthew 18:20) For where there are two or three gathered together in my name, there I am in their midst.”

(2 Corinthians 2:1, 5-11) ¹ to the congregation of God that is in Corinth... ⁵ Now if anyone has caused sadness, he has saddened, not me, but all of you to an extent—not to be too harsh in what I say. ⁶ This rebuke given by the majority is sufficient for such a man; ⁷ now you should instead kindly forgive and comfort him, so that he may not be overwhelmed by excessive sadness. ⁸ I therefore exhort you to confirm your love for him. ⁹ For this is also why I wrote to you: to determine whether you would give proof of your obedience in all things. ¹⁰ If you forgive anyone for anything, I do also. In fact, whatever I have forgiven (if I have forgiven anything) has been for your sake in Christ’s sight, ¹¹ so that we may not be overreached by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his designs.

(1 Timothy 5:20) Reprove before all onlookers those who practice sin, as a warning to the rest.

(Galatians 2:11) However, when Ce'phas came to Antioch, I resisted him face-to-face, because he was clearly in the wrong.

(Matthew 18:15) “Moreover, if your brother commits a sin, go and reveal his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.

(Galatians 2:14) But when I saw that they were not walking in step with the truth of the good news, I said to Ce'phas before them all:

(Matthew 18:17) If he does not listen to them, speak to the congregation. If he does not listen even to the congregation, let him be to you just as a man of the nations and as a tax collector.

(1 Corinthians 14:24, 25) But if you are all prophesying and an unbeliever or an ordinary person comes in, he will be reproved and closely examined by them all. ²⁵ The secrets of his heart then become evident, so that he will fall facedown and worship God, declaring: “God is really among you.”

(Matthew 18:17) If he does not listen to them, speak to the congregation. If he does not listen even to the congregation, let him be to you just as a man of the nations and as a tax collector.

(1 Corinthians 5:11-13) But now I am writing you to stop keeping company with anyone called a brother who is sexually immoral or a greedy person or an idolater or a reviler or a drunkard or an extortioner, not even eating with such a man. ¹² For what do I have to do with judging those outside? Do you not judge those inside, ¹³ while God judges those outside? **“Remove the wicked person from among yourselves.”**

(Matthew 18:21, 22) Then Peter came and said to him: “Lord, how many times is my brother to sin against me and am I to forgive him? Up to seven times?” ²² Jesus said to him: “I say to you, not up to seven times, but up to 77 times.”

(Luke 17:3, 4) Pay attention to yourselves. If your brother commits a sin, rebuke him, and **if he repents**, forgive him. ⁴ Even if he sins seven times a day against you and he comes back to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ **you must forgive him.**”

(Ephesians 4:32) But become kind to one another, tenderly compassionate, freely forgiving one another just as God also by Christ freely forgave you.

=== (see my article "The Preaching Work") ===

(1 Corinthians 15:6, 7) **After that** he appeared to more than 500 brothers at one time, most of whom are still with us, though some have fallen asleep in death. ⁷ **After that** he appeared to James, **then to all the apostles.**

(Matthew 28:16-20) However, **the 11 disciples** went to Gal'i-lee to the mountain where Jesus had arranged for them to meet. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they did obeisance, but some doubted. ¹⁸ Jesus approached and spoke to them, saying: “All authority has been given me in heaven and on the earth. ¹⁹ Go, therefore, and make disciples of people of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the holy spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all the things I have commanded you. And look! I am with you all the days until the conclusion of the system of things.”

(Acts 1:1-8) The first account, O The·oph'i-lus, I composed about all the things Jesus started to do and to teach ² until the day that he was taken up, after he had given instructions through holy spirit **to the apostles** he had chosen. ³ After he had suffered, he showed himself alive to them by many convincing proofs. He was seen by them throughout 40 days, and he was speaking about the Kingdom of God. ⁴ While he was meeting with them, he ordered them: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but keep waiting for what the Father has promised, about which you heard from me; ⁵ for John, indeed, baptized with water, but you will be baptized with holy spirit not many days after this.” ⁶ So when they had assembled, they asked him: “Lord, are you restoring the kingdom to Israel at this time?” ⁷ He said to them: “It does not belong to you to know the times or seasons that the Father has placed in his own jurisdiction. ⁸ But **you** will receive power when the holy spirit comes upon you, and **you will be**

witnesses of me in Jerusalem, in all Ju·de'a and Sa·mar'i-a, and to the most distant part of the earth."

(1 Corinthians 12:4-31) Now there are different gifts, but there is the same spirit; ⁵ and there are different ministries, and yet there is the same Lord; ⁶ and there are different activities, and yet it is the same God who performs them all in everyone. ⁷ But the manifestation of the spirit is given to each one for a beneficial purpose. ⁸ For to one is given speech of wisdom through the spirit, to another speech of knowledge according to the same spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one spirit, ¹⁰ to yet another operations of powerful works, to another prophesying, to another discernment of inspired expressions, to another different tongues, and to another interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ But all these operations are performed by the very same spirit, distributing to each one respectively just as it wills.

¹² For just as the body is one but has many members, and all the members of that body, although many, are one body, so too is the Christ. ¹³ For by one spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink one spirit.

¹⁴ For, indeed, the body is made up not of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I am no part of the body," that does not make it no part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I am no part of the body," that does not make it no part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If it were all hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But now God has arranged each of the body members just as he pleased.

¹⁹ If they were all the same member, where would the body be? ²⁰ But now they are many members, yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I do not need you," or again, the head cannot say to the feet, "I do not need you." ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are necessary, ²³ and the parts of the body that we think to be less honorable we surround with greater honor, so our unseemly parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴ whereas our attractive parts do not need anything. Nevertheless, God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that had a lack, ²⁵ so that there should be no division in the body, but its members should have mutual concern for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all the other members suffer with it; or if a member is glorified, all the other members rejoice with it.

²⁷ Now you are Christ's body, and each of you individually is a member. ²⁸ And God has assigned the respective ones in the congregation: first, apostles; second, prophets; third, teachers; then powerful works; then gifts of healings; helpful services; abilities to direct; different tongues. ²⁹ Not all are apostles, are they? Not all are prophets, are they? Not all are teachers, are they? Not all perform powerful works, do they? ³⁰ Not all have gifts of healings, do they? Not all speak in tongues, do they? Not all are interpreters, are they? ³¹ But keep striving for the greater gifts. And yet I will show you a surpassing way.

(Revelation 12:17) So the dragon became enraged at the woman and went off to wage war with the remaining ones of her offspring, who observe the commandments of God and have the work of bearing witness concerning Jesus.

(Revelation 19:9, 10) And he tells me, "Write: Happy are those invited to the evening meal of the Lamb's marriage." Also, he tells me: "These are the true sayings of God." ¹⁰ At that I fell down before his feet to worship him. But he tells me: "Be careful! Do not do that! I am only a fellow slave of you and of your brothers who have the work of witnessing concerning Jesus.

(Revelation 22:17) And the spirit and the bride keep on saying, "Come!" and let anyone hearing say, "Come!" and let anyone thirsting come; let anyone who wishes take life's water free.

(Ephesians 4:4-16) One body there is, and one spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

⁷ Now undeserved kindness was given to each one of us according to how the Christ measured out the free gift. ⁸ For it says: "When he ascended on high he carried away captives; he gave gifts in men." ⁹ Now what does the expression "he ascended" mean but that he also descended into the lower regions, that is, the earth? ¹⁰ The very one who descended is also the one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might give fullness to all things.

¹¹ And he gave some as apostles, some as prophets, some as evangelizers, some as shepherds and teachers, ¹² with a view to the readjustment of the holy ones, for ministerial work, to build up the body of the Christ, ¹³ until we all attain to the oneness of the faith and of the accurate knowledge of the Son of God, to being a full-grown man, attaining the measure of stature that belongs to the fullness of the Christ. ¹⁴ So we should no longer be children, tossed about as by waves and carried here and there by every wind of teaching by means of the trickery of men, by means of cunning in deceptive schemes. ¹⁵ But speaking the truth, let us by love grow up in all things into him who is the head, Christ. ¹⁶ From him all the body is harmoniously joined together and made to cooperate through every joint that gives what is needed. When each **respective** member functions properly, this contributes to the growth of the body as it builds itself up in love.

(1 Corinthians 12:19) If they were all the same member, where would the body be?

(Ephesians 4:11) And he gave some as apostles, some as prophets, some as evangelizers, some as shepherds and teachers,

(2 Timothy 1:2; 4:5) ² to Timothy.... ⁵ You, though, keep your senses in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelizer, fully accomplish your ministry.

(Acts 21:8) The next day we left and came to Caes·a·re'a, and we entered the house of Philip the evangelizer, who was one of the seven men, and we stayed with him.

(Colossians 1:25) I became a minister of this congregation in accord with the stewardship from God that was given to me in your behalf to preach the word of God fully,

(Romans 10:8-10) But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your own mouth and in your own heart”; that is, “the word” of faith, which we are preaching.⁹ For if you publicly declare(Gr) with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and exercise faith in your heart that God raised him up from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one exercises faith for righteousness, but with the mouth one makes public declaration(Gr) for salvation.

(Luke 8:15) As for that on the fine soil, these are the ones who, after hearing the word with a fine and good heart, retain it and bear fruit with endurance.

(Matthew 10:32) “Everyone, then, who acknowledges(Gr) me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father who is in the heavens.

(John 1:20) And he admitted(Gr) it and did not deny it, saying: “I am not the Christ.”

(1 Peter 3:15) But sanctify the Christ as Lord in your hearts, always ready to make a defense before everyone who demands of you a reason for the hope you have, but doing so with a mild temper and deep respect.

(Acts 24:14) But I do admit this to you, that according to the way that they call a sect, in this manner I am rendering sacred service to the God of my forefathers, as I believe all the things set forth in the Law and written in the Prophets.

(1 John 2:23) Everyone who denies the Son does not have the Father either. But whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

(1 John 4:15) Whoever acknowledges that Jesus is God’s Son, God remains in union with such one and he in union with God.

(John 3:16) “For God loved the world so much that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that everyone exercising faith in him might not be destroyed but have everlasting life.

(Romans 10:9, 10) For if you publicly declare with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and exercise faith in your heart that God raised him up from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one exercises faith for righteousness, but with the mouth one makes public declaration for salvation.

(John 3:14, 15) And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so the Son of man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ so that everyone believing in him may have everlasting life.

(John 20:31) But these have been written down so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and because of believing, you may have life by means of his name.

(Acts 5:42) And every day in the temple and from house to house they continued without letup teaching and declaring the good news about the Christ, Jesus.

(Acts 20:20) while I did not hold back from telling you any of the things that were profitable nor from teaching you publicly and from house to house.

(Matthew 26:18) He said: "Go into the city to So-and-so and say to him, 'The Teacher says: "My appointed time is near; I will celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your home.'""

(Acts 2:2) Suddenly there was a noise from heaven, just like that of a rushing, stiff breeze, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

(Acts 12:12) After he realized this, he went to the house of Mary the mother of John who was called Mark, where quite a few were gathered together and were praying.

(Acts 16:40) But they came out of the prison and went to the home of Lyd'i-a; and when they saw the brothers, they encouraged them and departed.

(Romans 16:5) Also greet the congregation that is in their house. Greet my beloved E·pae'ne-tus, who is a firstfruits of Asia for Christ.

(1 Corinthians 16:19) The congregations of Asia send you their greetings. Aq'ui-la and Pris'ca together with the congregation that is in their house greet you heartily in the Lord.

(Colossians 4:15) Give my greetings to the brothers in La-o·di-ce'a and to Nym'pha and to the congregation at her house.

(Philemon 2) and to Ap'phi-a our sister, and to Ar-chip'pus our fellow soldier, and to the congregation that is in your house:

(1 Corinthians 1:11) For some from the house of Chlo'e have informed me regarding you, my brothers, that there are dissensions among you.

(Acts 20:17-20) However, from Mi-le'tus he sent word to Eph'e-sus and called for the elders of the congregation.¹⁸ When they came to him, he said to them: "You well know how I conducted myself among you from the first day I stepped into the province of Asia,¹⁹ slaving for the Lord with all humility and with tears and trials that befell me by the plots of the Jews,²⁰ while I did not hold back from telling you any of the things that were profitable nor from teaching you publicly and from house to house.

=== (see my article "Who will survive Armageddon?") ===

(Matthew 25:32-33) All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ And he will put the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on his left.

(Matthew 13:47-50) "Again the Kingdom of the heavens is like a dragnet let down into the sea and gathering fish of every kind. ⁴⁸ When it was full, they hauled it up onto the beach, and sitting down, they collected the fine ones into containers, but the unsuitable they threw away. ⁴⁹ That is how it will be in the conclusion of the system of things. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from among the righteous ⁵⁰ and will cast them into the fiery furnace. There is where their weeping and the gnashing of their teeth will be.

(Ezekiel 9:4) Jehovah said to him: "Go through the city, through Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who are sighing and groaning over all the detestable things that are being done in the city."

(Matthew 10:42) And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water to drink because he is a disciple, I tell you truly, he will by no means lose his reward."

(Acts 10:43) To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone putting faith in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

(Romans 2:14, 15) For when people of the nations, who do not have law, do by nature the things of the law, these people, although not having law, are a law to themselves. ¹⁵ They are the very ones who demonstrate the matter of the law to be written in their hearts, while their conscience is bearing witness with them, and by their own thoughts they are being accused or even excused.

(Matthew 13:23) As for the one sown upon the fine soil, this is the one hearing the word and getting the sense of it, who really does bear fruit and produces, this one 100 times more, that one 60, the other 30."

(Mark 4:20) Finally, the ones that were sown on the fine soil are those who listen to the word and favorably receive it and bear fruit—30, 60, and 100 times more."

(Luke 8:15) As for that on the fine soil, these are the ones who, after hearing the word with a fine and good heart, retain it and bear fruit with endurance.

(Matthew 10:32-33) "Everyone, then, who acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father who is in the heavens. ³³ But whoever *disowns* me before men, I will also

disown him before my Father who is in the heavens. (Lu 12:8-9)

(Psalm 37:11) the meek will possess the earth,

(Matthew 5:5) “Happy are the mild-tempered, since they will inherit the earth.

(John 3:18) Whoever exercises faith in him is not to be judged. Whoever does not exercise faith has been judged already, because he has not exercised faith in the name of the only-begotten Son of God.

(John 12:47) But if anyone hears my sayings and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I came, not to judge the world, but to save the world.

(Matthew 5:7) “Happy are the merciful, since they will be shown mercy.

(James 2:13) For the one who does not practice mercy will have his judgment without mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

(Matthew 18:32-35) Then his master summoned him and said to him: ‘Wicked slave, I canceled all that debt for you when you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not also have shown mercy to your fellow slave as I showed mercy to you?’ ³⁴ With that his master, provoked to wrath, handed him over to the jailers until he repaid all that he owed. ³⁵ My heavenly Father will also deal with you in the same way if each of you does not forgive your brother from your heart.”

(Luke 7:47) Because of this, I tell you, her sins, many though they are, are forgiven, because she loved much. But the one who is forgiven little, loves little.”

(Romans 10:9, 10) For if you publicly declare(Gr) with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and exercise faith in your heart that God raised him up from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one exercises faith for righteousness, but with the mouth one makes public declaration for salvation.♦

♦ **(1 Peter 3:15)** But sanctify the Christ as Lord in your hearts, always ready to make a defense before everyone who demands of you a reason for the hope you have, but doing so with a mild temper and deep respect.

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