

HOW TO BE THE CHURCH

PREFACE

This book is meant to uncover the operational principles of the Christian church, purely as they are given in the New Covenant. The principles which were demonstrated and commanded by Jesus, and exemplified by the church in the Bible.

This is not a verse-by-verse paraphrase of the New Testament. Rather, it is a restating of the specific new covenant examples and commands which relate to the operation of the church. For too long the church has operated by Old Covenant “types”, and ignored the simple, direct and effective operational concepts that the new testament outlines.

So please, open your heart, and open your Bible. Let the Word of God change your heart and your mind and release you to serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

THE BOOK OF MATTHEW

chapter 5:3-12

God says that you are blessed, even if you are poor, or sad, or weak. We are rich when we understand our spiritual poverty, our true position of depravity, for then, He can bless us with true spiritual growth and riches. God blesses us when we hunger for His right way of doing things, and are merciful toward others, and pure in our heart toward Him.

Be peacemakers, and if you are persecuted for serving God, don't worry---He will bless you!

5:13

You are like salt. You have the knowledge that can save others--the knowledge that preserves and heals--the Gospel. For salt to work best it needs to be sprinkled around--don't be clumped together in one spot!

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5:14-16

Do the good works that God calls all of us to do---spread His Gospel of salvation, healing, deliverance and release. Don't hide your ministry! Let the love of God inside you shine like a light to those in need, so everyone will know that Jesus Christ is Lord.

5:21-30

Let the Lord make your heart right. Don't be angry with one another (even bad thoughts toward another Christian will break God's heart). Repent, (turn away) from bad thoughts so you can be free to serve God with a clean heart.

5:31-32

Your marriage is sacred before God. It is meant to be the place where God lives, and reaches out to others. Your marriage and your home is a place for the church to work from----so keep it pure and holy before the Lord.

5:33-37

Keep your words simple and direct.

5:38-48

Love all people, even your enemies. This will make you more like Jesus who is our greatest example of love and forgiveness, in that He bore all our sin, although He Himself had no sin. Jesus forgave us all in His righteous act at the cross--so we ought to love and forgive others in this same way.

It is important for every believer to serve God every day. Every believer has a priesthood in Christ.

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6:1-4

Do not do your ministry for other people to be impressed---it is service to God---not show business.

6:5-14

Pray also, simple and directly to God--not to make a show for others to see. Don't pray repetitively--God likes to hear your own words spoken in your own way. Instead, pray to God the Father, who is holy, in the name of Jesus Christ His Son. Pray God's kingdom of love and service will come into the earth, just as it is in heaven. Pray thankfully for your daily needs, and be thankful you are forgiven--but remember to forgive others the same way God has forgiven you. Pray for deliverance from Satan, and against worldly temptations.

Remember to forgive others, or you certainly will not serve them and love them, the way God wants you to.

6:15-20

Listen carefully to what others say. Look at the results they produce by their actions and words.

6:19-21

Lay up treasure in heaven. God in heaven already has all the material treasure one could imagine, but the treasure you can lay up, are the souls of people that you can lead to Jesus!

6:21-23

Remember, it is not enough to just say you believe in Jesus. Neither are we saved by our works of ministry. God will judge the heart of every man--therefore believe with your heart--and confess with your mouth and serve God with your ministry.

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6:24

There are 2 masters to serve---God or money. Spend as much of your time, effort and energy serving God (which means carrying the Gospel to others!) and, as best you can, lessen the amount of time you spend serving money. Work simply and serve others in your job--but let the Gospel come first.

Work under God's authority, and beware of the authority that money can put over your life. The authority of money will always work against your Godly ministry--
-look out who you serve!

6:25-32

God loves you--serve Him--(not money!). Look at nature--how beautiful God has made it, and how He provides for every creature. Don't be worried about material things--better to worship God and serve His will and carry the Gospel.

6:33

Put God first! This means to bring His kingdom into the earth--to pray for others, to care for those that are hurt--to sow the word of God wherever you go.

Do this first! Put Him first! Operate under Christ's authority (not worldly authority--which is money!) and the things of the world will come under your authority.

7:1-5

Do not judge other believers. If you do, you will force God to judge you by the same measure.

7:7-12

Do to others what you want done to you. Love and you will be loved. Serve others and God will exalt you.

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9:36-10:4

When Jesus saw the needs of all the many people, He was moved. (Love is the root of ministry). When Jesus saw those needs, He saw a harvest.

When he realized that He alone could not reach all the people and meet the needs (bring in the harvest), He prayed for workers (laborers, ministers, servants)

Jesus sent those who followed Him. He gave those He sent all the same authority which He had. He released them to serve God, by carrying the Gospel of salvation, healing, and deliverance--just as He had been sent by the Father.

10:5-7

Jesus released. Jesus sent his followers to carry the same Gospel that He brought. He gave specific instructions for a given time and place.

10:8

The Gospel is a free gift. But also- the serving out of the gospel is a free gift. Ministry is a free gift. As we have received the Gospel, so we must give the Gospel to others.

10:9-10

Don't worry about money! You already have what you need to carry the message and complete the mission. Use what you have- and God will supply your needs.

10:11-15

Operate from the home. Witness personally-in a small group. Expect that some people will reject you-don't worry, and don't stop your ministry. When you are rejected-move on and let God take care of the judgments. Judgments are not your job.

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10:16

The authority of man will hate you, so be wise, be innocent. Trust God the Holy Spirit who dwells inside of you- He will give you the words to speak to carry out Gods will.

10:24

In your ministry, be like Jesus in every way. He is your master-- be like Him and lay down your life for others. When you imitate Jesus, expect the authority of the world to call you the devil-but do not be afraid. Satan's ministry is that of covering. So he covers our authority or ministry in God with hierarchy and control.

He will try to cover your ministry and subvert the authority that God has given to us all. Know your authority in God and Satan will be uncovered.

10:27

Spread the Gospel everywhere, in every way you know. Use every gift God has given to all of you- use the gifts in unity. Don't be afraid of any person. Only fear the Lord and sin. Love the person, hate the devil and sin inside that person.

10:32-33

Being a Christian means that you actively confess Jesus before other people. (Romans 10:9). Your witnessing of Jesus before other people causes Jesus to plead your case before the Father in heaven. Never deny Jesus before men; never stop witnessing Him to others!!

10:34-37

Jesus is more important than even your earthly family. Love God first above all others.

10:38-39

You all must witness Jesus. You all must carry out the Gospel. You all must minister. Ministry means to lay down your life. Lay down your life. Lay down your life and God will bless you mightily.

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10:40

When people believe your witness, they will receive all that God has. The Father; the Son and the Holy Spirit. God will reward people when they believe your Godly words; He will reward them when they see your righteous acts of love. Even the smallest act, done out of love, in genuine service to others, will be rewarded by God.

11:25-27

Jesus is the true and only access to the Father.

11:28-30

The burden of Gods ministry in your life will be light! Your ministry will be joyful and the highest fulfillment of your life. Working under authority of the world will make you weary and heavy. Tie yourself to the Master. Operate directly under His authority in your ministry. You will find rest and fulfillment.

12:1-14

Jesus came to make all believers into a collective priesthood. Jesus made Himself the offering for sin--therefore the laws of the old covenant are changed with regard to the making of offerings and all that entailed (the building of temples and priesthood). In the old covenant the sabbath was a day of cleansing for all of Israel, yet the priests of the temple could continue in their ministry. The new covenant ministry/priesthood is for ALL believers. There is no need for sabbath cleansing. Jesus is the bread and meat offering that we may all partake of (in the old covenant only the Levitical priest was allowed to eat the bread and meat of the offering).

When you serve God, those in authority might not like it!

12:22-32

Believe in Jesus as your Savior. Be filled with the Holy Spirit. He is the presence of God in the earth and He empowers your ministry.

The name of Jesus is above every name.

The name of Jesus has power over Satan and every demon in hell.

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12:33-37

Your mouth is a “sowing machine”. Let it speak God’s love. Let your words speak the great things God has done for you. Don’t waste your words on worldly things.

12:46-50

Do God’s will--serve Him--and you will be His child.

13:1-24

Hearing the word of God is not what God fully wants! God desires that we produce fruit---that we witness the Gospel to others!

13:53-58

Not everyone will believe your ministry--especially people who know you and your faults and background. People want a minister to be perfect, and there just is no such thing. If they did not believe Jesus, who was perfect, certainly people will not believe us--who are sinners and imperfect. And lack of faith, hinders and limits God’s work.

14:13-20

Feed the poor and hungry! This is a very important ministry in the church. And if you don’t have what you need, believe God for His supply.

14:22-23

When you have served others---prayed for them, taught them, fed them---don’t forget to release them---to send them and believe that God inside of them will do the same things that God has done thru you.

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15:1-20

Be careful not to follow the tradition of man. Look carefully at the word of God in it's purity. Just because you see other believers doing something, or working in a particular way--it may not be God's perfect will, it may have been handed down to them by tradition.

16:1

Expect that other people will believe they are in authority over you, and will try to test your ministry. Don't stay with them!

16:5-12

Do not have the same spirit of testing in the church. Do not exercise authority one over another. Do not compete with one another. Do not doubt one another's ministry or gifts (this is hypocrisy). **JUST A LITTLE BIT OF THESE THINGS CORRUPTS THE WHOLE CHURCH.**

16:13-20

We ought to build a church the way that Peter built it. The church in the Bible ought to be our example.

16:24-27

Your cross is your ministry. Follow Jesus as the example of your life and ministry. He will reward all of us according to our works of ministry.

17:19-21

Have faith that God can work thru you! Have faith in the ministry He has put in you--and in your brothers and sisters in Christ! Purity and strength in God comes thru prayer and fasting (weakness in the flesh gives spiritual strength).

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17-18:14

Worldly authority operates thru the collecting of money---the strong taking from the weak. Cooperate with this authority (as long as you are not disobeying God's laws in doing so) but do not have that authority in the church. Rather, the greatest among you shall be the poorest and most humble and childlike. God has given special favor to children, and given them as an example of what Godliness is. Jesus Himself was humble, lowly and childlike in His ways as an example of the simplicity we ought to have in the church.

18:15-17

If another Christian sins against you--be honest and let him know about it. If he disagrees with you, let other Christians decide the matter. If he continues in his sin--let all the church try to convince him. If even then he continues in his sin--leave him alone--don't work with him any more, rather mourn for him, and of course, forgive him.

18:18

Work together in small groups, even 2 or 3. The agreement of 2 believers invokes all the power of God. This is a ministry principal on how we should work together, and have the power of God to support us.

18:20

Whenever 2 or 3 of you are together Christ will be there- with all His power and authority-and all His ministry. Work together in these small groups frequently- and in many places- work together in small groups !!

18: 21-35

Forgive other believers quickly and fully!! You are all God's servants! You are all God's ministers!! You are all sinners saved by grace- this is your common operational level. You have been forgiven much by God thru the blood of Jesus Christ - so we need to forgive one another fully and from the heart- or God will deal with us!!!

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19:16-30

There are two authorities- God and money. Those who are rich in this life and have spent much time in service to money, and not serving God. Give to the poor- it is an important part of the operation of the church. Do not seek worldly things, seek to serve God and the reward for serving God is in heaven.

20: 20-28

We are all called to Christ's ministry. We can all follow His ministry as our example. We can all receive the same Spirit as He, the Holy Spirit, which empowers our ministry. But do not seek to rule!! The authority God gives us, in the name of Jesus is to teach the Gospel, heal the sick, and cast out Satan . It is not to rule over one another!!!

Ministry is NOT authority over other believers! Jesus came as a servant, not a ruler. He is our example, do not let worldly government into the church. In the world, one person exercises authority over another- do not do this amongst yourselves.

21; 12-13

Do not let the corruption of money into the church. God's kingdom is built in the hearts of men, not by money.

21:22

The faith God has given you is powerful. The ministry of the church is meant to operate by faith.

21:23

Do not question one another's authority in God. Trust and have faith in one another.

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21:31-46

The preaching of the Gospel had been given to the priests of Israel in the Old Covenant. But now in the new, God has given a priesthood of service to ALL believers. Jesus sacrifice opened up the door to a better salvation, and a better ministry. Our priesthood is now to be lived out in service to God daily.

22: 34

Love God first. Love your neighbors as you love yourself. Consider everyone your brother or sister- Gods precious creation- an eternal soul which needs God to make it complete. Love God and others- do these things and your will have fulfilled all the other laws of God.

23:1

Watch out for people who say, and do not do !! Watch out for people who want to be the boss- who want to be seen serving God to impress everyone. Do not have too much teaching- in the church, follow Christ as your teacher and example.

23:1-13

Serve God humbly- as brothers and sisters. In the church the greatest shall serve all, not rule with authority.

23

Do not be in love with the things of the world- with money and possessions. Be clean inside- spiritually- thru the blood of Christ and then be yourself. Don't try to make yourself appear holy on the outside and do not conform to the customs of traditions in this way.

24:1-2

There is no more need for a holy temple to be built- the blood of Jesus which does away with the need for a temple and the offerings of the temple. We are now all the temple of the Holy Spirit.

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24:3-14

Jesus will come back again someday. Study the prophecies of the Bible-look for the signs of His coming. Don't be fooled by false messiahs. As time goes by lawlessness will abound and because of this, people will grow cold- they need the love of God in you. You must continue to focus all your efforts to witness all the Gospel to all the earth and then, Jesus will return.

24:15-

Study the signs- but know that no one knows the exact time of Christ's return. Therefore be wise and be ready at any time- serve God and be in His will all the time. !!

24:45-51

The church should always be ready for Christ's return- therefore serve God and love one another. Do not get caught operating like the world does- exercising authority over one another, since you are all brothers and sisters in Christ, and fellow servants.

25; 14-30

Again, serve God as much as you can with the gifts He has given you. God will reward your ministry.

There is a mistake you can make---believe that God is cruel, and take a legalistic view of God. This will make you keep the Gospel to yourself. It is a mistake to believe that God will sovereignly sow His own seed , and bring in His own harvest and therefore believe that you have no part in the sowing and reaping of the Word. If you believe this wrong idea, you will not utilize the gifts that God has given you, and not serve others. God does not like this at all and He will let you know about it!!1

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25:31-46

The Lord will someday judge the ministry of all peoples. What is the ministry?

Feeding the hungry.

Taking in strangers.

Caring for the homeless and needy.

Caring for the sick.

Visiting those who are imprisoned.

Jesus said He came to bring the Gospel to the poor---we as the church are to do the same.

26:26-30

All believers have a priesthood to fulfill. The bread of the Lord's supper is Jesus' invitation for all to partake of a priesthood---a ministry--a service unto Him.

26:69

Jesus is now seated at the right hand of God the Father, with all power and all authority--He is the Head of the church.

28:16-20

The resurrected Christ of the new covenant has all power and authority over the church. We are to all serve God as a body--as servants--as brothers and sisters in Him. The mission of the church is to witness the Gospel out to the world.

THE BOOK OF MARK

CHAPTER 1

The Gospel is salvation thru faith in the name of Jesus. Our part is to repent--to turn away from sin--be emersed in God--and be filled with the Holy Spirit.

The first concern we ought to have is to release other Christians to serve God with us.

The Gospel needs to go everywhere-! The Gospel of Jesus is salvation--healing--deliverance--the feeding of the poor--and the free release to serve God. It needs to be done everywhere. The Christian home is the basis of operating the church.

CHAPTER 2

Jesus came to bring a new covenant which is for all the world. In this new covenant ALL can be forgiven--ALL can be filled with the Holy Spirit and ALL can serve God--live out a ministry--a priesthood.

The requirements of the old covenant which have to do with the cleansing of sin are done away with--including the sabbath cleansing.

CHAPTER 3

The church should work 7 days a week. We ought to live out our priesthood--our ministry--as often as we can together. We ought to work in small groups and concentrate on bringing the Gospel out to the world. We ought to consider one another as equals--as brothers and sister in the Lord.

THE BOOK OF MARK

CHAPTER 4

The word of God is incorruptible seed and always accomplishes God's purposes. We ought to sow the Word everywhere. We ought to expect that it will be rejected, not continued in fully, and even stolen away by Satan. (Love of money is the enemy of the Gospel) But take heart! Because some people will accept the Gospel and live it out fully and (if we remember the Gospel includes release!) they will go out and witness to others and so God's kingdom will be built in the earth.

Don't let your ministry be covered-! Don't hide the Gospel! let people know who Jesus is--He is the light inside of you--let Him shine out for others to see!

CHAPTER 5

Actively seek out and find people who are severely oppressed by Satan. Don't be afraid, God inside of you has authority over every kind of devil--even if they are plenteous. Love the person--cast out the devil--and don't forget to release the person to serve God! Inside that person is a gift of ministry--and someone who has been delivered from great oppression has a great testimony. They need to be released to preach that testimony.

The ministry of the Gospel is simply telling others what great thing God has done for you when you met Jesus. Jesus did His ministry to people who were in the very worse condition---He healed and released them to serve God fully. He did these things quickly (without years of instruction!). We ought to do the same.

THE BOOK OF MARK

CHAPTER 6

God works thru faith. We need to have faith in one another, and believe God can act toward us, thru any of us. We should not be a “closed off” community and thus limit God. Jesus Himself was hindered from doing many miracles in His own home town because of lack of faith. Jesus traveled to the places where He was called and the people who would accept His ministry--so we also need to follow our calling.

We ought to work in groups in the church (this is apostleship) and carry the Gospel out to those around us who have need. We need to be sent--to pray for the sick--cast out the devil--and witness the Gospel of salvation in Jesus' name. We should feed the poor. We should utilize what we have--and have faith that God will provide.

CHAPTER 7

Outward appearances do not make someone pure or Godly. What goes into our mouths does not corrupt--the things that defile us come from within our hearts--and come out of our mouth.

So, meet Jesus with faith---be healed--saved--delivered--and proclaim His good works to others!

CHAPTER 8

Jesus did not rule others or hold others “under authority”--rather He released.

Testing one another and ruling one another is the leaven of the Pharisees--do not have that spirit amongst ourselves.

To follow Jesus means to serve His purposes and actively carry on His mission and ministry. Lose your life for the sake of the Gospel--do not serve the things of this world--serve God--and you will be saved.

THE BOOK OF MARK

CHAPTER 9

Serve one another---do not rule!

God's kingdom is upside-down in relationship to the world.

Do you want to be great in God's eyes? Then serve other people--be like a little child--do not exercise authority one over another.

Christians are followers of Christ---those who do the operations of the Gospel (salvation--healing--deliverance--feeding the poor--release). If anyone does these things in the name of Jesus he is your brothers in the Lord. Do not create your own "special group" and believe you are better than others.

Christian sects are forbidden.

CHAPTER 10

Do not love money or the things of this world--rather love God and serve others. Take up the ministry of Jesus--and He will supply your needs.

We are able to have the same baptism and ministry of Jesus--but we must follow His example in living it out. Ministry is service to others, NOT ruler ship!

Ministry is laying down your life and serving--NOT ruling with authority over other believers.

Yes, to serve God is to have the authority to witness the Gospel--but we are not to use any form of authority or ruler ship over one another.

THE BOOK OF MARK

CHAPTER 11

Pray with faith! Speak the word of God to every problem and believe God will answer. But be sure you are praying with a pure heart.

Forgive others and you will be forgiven.

Have faith also in one another. Don't question or judge the ministry of another believer--God works in them as much as you.

Recognize God in others---God does not always come in the way you think He should.

CHAPTER 12

There are 2 kingdoms--God's kingdom and that of the world. The world operates thru money (you cannot serve God and money). God's kingdom works thru love and service toward others. God's gifts are free. Do your best to co-operate with the kingdom of the world (pay taxes--etc.) but do not combine the 2 kingdoms! Let God's kingdom be free to multiply and grow in the earth and overcome the kingdom in the world.

(28-34)

Love God and love your neighbor. This is the heart of the function of the church.

(35-37)

Jesus undid the old testament system of authority in priesthood. He was born of the tribe of Judah, and descendant of David. In Jesus' time, the common people (those not in the "official" priesthood and ruler ship) understood this and were made free.

(38-44)

Give to the poor--as much as you can--don't give to be seen--don't seek honor amongst other believers--don't pray to be heard by others.

CHAPTER 16

Preach the Gospel everywhere--faith in Jesus is what saves. Some will believe--some will not (they condemn themselves). Let all those who believe be released to carry on the Gospel and do all that you do.

THE BOOK OF LUKE

chapters 1-2

Jesus is the Savior of the world.

chapter 3

7-9

God asks us to repent and do good works.

10-14

Give to the poor--do not cheat others--do not intimidate or accuse falsely--and be content with what you are paid.

15-22

Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit and made the way for all believers to be baptized with the same Holy Spirit.

chapter 4

Satan will tempt us-

1. with worldly things (4:1-4)
2. with worldly power and authority (4:5-8)

The answers to these temptations are faith in the word of God (for God to be your supply) and to actively worship and serve God.

THE BOOK OF LUKE

4:18-19

Jesus outlined His “Gospel” in 5 parts:

Salvation--healing--deliverance--feeding the poor--and release.

chapter 6

1-5

Jesus is Lord of the sabbath--He performed all the needed spiritual cleansing at the cross. Old covenant sabbath laws are not heeded in the new covenant.

12-16

Jesus sent small groups of believers for the specific purposes of the Gospel.

chapter 8

4-15

We are meant to be sowers of the word. We should sow the seed of the Word everywhere as it is incorruptible seed and always accomplishes the purposes of God. We ought to hear the word with a good heart, and do all we can to bear fruit patiently.

16-18

We have the light of God in us. We should not cover it! Do not accept a covering--freely minister and witness the Gospel to everyone in every way you can.

26-39

Everyone is meant to serve God. Jesus healed the most severely demon possessed man and told him he ought to “go and tell what great thing God has done for you

THE BOOK OF LUKE

chapter 9

1-6

We as believers have the power and authority over all manner of sickness--over all demons--and authority to preach the Gospel.

We as believers ought to ask the Lord where we should be sent--where--to whom--we ought to minister--and to expect Him to lead us.

We are not to rule over people--simply pray for those in need, and carry the Gospel with us.

We should expect that some people will not receive us--and we should simply go onward and let God judge them.

23-26

If we want to follow Jesus we need to serve Him daily.

We must turn away from the things of this world, (since they will all pass away) and not be ashamed of the Gospel.

46-48

The least is the greatest.

The servant of all is considered the greatest in God's kingdom (this is the opposite of the way the world operates) and this is the way we are to operate amongst ourselves.

49-50

There is no "official" Christianity.

Anyone who believes in Jesus as Lord and Savior can minister and serve God.

THE BOOK OF LUKE

chapter 10

1-16

Jesus sent many many groups of believers to do what he did. This was His system of operation--a network of small groups. This was His system and example of multiplying the Gospel (apostleship).

17-20

Jesus gives us power in the earth to carry on His Gospel--but do not rejoice in this power--instead rejoice because of your salvation.

21-24

Apostleship in action makes Jesus happy.

25-37

We are to show no favoritism, or believe we are better than anyone else--but always seek to help people who are in the worse condition.

Christian ministry is not like the Levitical priesthood--a title of delegated authority--it is service to all--especially those in the most need.

chapter 11

5-13

We must ask and believe for the Holy Spirit.

11:37--12:3

The leaven of the Pharisees is the hypocrisy of the authority of man.

A little of this can effect many people.

The apostolic operation which Jesus demonstrated eliminates this problem.

THE BOOK OF LUKE

chapter 12

4-7

Do not be afraid of men---fear God--respect God--and know that He loves you and knows you and cares for you.

8-12

Our part is simply to confess Jesus to other people--this is what makes us a Christian. Do not be afraid of what to say--the Holy Spirit will teach you.

13-15

Life does not consist of our possessions.

16-21

Be rich toward God---serve Him and not money.

22-34

Do not worry about money or possessions. Trust God and serve Him and He will provide for you. Build heavenly treasure by serving God and witnessing the Gospel. Don't concentrate and expend a lot of energy on the things of this world or accumulating wealth.

35-44

Your ministry of witnessing Jesus will make you ready for His return. Be found a good servant--because no one knows when He will return.

THE BOOK OF LUKE

45-48

A wrong servant would be someone who believes the Lord is not returning soon--and so begins to exercise authority over other servants and become drunk. God will punish this.

49-53

Following Jesus is greater than you own family ties.

chapter 13

1-5

The Gospel is: repent or perish. turn away fro sin--accept Christ--be saved from Hell.

10-17

The sabbath day is meant for Godly service just like any other day, and there is no designated priesthood in Christianity.

18-21

The growth of God's kingdom is meant to be like a small humble thing which effects and changes big things around it.

chapter 14

7-24

Don't seek fame or attention for yourself--be humble in serving the Lord. A big part of the ministry of the church is to feed the poor--the sick--the blind. We will be blessed if we do this as the church.

25-35

We must give up worldly things in order to truly be a follower of Christ.

THE BOOK OF LUKE

chapter 15

1-32

We must go to sinners--to all people--with the Gospel.

chapter 16

1-13

The world puts money first--above stewardship--above service to God. We must be honest with money and not greedy.

We cannot serve God and money--they are 2 different authorities to follow.

19-31

Hell is real. Jesus did the work to save us from hell.

chapter 17

20--21

The kingdom of God is within all believers.

chapter 18

9-14

We are all sinners saved by grace. We should operate as the church from this humble standpoint. We should not feel proud of our giving or our fasting and so despise others.

15-19

We must be like children to receive the kingdom.

It is difficult for the rich to enter into the kingdom---they are serving money---not God.

THE BOOK OF LUKE

chapter 22

24-27

In the worldly way of operating, one person exercises authority over another. Do not do that amongst yourselves. Jesus gave the perfect example of service toward others. Christian ministry is service, not ruler ship, and we ought to operate in the church, together, as true brothers and sisters.

THE BOOK OF JOHN

Jesus is God---always has been---always will be.

Those who believe in Him will be born again.

God became man, and lived among us. He was perfect in every way, and demonstrated perfect obedience and service to the Father who sent Him.

Jesus began His ministry fully when He had been baptized in the Holy Spirit.

The first action of Jesus' ministry was to chose apostles--a group of people whom He would release to do everything that He did.

THE BOOK OF JOHN

4:1-42

Women can serve God as well as men. (equally, as brothers and sisters in the Lord)

6:15

Do not have kings (rulers) within the church.

6

Every believer is called to a priesthood.

chapters 9-10

Jesus is the one true Shepherd. He makes people free from all their afflictions and releases them to freely serve God.

12:26

We should follow Jesus' example of service. If we serve Him, we must follow His example of service.

Jesus said "where I am, there my servant will be also"

If we serve Jesus, the Father gives us honor.

12:30-31

Being a Christian means you are ruled by Christ. The mission of Jesus cast down and judged the ruler of this world.

12:42-43

We must confess Jesus in spite of worldly authority.

THE BOOK OF JOHN

13:1-17

We all must serve one another. Jesus, who is Lord and God and Master and Teacher washed the feet of His disciples. He said that this is the example to follow--that we ought to “wash one another’s feet”. No one in the church should exercise authority over another. The church should never grow beyond this simplicity.

13:31-35

God recognizes the church as the church--when we love one another.

14:12-14

If we simply believe in Jesus we will do His works--and greater! If we ask in Jesus’ name, according to His example--it will be done.

14:19-24

If we love Jesus, He will live inside of us, the Father will be glorified, and the Holy Spirit will operate thru us---Love Jesus!

14:25-28

The Holy Spirit must lead the teaching of the church.

15:1-8

We must abide in Jesus to bear fruit. He is the vine--we are the branches. God wants us to bear much fruit, so we must be ruled by Jesus--we must follow His example.

THE BOOK OF JOHN

15:9-27

We must love God and love one another. If we do this we will bear much fruit. Jesus calls us friends, not just servants. We are his children--if we follow His love.

We will be hated by the world and rejected--but we are to do our ministry out to the world as Jesus did. We must do good works (carry the Gospel) in the world as Jesus did.

16:8-15

(Actions of the Holy Spirit)

He will convict the world of sin--because they do not believe in Jesus.

He convicts the world of righteousness--because Jesus is risen.

He convicts thru judgment--since Satan is judged

He guides the church in all things

17:1-2

Jesus has all power--all authority--over the church.

chapter 17

God the Father sent Jesus.

He gave Him the Gospel as his mission.

To bring salvation, healing, deliverance to those in need. To feed the poor, and freedom to all who believe--freedom to serve God directly as Jesus did.

Jesus released all believers to carry on His mission.

The mission of the church is to spread this Gospel out to the world.

Jesus released all believers to apostleship--to work together to carry on His mission and love the world.

ACTS OF APOSTLES

1:4-8

The empowerment of the Holy Spirit is for the purpose of witnessing the Gospel out to the world.

2:1-13

All believers may receive the Spirit--and all may speak through the Spirit.

2:14-41

The church needs to speak as the Lord leads--to the unsaved--and baptize those who believe.

2:42-47

The church should follow the Biblical example of apostleship.

Apostolic function is the best, highest example that Jesus gave us.

Apostleship is small groups of believers--operating in ministry.

All the church should be in "fellowship"--which is the love of God outreaching to the world with the Gospel.

All the church should "break bread" together--which is to meet together in their homes, to discuss and plan and teach the operation of the Gospel.

All the church should pray.

The church should be together as often as possible in these apostolic groups.

The church should operate together in "commonness"--with no one exercising authority over others--but all on a "common level".

The things we possess should be shared with one another as the Lord directs--so that no one has lack for their ministry.

The church should meet in many different places--particularly from "house to house"--focusing on the witnessing of the Gospel everywhere.

If we were to operate "daily" in these simple principles together, God could save people every day.

ACTS OF APOSTLES

3:1-16

God heals the sick--by faith in the name of Jesus.

4:12

There is no other name that saves--heals and delivers--other than the name of Jesus. The apostleship of the church gives HIM all the glory.

4:13

Ministry is a God-given gift, not an education. Untrained and uneducated people can serve God and in fact be leaders in the church.

4:23-31

The church should worship together--receive the Spirit--and speak the word of God with boldness

4:32-35

The church should be of one heart and one soul--sharing what we have--operating on a common level that all can attain to, praying and sending people out to the world around us to witness the Gospel.

The poor among us should be fed and supported--so no one has any lack--that all may serve God.

5:1-11

No one should disobey the Holy Ghost.

5:13

The church should have no schism--no division--to invite this in will bring disaster.

5:14-16

The people within the church who are sent out to the world, will heal the sick, in Jesus' name.

ACTS OF APOSTLES

chapter 6-8

We should not have hierarchy in the church. Leaders must serve others--not be "over" others.

8:9-24

Ministry gifts cannot be bought or sold.

9:1-22

The very worst enemy of the church can be converted.

Any member of the church may hear a word from God and act upon it. (Ananias of Damascus)

Any member of the church may pray for the sick and baptize. (see also Acts 22:12-16)

We should expect and encourage new believers to immediately witness Jesus and preach the Gospel. Some may only need a few days of instruction.

9:31

The church needs to walk in the fear of the Lord and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. God will then give peace--edify--and multiply His people.

10-11:18

The gift of salvation thru faith in the name of Jesus and the gift of the Holy Spirit is for all people, with no racial distinctions.

11:27-30

We should ask the Holy Spirit to direct our giving. When we receive the word from the Spirit on where to give, all in the church should give as they are able.

ACTS OF APOSTLES

13:1-5

People should fast and pray together in small groups and pray with the purpose of the Gospel in their heart. They ought to expect God the Holy Ghost to speak thru any of them--and expect that the Holy Ghost will give the “where” and “when” and “whom to send” of the Gospel. Christians ought to pray, laying on hands, with the spirit of release to ministry. Believers ought to be quickly ready to carry out the commands of the Holy Ghost to further the Gospel. The Gospel is the church’s central purpose. All our energy and effort and prayer ought to be directed toward this purpose. We should frequently ask the Lord where we should carry the Gospel, and whom we should send, and expect the Holy Spirit to speak answers.

chapters 14-16

We ought to always work together in small groups in our ministry.

17:1-9

Expect that Jesus’ authority and kingship will upset worldly authority and rule.

17:10

The word of God concerning the direction of the Gospel will come from “brethren”--not specific leadership.

17:16-34

We should preach the Gospel everywhere.

The first apostles compromised the operation of the church for a time. They believed that a Jew who was converted, needed to continue in the sacrificial laws--the offering of animals/blood---grain/bread--the sabbath rituals--and the worship in the temple under the authority of the Levitical priesthood. Paul disagreed with these ideas and convinced Peter he was right. He taught that Jew and Gentile alike should be free from this part of the old covenant (sacrificial law). The book of Hebrews makes the plain statement that the old covenant laws of sacrifice (temple--offerings--sabbath--priesthood) are done away with in the new covenant.

THE BOOK OF ROMANS

1:1-7

We all have received grace and apostleship.

GRACE---salvation by faith in Jesus Christ.

APOSTLESHIP---the operation of Christian ministry in small groups.

These are the purpose and operational principle of the church.

We all are called to carry the Gospel--to witness the resurrected Jesus out to the world.

We are to operate the ministry of the church in the “small groups” of apostleship.

1:16-17

Do not be ashamed of the Gospel, it is the power of God to save everyone who believes--by faith!

chapters 1-4

Unrighteousness is revealed in itself--by the unGodly works that people do--the root of which is the love of the things in the world--which takes the place of the love of God.

But, even though we know what immorality is--do not judge it--that is God's place. Don't be fooled, He will judge unrighteousness and disobedience to His law. All of us are equally disobedient to His law--for the law demands perfection--and the payment for disobedience is death--so--there is only one way to be saved--faith in Jesus Christ!

His blood is what saves us all--without distinction. He died to forgive all sin--He lives to justify all before the Father. He lives to lead us all as the Head of His Body--the church.

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chapter 6

Consider yourselves dead to sin--to the ways of the world--and alive unto God. We are under grace--but don't fall from this grace--by starting to believe you are saved by your own works of obedience to Gods law. But now that you no longer serve sin--SERVE GOD!--this will keep you safe!

chapter 7

We are "dead to the law" through Christ. Be joined together in the unity of serving God, so you can bear fruit for Him. Serve God in the Spirit--not by laws and legalism.

chapter 8

Live your life by the commands of the Holy Spirit--and you will be free from the old laws of sin and death.

We as Christians are free to be under God's direct authority (this is different from the old covenant where Israel was under the authority of the law)

We as Christians are sons and daughters of God (therefore brothers and sisters in Him!)

We have His inheritance (in heaven and in this earth)--certainly we await the glories in heaven--but in the earth we have His Holy Spirit dwelling in us guiding us--even speaking through us. Let the Spirit lead you fully

Love God and fulfill the calling of His purpose (the Gospel!) in your life and all things will work for good in your life.

We as Christians are born again into His image--justified by who He is--filled and lead by His Spirit. If God is for us who can possibly stand against us!

To love and serve God is the call of the church. Nothing can separate us from Him and His love, which is made perfect by what Jesus has done for us.

THE BOOK OF ROMANS

chapter 10

Tell other people that Jesus is Lord (God) and be fully persuaded in your heart that He is alive--and you will be saved.

Whoever believes in Jesus this way, will be saved. There is no distinction--Jesus died for everyone--therefore tell everyone who He is.

But, if they don't believe how can they call on Him?

And How can they believe, unless they hear about Him?

And, how can they hear unless someone proclaims the message to them?

And, how shall we proclaim the message, unless we are sent, (apostles), unless we become messengers of the Gospel?

Don't you know that God blesses those who carry the Good News of Jesus and tell others?

Faith comes to people by hearing the word of God that saves.

chapter 12

Lay down your life for God.

Do not conform to the world--do not serve the kingdom of the world--serve God in the new way that Jesus demonstrated.

You are all the church.

You are all like parts of a body.

Just like your body, the church is made up of many different parts, all of which have important (but different) functions.

Each part has an important function--therefore, no one person in the church should exercise authority or try to rule over the other parts,

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No one part should think he is more important than the others.

Ministry operates by faith--and we all have faith (so of course we all have a ministry--a service--a function to fulfill--within the body).

The church is made of different people with different gifts--all the ministries operate by love. So, use love, mix it with faith, and work together to serve God in the gifts He has given.

Some in the church prophecy, some serve well, some teach well, some are good encouragers, some are good at giving to others, some lead well, other have mercy and love toward others, some are gifted at bringing joy to others.

Do all things as brothers and sisters--equals--on a common level with one another--and therefore without hypocrisy.

Lift up one another--don't self-promote.

Brotherly love is the basis of the ministry of the church.

Be diligent and fervent in serving the Lord and carrying on His mission--the Gospel.

When things go bad--be patient!

Pray all the time.

Give to whomever has need in the church--whether it is basic need, or the needs of ministry.

Be hospitable to all.

Bless others (even if they say bad things about you!).

Be in unity with one another--so if someone is rejoicing--be happy with them--or if someone is hurt or sad, feel for them. Remember how that Jesus healed others as He was moved with compassion (Matthew 9).

THE BOOK OF ROMANS

Associate with the humble, and don't be wise in your own opinions.

Try as a church, to be at peace with the world around you. The key to this: overcome evil with good.

chapter 13

Realize that in the world, people exercise authority over other people (remember how the Lord taught NOT to operate the church in this way and gave us apostleship to fulfill His command).

Now as long as human government is enforcing the laws of God--they are in effect working for God. Therefore cooperate with the worldly authority as much as you can.

Do not owe anything to anyone--but to love.

If you love others (unconditionally as Christ did!) you will overcome the wrong desires of the flesh and so be obedient to God in every way.

chapter 14

Serve God in righteousness, peace and the Holy Spirit. Do not let rules of behavior spoil these things.

Follow the law of love and liberty as Christ has delivered us to His kingdom of love and service.

chapter 16

Avoid people who come before you with smooth words and flattering speech--in order to deceive you--and fill their own belly-!

THE BOOK OF 1CORINTHIANS

chapter 1

Be in unity. Do not follow human leaders and thus divide yourself up. We are all baptized in the name of Jesus. He is the Head--we are all His body--the church.

The message of the Gospel that we are called to share is simple. For those who don't believe it sounds foolish--yet the truth is that in the simple Gospel of salvation by faith in the name of Jesus, lies all the power of God.

God has made fellowship with Him an easy step, so that anyone can be saved, and anyone can share the message.

chapter 2:1-5

Paul the apostle said that he was not a brilliant speaker, he simply preached "Christ crucified" and carried the power of the Holy Spirit with him. This is the true power of God.

6-16

The rulers of Jesus time, who should have been wise, were in fact responsible for His crucifixion. Understanding Christ--understanding salvation--and all that God has for us--is a spiritual thing--and spiritual things are Spiritually discerned. God's wisdom does not lie in the bounds of human wisdom.

3:1-4

Do not have human divisions in the church! Do not give yourself a special designation--nor follow human leaders--this is the way the world operates.

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3:5-17

Notice the example of ministry in the Bible. A group of people working together in God--each doing his own part. Working together in the Gospel, as brothers and sisters. This apostleship is the foundation of the church (it is the example that Jesus gave us!). We should build the church in the same way--by the same example.

3:18-23

Remember we are all the temple of the Holy Spirit--we all have God living inside of us. We belong to Jesus--He is the Head of every man, and Jesus is one with the Father.

chapter 4

Apostleship is not glamorous! It is laying one's life down, serving others (this is ministry as Jesus defined it). Although there may be 10,000 teachers of the word--apostles began the church. Imitate them! Imitate Paul--copy his way of serving--for it is the correct example.

chapter 5 & 6

The true work of a Christian is in love and service to our Lord. The outward manifestation of this is a pure life before God. If someone claims to be a Christian, yet is openly disobeying God's laws, they really aren't members of Christ's body in the first place. But understand this: out in the world, people are openly disobeying God's laws, and yet you must fellowship with them if you are ever going to fulfill Christ's mission for the church! So don't shut yourself off from the world just because of these bad things in the world. Within the church, talk with one another--lead those who are disobedient to repentance and keep the church pure, for you are all the most holy place--the temple of the Holy Spirit.

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chapter 7

The Christian home is the church. Therefore it is important to have a peaceful, productive and holy family life. The Christian home is the basis of ministry and the operations of the church, so keep a holy relationship with your husband or wife. If you are not married, in fact you have an advantage in serving God, but still, marriage is God's gift for us to work together and minister to His needs. When you become a Christian, there is no need to change your job in the world--but don't let your work consume you! Now that you are a Christian, a servant of God, spend as much time as possible serving God.

chapter 8

Idolatry is in the world. People worship many things in the world and idolatry has its own rules. Now, you know that you are not under the rules of any form of idolatry--but don't let that make you smug. Instead, knowing that you are under God's authority, go along with those who follow the rules of idolatry--in order to save souls!

chapter 9

We should go to all people and be like them in order to give them the Gospel. As far as money goes, it is right for anyone who carries the Gospel to ask for support--but it is not necessary--money should never be the central issue. Asking money for ministry will discourage some people from accepting Jesus--and this is by far the most important thing! We all need to carry the Gospel and work together to do this purpose--it is the central function of being the church. Do you know that God will reward us for our witnessing? So, put aside the physical things--don't let sin get in your way--work for God--work for His crown. It's like running a race (but we work together in this race--not compete with one another!)--work at your ministry--focus the effort of the church on the Gospel!

The ministry of the church is to serve all men--just as Jesus did.

THE BOOK OF 1CORINTHIANS

chapter 10

In the old covenant God desired all of Israel to serve Him, but many fell. It is good to study their example as a warning of what to avoid.

In the old covenant there was an imperfect sacrifice. Those who were allowed to partake of the sacrifice were the priests--the ministers of God. But in the new covenant we all are invited to partake of the sacrifice. In the new covenant we have a perfect and final offering--Christ Himself.

Jesus called His flesh "meat" and His body "bread" (now we know we are sanctified by his blood)--and He invited all believers to partake of Him. In the old covenant only the priests--the Levites--could partake of the bread and meat offering. Now, we can all partake--therefore every believer is a priest--a minister of the temple.

The physical laws of clean and unclean meat do not mean anything to us--neither should the physical things of this world (which can be a form of idolatry). The key to being free from these temptations is to not think of ourselves, but to seek to help others, and lead people to salvation.

Serve God, and be free from serving the world.

chapter 11

We all need to respect God and one another when we are together. Remember the Lord's supper--eat together in remembrance of His death and resurrection--remembering the Gospel as our purpose--not our own needs. Put His need first--don't cling to our own needs and wants and ideas. If you put Him first, He will correct you--and it is much better to be corrected now in this life, than to carry sin with you to be judged later!

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12:1-12

Now let's understand the gifts and operations of the church--how things should be when we are gathered together.....

We are all saved by confessing Jesus as Lord. This is what makes someone a Christian--and we ought to trust this in one another.

The Holy Spirit is God's presence in the earth--and He gives different gifts to all of us. The gift of Christ (which is ministry) is also given differently to every one of us. These gifts are given to all--to benefit all--and it is God who is not only the Giver--but the Operator of these gifts in us all.

We could categorize the gifts of the Holy Spirit in this way: (a word of) wisdom--knowledge--faith--headings--miracles--prophecy--spiritual discernment--praying in tongues--interpretation of tongues.

The Holy Spirit gives these gifts to anyone He wants to (so we should expect and trust these gifts in one another!). The proper use of these gifts is vital to carry on the mission of the church which is spreading the Gospel.

In the same way, we could categorize the gifts of ministry in their proper priority, like this:

first and foremost, APOSTLES
secondarily, PROPHETS
thirdly, TEACHERS

Does everyone have every gift? No--but all the gifts are always to be found among you--if we have faith in God and in one another.

Remember, the exercising--the functioning of these gifts, together, in all the people is the highest calling of God for His church.

And you are a church--all of you and any of you (remember Jesus said where even "2 or 3 are gathered--there I am in the midst") All His gifts and ministry are present in any gathering of believers.

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The church can be compared to your body. Would you want to do without any part of your body? I don't think so! Should one part of your body rule over another part--and try to say that another weaker part has no function? Of course not! In fact, in your body you give greater care and attention to the weaker parts. If part of your body is hurt, don't you care for it, and help it, and support it in every way?

In your body you give equal care to every part, because you know you need every part operating to be all God made you to be and realize your full potential. You cannot have schisms in your body, no divisions--and equal care and honor for every part.

We as the church are like a body--and Christ is the Head. He has given us instructions and example to follow (in the Bible!) and left us the Guide, the Holy Spirit to direct us specifically on how to carry on Christ's mission in the earth.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit and the gifts of ministry in every believer are the operational plan of the church.

But what should be our motivation--our heart--the driving force behind the operations of these gifts?

Simple---love.

chapter 13

Ministry means nothing without love.

Love is the heart of the ministry of the church.

The qualities of Gods' love are kindness--not envy or self-promotion--the love that God wants us to reflect does not seek it's own benefit--it is not provoked. God's love thinks no evil, rather it rejoices in truth--bears all things--believes and hopes all things and endures all things. The love that God has put in His people never fails. Without this love--any ministry will fail--for it is simply the work of man.

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Here in the earth we don't have perfect communication with God. When we do (in heaven--in His coming kingdom) we will not need prophecy--only love! But now, in our current state--it is the calling of all believers to strive toward 2 things.....

chapter 14

.....First, love like God does--secondly, desire and seek after Spiritual ministry.

So, what should a Christian meeting look like?

First, know and recognize that God has given gifts and ministries to everyone.

Every one of you has the God-given right to sing--to teach--to speak in tongues or interpret---or to testify before the others in any way. But let all these activities edify--let the purpose of these gifts and ministries be toward the Gospel--toward building God's kingdom.

Know one another's gifts!

Have faith in one another's gifts!

For example--some pray in tongues--others have the gift of interpretation. If you pray in tongues, and there is no one present to interpret--then you should not pray in tongues--since tongues without interpretation will not reveal God's purpose (and message).

This is why it is a better gift to prophecy (in a knowledgeable way) the will of God. Think about it: If an unsaved person walked into your meeting (and you should always bring the lost into your meeting!) and everyone was speaking in tongues--he certainly would not get much out of it (in fact he might think you're crazy!) But, if all prophecy--that is, speak the will of God directly--in a language that is understood by all--certainly the unsaved person would realize that God was among you. He would most certainly accept Christ --and this is God's highest purpose--to save the lost.

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So, knowing that God can speak and minister through any of us--when you meet--anyone may speak. But of course--take turns! In any one meeting, let 2 or 3 of you speak in tongues (if there is interpretation)--let 2 or 3 prophecy--or teach the Word.

Respond to one another! After someone has spoken, anyone may ask questions--or disagree.

The meeting place for Christians will usually be their homes. The young women with children should not participate, but attend to their responsibility in God--their greatest ministry--which is caring for their own children.

You ought to stress these ideas in your meeting--in fact--they are commands from the Lord.

So, desire all the prophetic gifts in your meetings, for this is the way the Lord will give His direct instructions to you to further the Gospel.

Let all things be done with love, and you will have peace.

chapter 15

Remember the Gospel is our purpose. Jesus is truly alive. He died for our sins and truly did rise from the dead. He conquered death and hell for all mankind. He was sent of the Father--and in return He sent all of us.

The apostolic ministry is the first and foremost ministry of the church.

THE BOOK OF 2CORINTHIANS

chapter 1

Work in small groups together to carry the Gospel out to the world.

2:5-11

Be wise and do not be ignorant of the plans of Satan--which will always try to take you away from love, and into judgments.

2:12-17

Witness sincerely, for God inside of us is like a fragrance--to those who believe, life--but to those who turn away, we are a fragrance of their own death.

3:1-6

God is the supply of all ministry. He gives the spiritual strength and temporal strength. He is sufficient--in the power of His Holy Spirit.

3:7-15

The old covenant is meant to pass away. It was glorious, but the new covenant is far greater. So be bold with the Gospel of the new covenant.

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3:16---4:1

You have the Spirit dwelling in you--and that means you are free. Every believer can receive direct instructions through the Holy Spirit, without “intermediaries”. Therefore we all have a ministry to carry on--which is received directly from God, thru the Spirit.

chapter 4

We are free-servants to the Lord Jesus Christ. We are here in this world to simply tell the truth--which is: JESUS CHRIST IS SAVIOR.

Our job is to witness His glory--to witness who He is--like light that shines into dark places.

5:1-8

We may not have very much in this world, but if we have Jesus, we have everything!

We may not have a home in this world, but we know that God has prepared a heavenly home for us--which is eternal--so--walk by faith--not by sight!

chapter 5

All believers should live for Christ. We are all made ambassadors--representatives of Christ and His Gospel--here to reconcile the world to Him.

Understand this: someday, Jesus will judge us--for the work we have done that served Him. We will stand before Him, and give an account--He will judge righteously--so--don't anger the Lord! Serve Him now, and receive His reward in heaven.

In Christ we are made new. You are no longer who you were--you are His child--a new creation--made servants to His will--which is simply for us to further the Gospel.

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6:1-10

So we are all workers together for Christ (this is what the church is)--in all things serve God.

It does not matter if you are rich or poor--in prosperity or poverty--all the church must serve God.

Ministry comes thru love--by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the word of truth, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the power of God, by righteous armor.

It does not matter if you are honored or dishonored, called deceivers, yet true--unknown or well-known. Our outward appearance may be sorrowful, yet we have the joy of the Lord always.

If you serve God, you will make others rich, although you are poor. If you live out your ministry, you will have nothing and yet possess all things.

6:11--7:1

Don't be tied to the things of the world. We are all the temple of the Holy Spirit, so be careful where you bring God, and who you are tied to. Godly repentance is a good thing--because when we repent in God, He forgives us, restores us, heals us and sets us free to move forward. Turn away from what you know is wrong, and let God make you free of the traps and snares of this world, so you can serve Him, and help others.

7:2-16

The zealousness of one group of Christians is meant to refresh other believers, so communicate with other Christians often. If you are hurt they will help you, and if you are truly prosperous in serving God, your zealousness will uplift others--so spread the anointing!

THE BOOK OF 2CORINTHIANS

chapter 8

Give to the poor within the church.

Why?

So there can be equity.

In the world, those with money rule over those without. But we have the perfect example of Jesus, who gave up everything to make us all rich in God--to save us completely.

He said to us that we should not rule over one another--so the simple and direct thing to do is to give to those needs of your brothers and sisters within the church. In this way, all the body will be able to function in their ministry, and the Lord will be able to accomplish all He desires in you as a church.

chapter 9

Give cheerfully. Give by the individual leading of the Holy Spirit. Give to the ministry of others in the same way. Be lead by God, and give your time to serve God willingly and with joy---not as a ritual---not as a forced necessity.

Give with the idea of releasing others to serve God.

chapter 10

The ministry the church does is warfare against the power of the Enemy. But it is spiritual power, not physical. These spiritual weapons God has given us (the Gospel of His love!) are mighty and powerful in all of us--and will pull down false authority and the strongholds of the Enemy.

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Ministry is authority--but not over other believers! We should not rank ourselves or classify ourselves, or boast about the great works we do. God appoints all of us jobs to do--so we ought to respect this in one another. Let God give the rewards and the accolades, and among ourselves always simply encourage one another to serve God more.

chapters 11-13

The Gospel is simple--don't corrupt it with too many complications--and be warned of those who do this.

Strength is made perfect in weakness--not perfect people. God works spiritually thru our physical weaknesses and persecutions.

Power is given to us, by God, for edification and not destruction.

THE BOOK OF GALATIANS

The church is meant to operate by faith, working thru love.

Do not turn back to law! The purpose of God's laws are to expose our sin. Our forgiveness comes from the blood of Jesus--this makes us free. The thing to avoid, is obedience to old covenant laws and seeing those works of the law as justification.

This is the leaven that if you have a little bit of, will "leaven the whole lump." Just a little bit of this will undermine the whole church.

Thru love, serve one another (as equals!).

Walk in the Spirit--let God direct everything--and you will not put yourselves under the authority of the law.

Bear one another's burdens--give to one another's needs. Don't judge other believers--be gentle in restoring those who are fallen.

Give God all the glory and the cross all the attention. Let Christ's Gospel be first and foremost--so His grace will truly be spread.

THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS

1:1-6

You are all loved by God. He has blessed all of us with every Spiritual blessing--- so much so, that as Christians, God considers all of us to be like sons and daughters. All thru the great thing that Jesus Christ has done for us.

1:7-14

The blood of Jesus saves us--heals us--delivers us and redeems us completely. And so we are all made one in Him--all brothers and sisters in Him.

Jesus won heaven for us all--something which we will receive in time. God gave us the Holy Spirit as the seal--the guarantee of this great inheritance we shall receive.

Salvation is a gift from God, to all.
The Holy Spirit is a gift from God, to all.
Ministry is a gift from God, to all.

1:15-22

Now, God made Jesus, the Head of the church and there is no other!

And God gave all of us power (after we have accepted Christ and received the Holy Spirit) that we all may be able to fulfill our calling.

God has given all believers a ministry, and the power to fulfill it.

2:1-7

Let's remember what we were, before we met Jesus--sinners. But simply by recognizing our sin--and believing that Jesus' blood forgives all our sin--so He has made us alive unto "Christ"--unto the anointing--that He has given us.

THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS

2:8-10

We are all sinners--saved by grace--by the free gift of salvation--which we attain by faith in Jesus. And now, (after we are saved) we are His workers--we are to carry on His Gospel mission. We should live in the ministry works that God has put in all of us.

2:11-18

As Christians (those saved by grace) we are all equal. It doesn't matter who you were before--now you are near to God (being made like Him all the time!) Any man or woman can now have access to all that God has. We're all equally empowered by one and the same Holy Spirit--and all have access to the Father.

2:19-22

So we are like a building. Jesus is the Cornerstone. The apostles and prophets are the foundation, and all of us are built upon their example. Imagine! We are all being built together, by God, into a holy temple--that God might have His Spiritual dwelling place.

3:1-12

These things used to be a mystery. But now, we all know that Jesus is God--died for our sin--resurrected for eternal life. He imparted the Holy Spirit and power--so that all the church may be the revelation of this mystery. The Gospel was hidden--but now it is to be revealed--through the gifts and ministries of all believers.

THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS

3:13-20

So, when things are difficult, don't get discouraged! Remember God is on your side, He has empowered you with the Holy Spirit. Be rooted and grounded in love. Love is the basis of all ministry.

Know that you are spiritually linked with all believers in all the world. All are bound together by the love of Christ, which fills us with all that God has.

We cannot even fully comprehend all the power that God has put inside all of us. His power is above and beyond what we could ask or even think of.

Now, here is how to utilize that power in the most effective way....

4:1-6

All Christians have a calling.

Here is how to be worthy of your call to minister.

Be lowly, gentle, patient and kind. Bear with others in love. Keep the unity the Spirit brings by staying in peace toward one another.

Remember, you have a calling--but so does everyone else!

God sees you as one body. We are all different--God clearly loves diversity--yet we have all the same things in common--one Lord, one faith, one baptism--and God is One. He is Father to us all--and in all of us equally.

God is in all of us, therefore His ministry is in all.

THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS

4:7-13

Remember, unity in diversity is what God likes! So, understand that God has given every one of us ministry gifts--"the gift of Christ" (anointing). These gifts are in all of us differently--but they are all meant to work together to serve God.

We can categorize these gifts in this way:

1. People who are messengers of the Gospel out to the world.
2. People who speak the word from God.
3. Individual that carry the Gospel out to the world
4. People that encourage others to serve God.
5. People that teach within the church.

These are very important gifts! They are gifts of service! They are God's collective plan for building His kingdom in the earth.

If we can fully enable all the gifts to operate in all the people, we would be perfect in God's eyes. We would truly be like Christ. We would truly be the church--His body in the earth.

4:14-16

If we operated in this way, we would not be fouled by any false doctrine, or be tricked by anyone, and we would not be fooled by the devil at all.

Instead, if we simply all worked together in this way, and spoke the Gospel, in love--we would be fully mature, Christ-like, His church--His body--and He would truly be the Head!

How to please God? Work together with the gifts He has given to everyone. Focus on the Gospel. The system of these gifts, operating together in people, was designed by God, to spread the Gospel. Operate in these gifts and the result will be that people will be saved--His body will grow (if every part does it's share!) and the love of God will grow.

THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS

4:17-24

Don't operate the church the way the world operates! The kingdom of worldly authority centers itself on money--which brings greed. God's authority works thru love and freedom and brotherly service in every believer--the life of God.

This love and co-operation and service is what we meant to "put on" (a new man) and it is true righteousness and holiness.

4:25-32

Do not let anger control you. Be a new person. For example: if you were a thief before you met Christ, now you should take on a ministry of giving to others.

Teach what other people need to hear and teach with love and kindness that those who hear will be built up.

Let the Holy Spirit speak freely thru you.

Leave behind bitterness, anger, regrets. God will help you do it! If you will just be kind to one another, and forgive one another--after all, God thru Christ forgave your sin--right?

The operational basis of Christian brotherhood is the fact we are all sinners saved by grace--no more--no less!

5:1-2

Imitate Jesus. His love--His ministry.

THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS

5:3-17

If you truly are imitating Jesus, certainly you will not covet the things in his world. Conversely, if you do covet the things in this world, you prove that you truly have not entered into His kingdom of love and service.

Gods' loving ministry is like light--it helps those who want God, and exposes those who are not following God.

5:18-20

Be filled with the Spirit. He will lead you in joy. Speak to one another in psalms and hymns--sing in the Spirit--praise God and give thanks always for our Mighty Savior Jesus.

5:21--6:4

Cooperation is what pleases God, and makes things happen for His kingdom.

We should all, equally cooperate with one another on the common level of brotherhood.

The Christian family is the operational heart of the church.

So, wives should cooperate with their husbands and husbands should love their wives with the same kind of unconditional and forgiving love that Christ has shown all of us.

The Christians family is very important! Children are very important--they should listen well to parents and parents should not provoke children. Love and cooperation is the key. The ministry and operation of the church will come from the "pillar" of the Christian family.

Understand that the glorious church is in all of us as we are joined in Christ. He cherishes us and loves us and nurtures us as our Head.

If we truly would all serve Him, He could be fully active in the earth.

THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS

6:10-23

Serve God and carry His Gospel.

Know that He gives us protection from our Enemy in every way, with spiritual armor. Our Enemy is powerful, but God inside of all of us is more powerful. Our weapons are not just for defense, but for attacking the Enemy. In fact it is an important job of the church to pull down his strongholds.

Pray and let the Spirit lead you and instruct you.

Let the love of God be in all of you and let the Gospel go forth!

THE BOOK OF PHILIPPIANS

1:3-11

The fellowship we have as Christians is “of the Gospel” of the function and operation of the witnessing of the Gospel.

1:12-30

The Gospel is the function of the church--whether we are prosperous--or attacked for it.

2:1-4

Be lowly. Be loving. Think of your brothers and sisters in Christ, and their interests and concerns. Put others within the church ahead of yourself. If we truly all did this, we would have true Godly unity.

THE BOOK OF PHILIPPIANS

2: 5-11

Think about Jesus. He was God, yet, lowered Himself to serve all people, even so far that He died for all people. In doing this, as He example of ministry, He was then exalted, and given the highest position by the Father. He is Lord--and everyone will acknowledge this. (It is our job as the church to lead people to Him as Lord and Savior--so they will be saved).

2:12-18

If we carry on our ministry to God without complaining or disputing, we will be the children that God wants--like light, in a dark world.

2:19-30

We are all representatives of Christ. We need to send one another to do the work of God (this is apostleship!)

chapter 3-4

Paul was an apostle. Before he met Jesus he was a very zealous Jew--following the law precisely. But after he met Jesus, he considered his obedience to be rubbish--- as compared with the righteousness that is his in Christ. Paul says that after he was saved, his goal is to work with others to share the Gospel. This is the highest calling that God has given--the central focus of the church. Paul implores us in the Bible that we follow his example, and the example of those he worked with.

Apostleship is the example for every Christian, and the operational plan of the church.

THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS

chapter 1

Christ is the Head of the church.

He has made us all free from sin by the blood of His cross.

2: 8-9

Do not let anyone cheat you from your ministry! Look out for worldly principles of operation! You are complete in Him--He is the Head--and no one else!

chapter 2

Jesus disarmed and publicly defeated the system of false authority in the world. He proved His authority to be greater. So--don't go back to old covenant traditions which have to do with sin offerings--(sabbaths--food or drink) These things were the old covenant shadow of what Christ would accomplish.

Hold tight to the idea that Christ is your Head.

Hold tight to the idea that He is the Head of all believers--and that we are to all serve God--work our ministry--and that through all believers, God will grow and nourish the body.

So, be dead with Christ to those things that pertain to sin offering. Those things look like wisdom and self-imposed religion and humility--but they are truly not spiritual things and so have no real value against sin (since it is the blood of Jesus which cleanses our sin and NOT our works of the law!)

THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS

chapter 3

Be raised with Christ and set your heart on heavenly things--not the things in the earth. In Christ it does not matter who you were--your race, your sex,--we are all brothers and sisters in Him--as He is in all of us.

Love one another as equals. Let the Word dwell among you---teach one another--sing together in psalms and hymns--let everything you do, be in His name--follow Jesus as your highest example.

Do these things from the church--the Christian home--which is the basis of operation for the church.

4: 5-6

Witness the Gospel to the world.

THE BOOK OF 1THESSALONIANS

2: 1-12

Carry the Gospel to others gently, yet honestly. Do not covet, not only giving the Gospel, but love and life and friendship--and release.

THE BOOK OF 2THESSALONIANS

3: 6-15

We all ought to work our jobs and witness the gospel--no one should be given a special privilege above or “over” others within the church

THE BOOK OF 1TIMOTHY

chapter 1

The ministry of the church is:

love from a pure heart
love from a good conscious
love from sincere faith

Do not turn away from this purity and directness in the Gospel.
Do not become “teachers of the law”.

The law is good if it is used lawfully. The law is not for the righteous---and we are the righteous! (for Christians are sinners saved by grace--made righteous and pure BY CHRIST!). The law is for the unrighteous--(those who act out disobedience to God and believe it is right).

chapter 2

The Christian home is the operational center of the church. The Christian marriage needs to be Godly--in love. A husband and wife who are in cooperation with one another will be most effective.

chapter 3

Leaders---”organizers”--within the church should lead a Godly lifestyle--and their home and family should be orderly (since the home is the main meeting place of the church). These organizers should be gentle, not wanting money or greedy or covetous. They should not be new believers but the more experienced group within the church.

The leaders are to organize the ministry of the rest of the church.

THE BOOK OF PHILIPPIANS

All the same qualification should apply to the groups of ministers within the church (apostles--prophets--evangelists--pastors---teachers). Their home should be peaceful--their lifestyle Godly. However, a new believer can operate in ministry and work in their gifts (anointings) immediately.

The church consists of these groups of ministers (servants)--working together--to spread the Gospel.

The Christian home is “the pillar and ground of truth”.

4: 12-16

All believers are meant to serve God--young or old.

5: 1-2

Treat everyone in brotherhood in the church--with equal respect for all.

5:3-16

Watch for people who take advantage of the giving hearts of believers. We are to care for the poor and widows--but only those who are truly in need.

5: 17-20

Honor older believers--trust their word unless 2 or 3 witnesses come against them. Support the older people within the church as they have need. Give them the respect they are due, especially if they serve God well.

Ministry is not a lot of words--rather it is many kind actions. It is godliness--faith--love--patience--gentleness--this is the confession of Christ as Savior to the world.

Ministry is not a lot of words and arguments---”godliness” is not a means of gains (6:5) and you should stay away from those who speak many words and seek money--for the love of money is the root of evil (both within and without the church!) and a cause for many to stray from the faith.

Remember, Jesus Christ is God--He is Lord--He is the one and only “Potentate”--the King of kings and Lord of lords--the one true Head of the church.

And these instructions are meant to keep Him as the Head.

THE BOOK OF 2TIMOTHY

chapter 1

Don't be afraid to serve God! God does not want fear or intimidation in our ministry. He has given us power and a sound mind to carry out our collective service toward his Gospel.

He has given every one of us "grace"--gifts--which are meant to serve Him and further the Gospel.

2: 1-2

Release others to minister the Gospel.

2: 3-13

Sometimes ministry can be difficult, it is, in fact, hard work--but think of the people who need Jesus--whom He has saved--and yet they need to simply know Him and his salvation (what glorious work!)

2: 14-26

Wasteful talk is to be avoided. We are all vessels for God's use--so seek the best use the Lord has for you. If we truly want to do God's highest will, we will be loving and gentle and kind to all people. These attributes will lead many to repentance.

chapter 3

We are in the last days before Christ's return--and times are perilous! People will love themselves and money and the things of this world more than they love God. Many will have a form of godliness--but without the truth and the power of God. These will teach endlessly (in order to rule!) and yet never coming to the knowledge of the Gospel and release. These people will be exposed for their greed. Know the word of God and follow the example of the apostles. Study the word directly--and use the New Testament ministers as your best example.

chapter 4

Share the Gospel all the time! Fulfill your ministry! Many people will seek to make God fit their own desires by listening to teachers that please them. It is much better to please God than men--which means we all ought to evangelize--carry the Gospel out to the world.

THE BOOK OF TITUS

We all ought to live good lives. Be gentle, loving and teach others to do the same.

Be obedient to the laws and rulers in your land. Live peacefully with others as best you can.

Everyone who is saved needs to maintain their ministry, and continue the good work of the Gospel.

Avoid disputes--don't argue about the law. Avoid people who are divisive.

THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

chapters 1-2

Jesus is Lord

Jesus is Savior

Jesus created all things

Jesus is God--yet--He became a man, He lowered Himself to be Servant to all--to taste death for everyone--and so defeat death for everyone.

This is His example.

This is His priesthood.

Jesus is the High Priest of the church.

chapter 3

We are all called to the Gospel.

We are all called to a priesthood.

We obtain our salvation thru faith, but we must continue in faith--because our lives and our ministry is of faith.

THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

chapter 4

We must confess Jesus as Lord, as our High Priest. Jesus knows all that we go thru--He can sympathize with every weakness--yet He was without sin. Therefore, we ought to be bold in this confession and witness of Christ--that we may find mercy and grace in time of need.

chapters 5-6

The priesthood of Christ is NOT like the priesthood of the old covenant. (the Levites). It is different. The Levitical priesthood and the sacrifices and sin offerings of the Old Covenant were a shadow of who Jesus is and what he did and continues to do as the High Priest of the church.

We all ought to at least be able to teach--so don't fall away from the basic principles of salvation--baptism--laying on of hands--resurrection of the dead and judgment.

If we have heard and understood the Gospel, received the Holy Spirit---and then turn away and do not produce fruit--we are seriously rejecting God. So we must be diligent in our ministry. (6:4-12)

chapter 7

We as the church have a new priesthood and a High Priest who is greater than any. The Old Covenant priesthood is done away with.

Jesus is the appointed authority over every believer.

THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

chapter 8-9

In the Old Covenant the high priest entered the holy place in the temple and made the sin offering for Israel. This is simply a shadow of what Christ did with his perfect offering--His blood. Christ's blood is the sin offering, made once, for all people. Now, we as Christians have been purified in a deeper way--that our minds may be purified--to serve Him.

chapters 10-13

We as the church are sanctified in a greater way than any Old Testament priest. So, let us work together (in our priesthood) and stir up love and ministry among ourselves. It is vital to get together with other believers. Don't forsake ministering with others--but encourage one another to do the Gospel.

Live by faith. Minister by faith. Have faith that God is in you and in your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Serve God with reverence and respect. God will correct us and sometimes this is difficult--but listen to His words of correction and follow them and you will truly be His sons and daughters.

Let love be the ministry of the church. Welcome strangers--visit those in prison--help those who are mistreated--especially other Christians.

The Christian marriage is the centerpiece of the church.

Do not covet the things in the world, serve God, not money. Be content with what God has given you and He will be your supply.

Follow the example of those who teach the word within the church.

Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today and forever.

THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

Do not follow complicated teachings--stay with grace--stay with the Gospel.

Worship Jesus everywhere and with everything you do.

Do not forget to share with others.

13:17

Listen to those who serve the word of God to you and cooperate with them, and you will be blessed.

Jesus is the great Shepherd--we are all His sheep. Therefore follow his example--do the good work of the Gospel one and all.

THE BOOK OF JAMES

chapter 1:2-8

We are "bondservants" to the Lord. Free servants.

Trials and difficulties will come to all of us. When they do, have patience, (this will make you perfect), keep faith in God, don't doubt His will to bless you, and always ask Him for help.

1:9-11

If you are poor, be glad--God still loves you and cares for you. If you are rich, be humble--the things in this world pass away quickly--don't rely on them.

THE BOOK OF JAMES

1:12-20

Endure temptation and you will be blessed. But don't blame God! He never tempts anyone! Realize that we all have desires that entice us--which lead to sin--which would lead to death! (thank God we are saved by grace!)

God only gives good gifts--which we are meant to serve out to others in His unconditional love.

So, listen and speak carefully--be slow to anger--our anger does not produce righteousness.

chapter 1:21-25

It is the word of the Gospel implanted in humbleness which saves.

BUT BE DOERS OF THE WORD--AND NOT HEARERS ONLY!!

To hear the word and not do it is like glancing in a mirror--seeing the truth of who you are--and then walking away and forgetting! You have received the truth of the Gospel--understand you are a sinner saved by grace--so now you must share this with others!

1:26-27

If you think you are a good Christian and yet you do not control your tongue, you deceive yourself (speak of Jesus, not yourself).

To operate purely as the church is this: visit orphans and widows--care for those in need--and keep yourself away from worldliness.

2:1-13

Do not be partial toward people by worldly standards. If a rich person and a poor person come to you, do not show favoritism to the rich. God loves the poor--so should we.

THE BOOK OF JAMES

2:14-26

Faith without works is dead.

Someone can say they are a Christian and believe in God, but if they turn away from the needy and the poor, their faith is dead.

Your ministry is the proof of your faith.

chapter 3

Not many Christians should be teachers--since it is easy to stumble and so mislead others (better to have the actions of ministry than the words). Words can be powerfully deceiving and steer ourselves in wrong directions.

So, the ministry of the church should be wise works done in meekness.

Right ministry makes peace.

chapter 4

Do not associate with worldly ways of doing things--do not try to obtain things in the flesh. Ask God and you will receive--but you will not receive if you wish to spend what God gives you on your own worldly pleasures.

Cooperate with God--resist the devil and he will flee from you.

Do not judge other believers. Be a doer of the law--not a judge.

If you know to do good--if you know what ministry the Lord is urging you to--and you don't do it--this is sin.

THE BOOK OF JAMES

chapter 5

Be ready for the coming of Christ.

Be a good laborer in His field.

Don't criticize one another--let God judge.

Be patient in your work for the Lord and God will work things out in the end (like Job).

Don't swear at all--be straitforward--let yes mean yes and no mean no.

If you are suffering, pray.

If you are cheerful, sing.

If you are sick, seek prayer from your fellow believers. Lay on hands--anoint with oil, in the name of Jesus. Faithful prayer will heal.

Confess sins to one another so you may pray together and allow the Lord to forgive and heal.

Fervent prayer is powerful in the Lord---pray.

THE BOOK OF 1PETER

chapter 1

Be holy for you have been born again thru the blood of Jesus Christ.

Love one another fervently--with a pure heart.

chapter 2

The church is a priesthood.

The church is a group of chosen people.

THE BOOK OF 1PETER

The church is a holy nation.

God's own special people--whom He has saved and forgiven and granted mercy and love. So let the world see His love thru you--don't be involved in the things of the flesh--but do good works before others to glorify God.

So, obey the laws and rules of the place you live. We are free in the Lord and truly not under anyone's authority but His--but still, do not use this freedom as a cover to disobey worldly laws. We are all "freeservants" to God--so honor everyone--love your brothers and sisters in Christ--and listen to God.

Jesus died for our salvation and healing and so He is the Shepherd of our souls.

chapter 3

A wife should witness and give Godly example to an unbelieving husband--you will so win him to God.

Be compassionate, be tenderhearted and courteous to one another as true brothers and sisters.

Bless one another always.

Remember Christ has all power and authority over all of us equally.

chapter 4

Live for God's will and direction.

Each of us have gifts--minister them to one another humbly.

God is the supply of all ministry.

Commit yourself to doing good as God will judge all things.

THE BOOK OF 1PETER

chapter 5

Those that are older in the Lord should be good examples to the others. do not constrain others, do not rule over others.

We should submit to one another equally--younger to elder, elder to younger.

the church should act in humility and humbleness.

Know that god holds us all together, especially when we suffer for Him.

THE BOOK OF 2PETER

chapter 1

the ministry calling of the church should be built upon the attributes of faith, virtue, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness and love. these attributes in all the church will make it fruitful for the Lord.

chapters 2-3

Be wary of false teaching in the church that denies God's authority and leads to worldly ways. this is a way the Enemy attacks the church.

Remember the Lord will return--so be ready in all things.

THE BOOK OF 1JOHN

chapter 1

Jesus is real. We need to declare this to the world.

God is light. If we walk in the light, the blood of Jesus cleanses our sin.

We have all sinned. To deny our sin is to deny Jesus.

The church is His body in the earth--sinners--saved by grace.

chapter 2

But Jesus did not die only for our sins--but for the sin of the whole world.

If we say we abide in Jesus--we ought to live as He did. Jesus is the highest, best example to follow in all our actions together.

We must love one another, and hate no one.

Don't love the world and work hard to attain the things of the world.

You have an anointing. You do not need anyone to teach you--if you abide in Him, and follow His anointing.

chapter 3

Gods' love makes us all His children. The world does not know this, because it does not know Him.

Practice righteousness--God's seed is in you.

Love one another. Jesus' love was made real in that He laid down His life for others. We also ought to lay down our lives and serve others in love.

Love is giving to those that need.

THE BOOK OF 1JOHN

Love is in deed, not in words.

Follow these commandments: believe on the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and love one another. Follow these commands, and the Holy Spirit will abide in you.

chapter 4

Do not believe in every spirit--test them this way--do they confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh? (are they speaking the Gospel). Trust this confession in others--test this confession in others.

God is love. The manifestation of God's love is that He sent Jesus into the world, to save the world and to be the payment for our sin.

We ought to love in the same way.

chapter 5

Believe that Jesus is God, and gives us eternal life. Witness this to others. If they believe, and agree, trust this in them. If they do not believe, they make God a liar.

Pray with confidence that God loves you and will act upon your need.

We believe in Him and are in Him--this is the true God and eternal life.

THE BOOK OF 2JOHN

To be a Christian is to carry the doctrine that Jesus is God. To be a Christian is to tell others that he has come in the flesh to save, heal, deliver and make us free.

THE BOOK OF 3JOHN

It is a very correct and important thing to send out people to witness the Gospel in groups.

It is very incorrect for one person to have preeminence over others within the church and for that person to control others with their opinions.

THE BOOK OF JUDE

Beware of individuals within the church that seek followers for themselves.

Beware those that mock God or speak unkindly about others.

Focus all on the Gospel.

Let the Holy Spirit lead you in every way.

Some people need compassion to believe the Gospel, others need to hear the truth of hell, and be pulled from the fire.

Let Christ be the Head of the church.

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

chapter 1

We are all kings and priests in the earth, having had our sin washed in the blood of Jesus.

A church must labor and work--and deny evil.

Tribulation will come to you--do not fear.

You may live in a difficult place to be the church--do not compromise the Gospel.

There will be false prophets in the church--who teach immorality. God will take care of the problem--if we will hold fast to the Gospel.

chapter 2

Works can be dead--we must overcome the world and worldliness.

Even with little strength, we can please God, if we keep His word and do not deny His name.

Our ministry can be lukewarm. It can become tied up with money and the things of the world. God does not like this! Repent!

