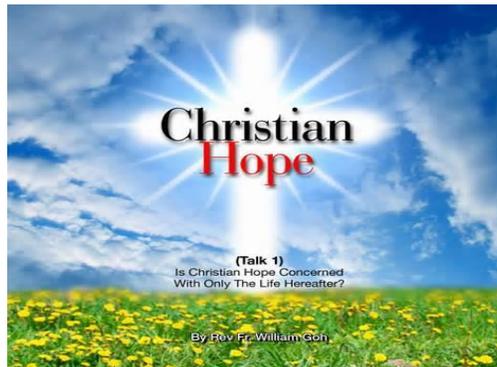




 *Christian
Character Builders*

Book 2

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Hope

1 Peter 1:13

Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed.

1 Tim. 6:17

Tell those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which will soon be gone. But their trust should be in the living God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment.

Psalms 31:24

So be strong and take courage, all you who put your hope in the Lord!

Psalms 103:5 He fills my life with good things. My youth is renewed like the eagles!



Humility

Luke 18:9-14

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable:

"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood up and prayed about[a] himself:

'God, I thank you that I am not like other men—robbers, evildoers, adulterers — or even like this tax collector.

I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' "But the tax collector stood at a distance.

He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

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Joy

Luke 10:20

However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven. John 15:11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

Psalm 98:4

Shout to the Lord, all the earth; break out in praise and sing for joy!

Col. 3:16

Let the words of Christ, in all their richness, live in your hearts and make you wise. Use his words to teach and counsel each other. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.

Psalm 81:1

For the choir director: Sing praises to God, our strength. Sing to the God of Israel.



Kindness

Colossians 3:12-13

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have¹⁷ against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Jeremiah 9:24

Let them boast in this alone: that they truly know me and understand that I am the Lord who is just and righteous, whose love is unending, and that I delight in these things. I, the Lord, have spoken!



Labor

John 9:4

As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. Love Luke 10:27 He answered: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'

Romans 12:11

Never be lazy in your work, but serve the Lord enthusiastically.

Proverbs 12:11

Hard work means prosperity; only fools idle away their time.

Eccles. 9:10

Whatever you do, do well. For when you go to the grave, there will be no work or planning or knowledge or wisdom.

Hosea 11:4

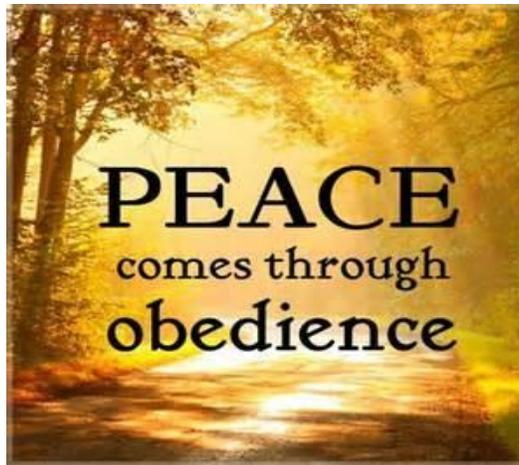
I led Israel along with my ropes of kindness and love. I lifted the yoke from his neck, and I myself stooped to feed him.



'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

1 Corinthians 13

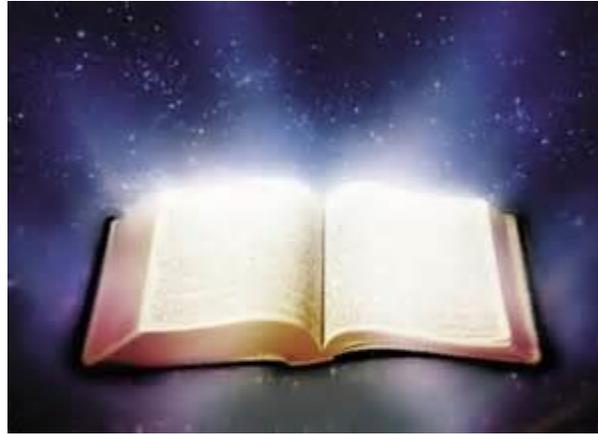
If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames,[b] but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes and always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.



Obedience

John 14:15-24

"If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him." Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, "But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?" Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.



Overcoming

John 16:33

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

1 John 4:4

But you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won your fight with these false prophets, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world.

Rev. 2:26

"To all who are victorious, who obey me to the very end, I will give authority over all the nations.

Rev. 2:7

"Anyone who is willing to hear should listen to the Spirit and understand what the Spirit is saying to the churches. Everyone who is victorious will eat from the tree of life.



Patience

Hebrews 10:36

You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.

John 16:33

I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."

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Peacefulness

John 14:27

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

Romans 12:18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Hebrews 12:14

Try to live in peace with everyone, and seek to live a clean and holy life, for those who are not holy will not see the Lord.

James 3:17

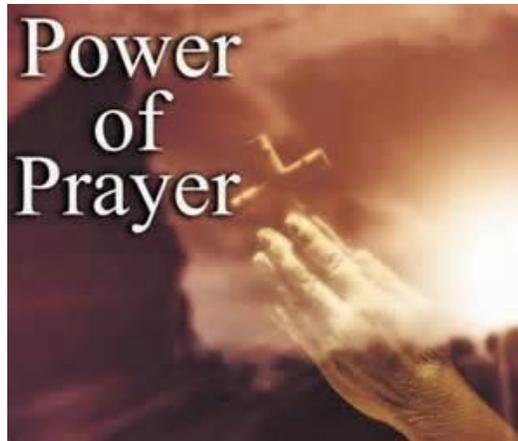
But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and good deeds. It shows no partiality and is always sincere.



Perseverance

Mark 13:5-13

Jesus said to them: "Watch out that no one deceives you. Many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and will deceive many. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains. "You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit. "Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child. Children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.



Prayer

Luke 11:1

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.

Ephesians 6:18

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. Pure thinking

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

John 4:24

For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth."



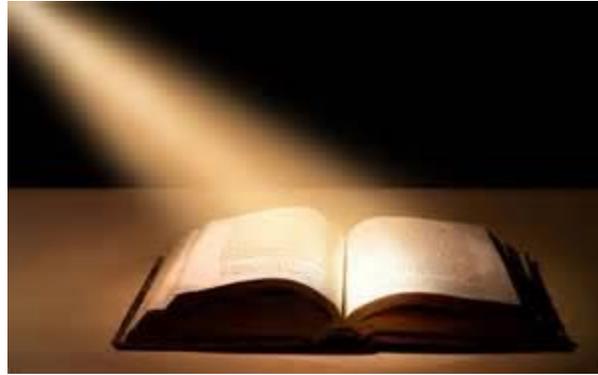
Purity

Matthew 5:27-32.

You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.' But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell. "It has been said, 'Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.' But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, causes her to become an adulteress, and anyone who marries the divorced woman commits adultery

2 Timothy 2:22

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



Reading the Bible

John 5:39

You diligently study[a] the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me.

Psalm 1:2

But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. Psalm 119:97 Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long.

Deut. 17:19

He must always keep this copy of the law with him and read it daily as long as he lives. That way he will learn to fear the Lord his God by obeying all the terms of this law.

Exodus 24:7

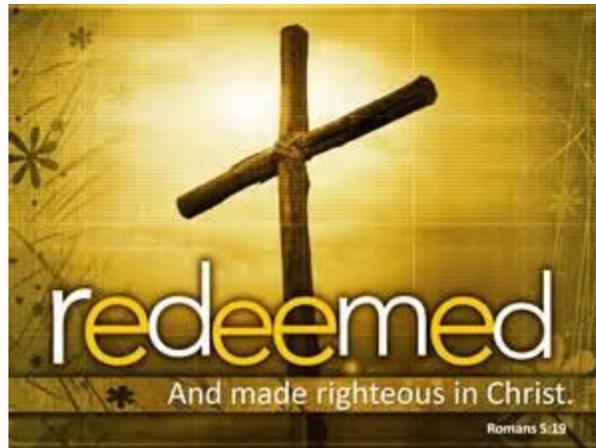
Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They all responded again, "We will do everything the Lord has commanded. We will obey."



Resolution

Ephesians 6:10-18

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.



Righteousness

Matthew 5:6

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Matthew 6:33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Deut. 6:25

For we are righteous when we obey all the commands the Lord our God has given us.'

Job 27:6

I will maintain my innocence without wavering. My conscience is clear for as long as I live.

1 John 3:7

Dear children, don't let anyone deceive you about this: When people do what is right, it is because they are righteous, even as Christ is righteous.



Sincerity

Philippians 1:9-10

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ,

1 Cor. 8:8

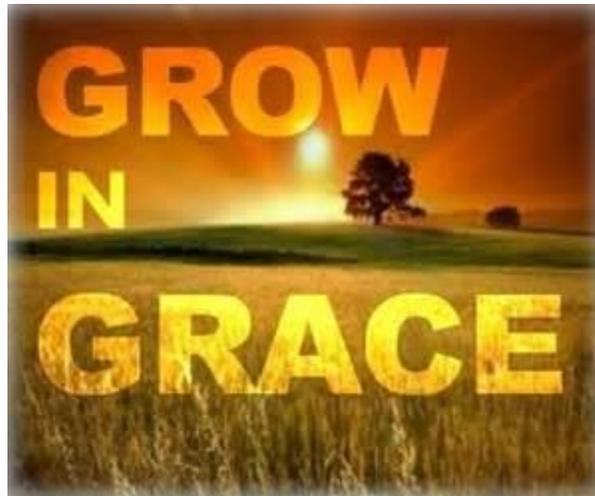
It's true that we can't win God's approval by what we eat. We don't miss out on anything if we don't eat it, and we don't gain anything if we do.

Joshua 24:14

"So honor the Lord and serve him wholeheartedly. Put away forever the idols your ancestors worshiped when they lived beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt. Serve the Lord alone.

1 Tim. 1:5

The purpose of my instruction is that all the Christians there would be filled with love that comes from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and sincere faith.



Steadfastness

1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

1 Samuel 12:21

Don't go back to worshiping worthless idols that cannot help or rescue you—they really are useless!

Acts 11:23

When he arrived and saw this proof of God's favor, he was filled with joy, and he encouraged the believers to stay true to the Lord.

Galatians 5:1

So Christ has really set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law.



Stewardship

1 Corinthians 4:2

Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

1 Thessalonians 2:4

For we speak as messengers who have been approved by God to be entrusted with the Good News. Our purpose is to please God, not people. He is the one who examines the motives of our hearts.

1 Cor. 4:1-2

So look at Apollos and me as mere servants of Christ who have been put in charge of explaining God's secrets. Now, a person who is put in charge as a manager must be faithful.



Temperance

1 Thessalonians 5:6-8

So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.

1 Tim. 3:8

In the same way, deacons must be people who are respected and have integrity. They must not be heavy drinkers and must not be greedy for money.

Titus 1:7

An elder must live a blameless life because he is God's minister. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered; he must not be a heavy drinker, violent, or greedy for money.



Trust

Psalm 37:3-5

Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

Psalm 34:2

I will boast only in the Lord; let all who are discouraged take heart.

Psalm 56:11

I trust in God, so why should I be afraid?

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Truth

John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 17:17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

Ephesians 4:14-15

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

2 Tim. 2:25

They should gently teach those who oppose the truth. Perhaps God will change those people's hearts, and they will believe the truth.



Victory

1 Corinthians 15:57

But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 John 5:4

For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.

2 Tim. 4:7

I have fought a good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful.

Philip. 3:14

I strain to reach the end of the race and receive the prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us up to heaven.

1 Cor. 9:24

Remember that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize. You also must run in such a way that you will win.



Watchfulness

Mark 13:34-37

It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. "Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'

Matthew 24:4-5

Jesus told them, "Don't let anyone mislead you. [5] For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Messiah.' They will lead many astray.

1 Peter 5:8

Be careful! Watch out for attacks from the Devil, your great enemy. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for some victim to devour.



Worship

John 4:23-24

Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth." Zeal

Romans 12:11

Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

Deut. 30:16-19

I have commanded you today to love the Lord your God and to keep his commands, laws, and regulations by walking in his ways. If you do this, you will live and become a great nation, and the Lord your God will bless you and the land you are about to enter and occupy. But if your heart turns away and you refuse to listen, and if you are drawn away to serve and worship other gods, then I warn you now that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live a long, good life in the land you are crossing the Jordan to occupy.

